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Linda Gall says

The best!

This was the best emp survival story that I read. Very believable and a true female hero. Love how the children matured along the way and the dogs kept up the spirit of the patch together family. It would make a great movie.

mary sibley says

I could not put it down and read it straight thru.

Georgia, the main character rises to the challenge of caring for three children after the power goes out for good. While the story starts in Kansas, Georgia's Australia origins give the story flavor. Warning story ends in cliffhanger.

Valery says

Survivors of the Sun: A post-apocalyptic thriller by Mia Kingslie was genuinely a pleasant surprise. Kingslie writes with such ease and realism, this tense story about a horrifying situation feels so real, you might as well be experiencing everything along with the characters. The story opens with the main character Georgia on what seems to be an ordinary day in Kansas City, getting her kids ready, sending her lawyer husband off to work, then down to her studio for her own work. What happens next is astonishing, and slowly and insidiously, the energy in the story shifts into a story of survival. This was fascinating to read, as Georgia figures out her best plan of action for survival. The author adds stark details that are both necessary and eye-opening. The writing is natural and certainly conveys the gravity of the situation taking place in Kansas City and across the country. Unwittingly, Georgia becomes a heroine of the first order, her character and resolve a powerful reminder of the innate will to live. Strong recommendation for this one of a kind book.

Deb G. says

FANTASTIC

Absolutely fantastic. What a wonderful choice this book was. Never heard of the author but took a chance and was richly rewarded with a fabulous, believable story. The story was well written and moved quickly even though it was 600 some pages. I am ecstatic that there's a Book-2. Cannot wait. Read this book; take a chance, you won't regret your decision. Again, absolutely fantastic story!!

Carol says

Great Read!

Well drawn characters and a story with depth! One woman, 3 kids, 3 dogs and an EMP. What they do next, how they cope and grow and who they meet along the way to sanctuary makes for spellbinding reading!

Elizabeth Lian says

A different kind of EMP story, I feel like I personally know each person!

So different from most, so many things vs going on! The end leaves you wanting another book to follow, hope there will be!?

Virginia Clark says

Fabulous

Awesome!!!! Such a wonderful story a real keeper and one to read again. A wonderful story about how a step mother and her step children survive the end of the world as we know it. The characters were made real by the author. The author pulls you into the story and keeps your attention to the end of the book.

Pam Shelton-Anderson says

I enjoyed this book a lot. An ordinary woman with no preps, no special defense skills is suddenly on her own and responsible for three children that are not actually hers. Despite her fear and lack of confidence, she and the kids rise to this challenge. This is a nice change from the ex-military with a lot of equipment characters. I like how they use a combination of ingenuity and luck to prevail and also work through a lot of interpersonal issues as well. A lot of the success of this book is the strength of the characters. The writing style is good and flows well though the punctuation for dialogue was sometimes not delineated correctly. This left a bit of a cliffhanger so perhaps there will be a follow-up story?

Holly J Sullivant says

Brilliant

Brilliant at turns moving and fierce this lengthy Odyssey feels like a Cold Mlunatic for the apocalyptic era. I could not put it down and I did not want it to end. By the end I felt I had a new set of loved ones and I was sad to see them go. Well written, endearing, funny and real. This solidly elevates the genre.

Sarah Crawford says

If I could rate this book below a 1 I would. I am actually disgusted by the book's ending. The entire book, up to that point, is a great story about how average people can survive something terrible happening. The characters stand out well, the story makes sense and it seems quite realistic.

Until the final chapter. To me this is like the author spitting in the eyes of the reader. The chapter makes almost no sense at all and the chapter basically destroys the eventually positive nature of the rest of the book. The entire chapter should have been left out.

I would give the book a 5 rating, normally, but the last chapter ruined the entire book for me.

Grady says

‘I think we have an EMP’. He was talking about an Electro Magnetic Pulse.’

Author Mia Kingslie is a goldsmith by day and a writer by night – and in what appears to be her first available published novel she proves that her fascination with the human response to apocalyptic scenarios serves her very well indeed – making very human a credible post-apocalyptic tale. She is an avid world traveler and uses her experiences of living and working in Europe, United States and the South Pacific region to build unforgettable characters.

While many writers of pos-apocalyptic novels push to terrify us of the consequences of that end of the world as we know it, Mia instead focuses on a family unit and the extraordinary power that love brings to cohesion a survival.

To offer the reader entry into the ensuing apocalypse, Mia begins her novel at that very moment of change – ‘Afterwards Georgia did not remember, if that morning in July, had been any different from the start of any other day. She did not recall if the sun had seemed a little too bright, or if the color of the sunshine was a little off. While others later commented that there had been a sort of greenish tinge to the air, she could only say that she had not noticed it, but she did agree that it had been unusually warm. Her memories were of a morning only a little more chaotic than normal, the three Boston terriers getting underfoot in the kitchen as usual, hopeful of titbits being dropped on the floor. She had breakfasted with the kids as Nathan rushed off early, taking his half full cup of coffee with him, muttering something about having an early appointment at the law firm where he worked. Jamie and Rebecca had paused in their argument over computer times, only long enough to call out ‘bye Dad’, and ‘See you in two weeks.’ This last comment a reminder to Georgia that their mum, Nathan’s ex, would be arriving at five to pick them up. ‘Oh the joys of blended families,’ she thought to herself, rolling her eyes as she tipped cereal into her bowl. Then breakfast was over. Jamie had apparently won the computer time argument, and Rebecca had gone to sulk in her room, as only a thirteen year old could. Possibly to read, but more likely to ring her homeschool friend, Lexie (her BFF), and lament at the unfairness of her life, her younger brother and how awful it was to have a stepmother who didn’t understand. Gradually peace descended upon the house once more. The dogs had settled into a patch of sunlight in the lounge and Georgia went down into the renovated basement and unlocked the door to the calmness of her workshop. First thing she did was turn on the music, closing her eyes for a brief moment as the soft lilting tones of Celtic music filled her sanctuary, then she crouched down to unlock the safe and start her work day. The walls were decorated with charts of gemstones, sketches of rings, jewelry design awards she had won, and a scattering of postcards from friends back home in Australia. She had flown to the States five years earlier to take care of Elsie, a terminally ill aunt, inheriting Millie and Badger, her two Boston

terriers after her death, and meeting lawyer Nathan at the reading of the will. Later he had asked her out, they had fallen in love, and here she was, wife to Nathan Phillips, part time stepmom to his children, and full time, working from home manufacturing jeweler.... Then the lights went out and they sat in total darkness as Ant's howls echoed around the room.' And so it begins!

Mia distills her story well – 'Georgia was not a survivalist and she did not have a bug out plan. She was a happily married woman, at home with three children and their Boston Terriers. In an instant everything changed. The power went off, and no-one knew why. By nightfall, Nathan, her husband had still not returned. In time, the water stopped running. With only three days of food left in the house and dwindling water supplies, she has no choice but to flee Kansas City. Their world changes dramatically, entering a post-apocalyptic age, with looting, rioting and violence becoming the norm. As they escape across country, Georgia has to overcome her fears and keep her loved ones safe. Together they face heart wrenching decisions as they encounter the inconceivable. Their journey leads them through a harsh new reality. The struggles and hardships that they endure, threaten their very existence, testing their loyalty, fortitude and love for each other in ways they could never have imagined.'

Powerful, eloquently written, very contemporary, this is a book of survival and all that that suggests. Recommended reading.

Contentmo says

Great read, well written epic tale.

Survivors of the Sun gripped me from the first pages and every spare moment I had I was reading this book. An epic tale of survival - Georgia is my hero! Don't miss this entertaining, nail biting story of how a band of people (old, young and in-between) struggle against the odds to survive. Don't miss this one!

Jeanette says

Refreshing..

What an enjoyable read. I love post apocalyptic books & I'm so glad our hero was a woman. And she did quite well. Georgia became stronger as she lived thru another day. With help from Lola & Ruby they protected the kids & finally got them to safety.

The characters were well written, the storyline easy to follow. I sure hope the author is considering a sequel! It would be well received! ?

Kate Rhoad says

I loved this story. Despite the horrible editing and a few confusions within the characters, I found the story maintained a certain 'waiting for the shoe to drop' tension that kept me attentive to the details and turning the pages. However, my advice, don't read the epilogue. It will ruin the book for you.

Julie Howlett says

Excellent adventure

This book is going to be one of my favorites...and maybe surpass "The Stand" which I have read many times. I was disappointed this story of survival had to end and can only hope for a sequel!
