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When massive solar flares wipe out the technological infrastructure and kills billions, Rachel Wheeler sets out across the Appalachian Mountain wilderness in search of her notorious grandfather's survival compound.

Rachel is separated from her traveling companions and is captured by Zapheads, violent mutants who are gathering in packs and collecting dead bodies while mimicking human behaviors. Then she undergoes startling changes herself, as her friends are hunted by a rogue military platoon that wants to impose its own law and order in the world of After.

Can Rachel and her fellow survivors make the dangerous journey to Milepost 291 and evade the Zapheads long enough to form a new society and preserve the human race?

## **Milepost 291 Details**

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## From Reader Review Milepost 291 for online ebook

### Pamellia says

AFTER: Milepost 291, Book 3. Started March 31, Completed April 3, 2014

Over a year ago I was looking for a good post-apocalyptic book. I'd read so many zombie books and with *The Walking Dead*, I was getting a bit tired of the zombie genre. I don't really care for the nuclear destruction with no plants or animals left...so I came across AFTER. I read it along with the 2nd After book and the prequel, *After: First Light*. Incidentally, if you have not read the prequel you may want to do that, it's free right now at amazon.com.

The book starts out with our protagonist, Rachel Wheeler, limping along. In book 2 she got in a fight with some domesticated dogs, gone wild! One bit her and now she is suffering a bite that could be life threatening. This is After, not Before so she can't just jump in her car and swing by an Urgent Care center. What is to become of her. Needless to say this is resolved in a way I did not see coming. There is some good writing going on with this story line. Sometimes I want the author to get on with it, but when the getting there is a good part of the story, then I'd say that's good writing.

The other story lines are of Franklyn Wheeler and DeVontray. All are one way or another trying to find Rachel and she is trying to find them. No one is at the 291 Fort, just trying to get back there.

For the 3rd book in the series, I would have liked to have seen fewer encounters and more getting to the 291 Milepost. I feel like the story is being stretched out like the old doll, Stretch Armstrong!! Those dolls would break if stretched too long. If it were not for Mr. Nicholson's fine writing style which holds my interests most of the time, I would swear off this series. But since he (the author) builds the characters in a positive way, for now it holds my interest.

I know many of us are tired of series with more novels than we wish to invest in. But this is not a new thing, is it. In the late 1800s, Sir H. Rider Haggard wrote over 25 books in the Alan Quartermain series and aren't those considered classics? There is the Lord of the Rings books, written many years ago. 4 books with the Hobbit. So my point is, I think in the "Get it now" world, a series of books is something we just don't want to wait for. It's not new, authors have been doing it for years!

I am enjoying the AFTER series. The situation is unique for a book. I like what Scott wrote about sun flares in the first book. He gave us references we could follow to see that these could increase and where would we be then. I love the way he has let his imagination run in these books. He has enriched the characters persona by the situations they have found themselves in. (Not unlike learning to sing, but using a sophisticated piece of music). The development of not only the characters, but the overall story will bring me back to probably as many more novels that happen to show up in this series.

Hooray for Mr. Nicholson and his most recent release of AFTER #3: Milepost 291.

These books do not stand alone. You need to read all the books.

If you have not picked up any of the After books and decide to read all 4, you are in store of a fun ride through some wonderful story telling!

### **Terri says**

Very easy reading.

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### **Nicole Storey says**

First, let me say that this book does well as a stand-alone-book. I know this because I was not aware it was part of such a big series until AFTER (see what I did there?) I read it. I do plan to catch up on all that I've missed with the other books.

This is a dystopian story full of thrills and chills, but I was most impressed with the characters. Franklin, Devontay, and Rachel (and a few more I wish we could have gotten to know better) give the plot depth and courage while others make you want to either hide under a bed or blow their heads off. The urgency is almost tangible. The strength is something the reader can feel. Nicholson is a talented writer and I know I will be reading more of his work in the future.

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### **Leslie Fisher says**

I really liked this book. I'm not normally a reader of zombie books, but I've liked this series so far. Nicholson keeps it interesting with a kind of twist on the average zombie book, and has interesting characters and plot. I've come to care about the characters, and was bummed about "Rachel's" situation. This saga has kept me intrigued and engaged, and I can't wait to see what happens next. I listened to the Audible version of this book and have enjoyed the narration by Kevin Clay. His reading sounds effortless and comfortable, and he gives a unique voice to each character. Overall, if you like zombie books, I would highly suggest this series, and even if you don't tend toward zombie fiction, don't write off this book - give a shot - you might be surprised that you like it.

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### **ragulca5 says**

an icy winter's day in southwest Michigan, Grace Abbot wakes up as the survivor of a car crash. But she's left with a traumatic brain injury and a terrifying reality: she can't remember anything.

Left in the care of her sister, Grace returns to the family's secluded old farmhouse to recover—but within an hour of her return, the police arrive. Grace's boyfriend has been m

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### **Todd Oliver says**

Rachel finally reunites with her friends and is getting close to reaching milepost 291. Will her grandfather accept her like this? What is she now? Can't wait for the next book!

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## **Ian Turkstra says**

Was good enough that I will likely read the next one. Had thought I'd be done with the series but I do want to see what happens with Rachel after her unexpected but not surprising change!

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## **113 says**

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## **Jon Recluse says**

I received a gift copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Expect the unexpected, and prepare to have your socks blown off when you start reading this book. It literally crackles with an electrifying originality, as the story unfolds at breakneck speed. The thrills are heart-pounding, the chills heart-stopping, and there are twists here that will give you whiplash on this little ride down a road less traveled. You don't know where it's heading, but it's well worth the trip.

Highly recommended!

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## **Neil says**

A huge solar flare storm has literally fried Earth; it's technology and most of it's people. Leaving a group of survivors battling zapheads and other dangers on their way to Wheelerville - Milepost 291.

In book #3 the "nature" of the zapheads seems to be changing and so is Rachel.

This is quickly becoming one of my fave post-apocalyptic series. Cannot wait for After 4: Whiteout.

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## **Grzegorz Janoszka says**

The review to the whole serie: After (read so far books 0-3).

I rather dislike zombie books, I don't want to read anything that defies laws of physics. I love to read about things that may happen, EMP is one of them. The series started OK, then it had a bad turn (in my point of view) with those mindless killers, but later on it got better and better.

I still have the feeling that the world has a great potential which wasn't fully utilized, but well, I can't write books, so I have to stick with what authors imagine :) Books 2 and 3 were way better than book 1. Overall I highly recommend the book to post-apocalyptic fans, it should be liked by as well as zombie fans (there are some elements) and zombie haters (for example: me).

Read so far books 0-3 and subscribed to get a news about following parts. It is a good series happening in a very interesting world and place. Thanks, Scott.

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### **Annie says**

\*\* I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review \*\*Rachel is on trouble, she has been hurt, she has lost her traveling companions, and is dying from an infection in her leg...she is found at the last minute by some old acquaintances...and ends up at the zaphead house! She is so sick by now she doesn't realize where she is really at...and a miracle happens..she is saved...but there is a price to pay! In the meantime Devontrey comes across some not so nice survivors and finds Steven...but they are in a very dangerous situation... They eventually find Rachel..but she is different...will she ever be the same again?

GOOD STORY!! I NEED TO GO ON TO THE NEXT ONE ASAP!!!

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### **Michael says**

Before you pick up this title, please note it is the third book in a series. You will need to read After: The Shock (AFTER post-apocalyptic series, Book 1) first which, as I type this review, is free in the Amazon Kindle store.

Scott Nicholson writes a pretty good story no matter what genre he's focusing in on with a particular book, and I like this continuation of the apocalyptic tale. As usual, he does a great job of getting you into the heads of his characters, and your emotions will rise and fall (as well as your pulse at times) as you feel like you are part of the action of the story.

If you like Stephen King's works, or if you liked the first two books of the series, you will like what Nicholson has done with this story.

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### **Michelle McPherson says**

#### **After: Milepost 291 - book 3**

Always hard to put down the book. I have learned not to grow attached to any one character, you never know what will happen to them. There is more mystery added into this installment with what is going on with the Zappers. I know I am half way done with the series but I am having a hard time figuring how this is going to wrap up in only three more books.

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### **Don says**

AFTER: MILEPOST 291 has been worth the wait.

The story begins where the last installment ends where the Zaphead dog had bitten Rachel. DeVontay takes a more active role, Wheeler and Jorge are way off compass, and Campbell and the Professor are still in the

farmhouse. The story begins to take a strange turn with the Zapheads, one that sparks the imagination, and Sarge and his boys show incredible cruelty. This installment moves the series forward in bounds and is a quick read, so be prepared to sit up all night. The story resolves the most of the current conflict and doesn't leave you with one of those hateful cliffhangers, but the overall climax is yet to be seen. If you can visualize a thousand people standing a hundred yards outside your bedroom window, you can imagine the terror the characters are experiencing as the inexorable tide of Zapheads shuffle along. Are they becoming aware or are they being controlled? Are they the next evolutionary step eliminating humans?

I must say that while I hate 'series', this one has me hooked. It is an imaginative tale and off the beaten path of the usual fare of zombie stories and an interesting concept to follow. Well worth the read.

I received a complimentary copy for review. Had Nicholson not moved this story along in this installment, I would have given it a stinging review, but I am a happy reader and looking forward to seeing the evolution of the AFTER world.

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