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In a flash of searing light, the world changed. A massive solar flare has crippled the modern world and brought chaos and destruction. David Hartsman is stuck in the remote farm town of his youth on what was expected to be a short visit to check on his ailing parents. While his wife and his daughter are hundreds of miles away at home in Chicago, David must face the dangers associated with his own survival and the pressures of not being with his family. In a worldwide catastrophe, every struggle is personal.

EMP is the dramatic story of one man and his struggle for survival in a world that is falling apart.

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Danielle Thorne says

David Hartsman arrives back home just in time to visit his parents before an apocalyptic solar flare brings the world and society to its knees. His only intention was to check on his mother's Alzheimer's while giving his wife room in their marriage, but now he is trapped in Kenton and must deal with the staggering reality that a lack of food and medicine is only the beginning of their troubles. Besides desperate to know what happened to his wife and child far away, David must deal with lawlessness and survival even as he watches his parents and hometown fall apart.

EMP is a fresh, original, and engaging story about one man's conflict within himself and his family's survival. I did not expect to be as riveted to this book as I was from the opening page. David Hartsman's personal narrative is gripping and heart breaking, making every character as real as our own next door neighbors. He is a multi-dimensional persona with real temptations and upholds his honor and humanity in a way that makes the read satisfying and worth it. This book makes one think, and it is layered with complex relationship obstacles and resolutions that make it seem like the author has lived this experience in another life.

Author Wilson Harp's writing is tasteful and borders on the uplifting with his avoidance of lewd and provocative details. It is smart. It is realistic. It is bittersweet and a bit sour, even as it acknowledges all we love in this world. This book was completely outside of my normal genres, and I loved it. I have a deep respect for Harp's talent and voice, and I plan to pick up the rest of his books for more quality reading that is so hard to find.

Finely written and well-edited, EMP offers a new perspective on the internal and external challenges we may face some day in the event of any disaster. I read it cover to cover in one day only because I could not put it away.

Anne says

This was actually a really good book. At first I had my doubts, but it really came together! And made me realize just how bad it would be for my family if something like that happened.

Here is a cool quote from the book:

"It disturbed me a little that so many people were so attached to their phones that they still had them in their pockets two days after they had become useless chunks of plastic and metal. Maybe they held hope that somehow this situation would just resolve itself."

I don't think there was reference to the phones after that, but isn't that realistic? I can see everyone here in this area keeping those phones even months later, just in case.

Steve Canipe says

Ending

This story paints a different picture than normally comes with apocalyptic stories. A community that is close knit with a developing work ethic is the way to be a survivor. There are some dangling storylines here that would be better if closed, even with the potential for other books a bit limited.

Jennifer Jensen says

A nice read

I like post-apocalyptic fiction that deals with the direct aftermath and how people cope, rather than the marauding gangs and politics as it gets farther in. This book hit the spot. A solar flare creates an EMP and this is one mans tale of how a single town coped. I enjoyed the challenges they faced (and yes, from outsiders too), the solutions they found, the reactions of various people. I also appreciated that it wasn't filled with foul language or graphic violence—although those would be realistic, I don't want to read them.

Mary says

Not super impressed with this one.

Bradleyjeep says

Good Adventure

I enjoyed EMP. It tells the story of life after a huge solar flare and how people respond. This particular book is a bit more inspiring and enjoyable than others I have read.

Linda says

A Scenario that may not be Science Fiction

Very believable and well conceived. The book kept my attention and I had to keep turning the pages. I did find some inconsistencies and errors in grammar and verb tense that were minimal in the first half of the book and became more numerous in the second half. Overall, these inconsistencies did not deter from the story but if given the opportunity to revise the book the author should correct them.

Glen says

Okay prepper types. This is a book you will want to read. But it must be read the way most of us watch movies--with willing suspension of disbelief. There are inaccuracies, and things that plain would need more work arounds in it. That being said you will be drawn into the life of the main character and might even get involved enough to find out what happens in the next book!

Caitlin says

A solar flare wipes out everything electronic, and civilization struggles to survive. There are so many things that are far more difficult to do, but a small town is better set up than most to cope.

A rather peaceful story for a post-apocalyptic setting. There's more focus on resource management, and the day-to-day details than big disasters (though there are a few of those.) The overall effect is pretty quiet and pastoral, all things considered.

Jennie Ersari says

Very thought provoking

I enjoyed this book very much. It made me think what the world could be like if we were hit by an EMP. Life would be very different and scary.

Steve says

This was one of four ITEOTWAWKI stories I wanted to read over the holiday (based upon recommends here and on Amazon) and of the four I liked this best.

It wasn't your typical post apocalyptic arc at all; the author chose to focus on a small community pulling together and offer some positives in spite of the circumstances.

Main protagonist is memorable and so are many of the scenes that unfold. I look forward to another chapter and hope this becomes a series.

J.C. Brennan says

This is the way the world ends. Not with a bang but a whimper.

? T.S. Eliot

When we think of the world as we know it ending, many scenarios come to mind. Some are plausible endings and some more far-fetched, such as the Zombie Apocalypse. However, no matter the details, the end of the world scares the hell out of most of us.

When catastrophe hits, the people living in the small town of Kenton are frightened, to say the least. A massive solar flare has crippled the town, and for all, they know the world. The solar flares send out a powerful electro magnetic pulse (EMP) that fries the majority electronic devices—cell phone, electrical circuits, cars, etc. And of courses with any wide spread catastrophe, the chaos and destruction are not far behind.

This story makes you question, would I be able to survive a world shifting disaster?

Would you?

This is the first story by Wilson Harp I've read. The story is unique, engaging and gives you a reason to pass a couple of hours reading. I, for one, look forward to reading more of his novels and stories.

Dee/ bookworm says

EMP by Wilson Harp was interesting. It was like and different than other "end of society as we know it" books. It did have a lot of death, which one would expect but it was mostly in the background and most of it didn't affect the main character. However this book really centered on community and how a town really come together and worked as a whole. They all did their parts in providing labor, laundry washing, cooking, planting, hunting and protecting. This book did not have a lot of violence which was nice. Good read!

Michael says

If you enjoy post-apocalyptic fiction, this latest installment is a pretty good read. Rather than a virus or nuclear event, this one focuses in on a solar-induced EMP event that leaves a man stranded at his parent's house in a rural setting while his wife and daughter are back in Chicago. The author does a pretty good job of describing the events and making you feel as you are living along with the characters and is almost like a modern-day Alas Babylon novel but, without having a spoiler, there are a few holes such as how is the Chicago family making out through these events.

While some of the situations in this novel were similar to other post-apocalyptic novels I have read, it was an enjoyable tale and I wouldn't mind seeing how things shape up if there is a continuation of the story. I originally picked this up during a Kindle sale for 99 cents vs. its normal price of \$4.99, and I certainly got more than \$4.99 worth of entertainment value out of it. If you enjoy these types of novels, I would recommend this one.

Chrystal Roe says

Excellent

This story tells of the day to day struggles of the people in A small farming community after an EMP. It is a good story showing how they Have to pull together for everyone's benefit. I really enjoyed this book and hope the author writes more like it.
