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In this fifth installment in The Borrowed World Series, Human Resources Manager Alice Watkins is finally making it home. In her journey across Virginia, she experiences a country disintegrating and collapsing in on itself in the wake of a nationwide terror attack. Her trip home is agonizing; her experiences indescribable. She finds that her peaceful farm community is experiencing the same strife as the rest of the nation. As her world is further shaken by a series of devastating occurrences, she comes to realize that she has been profoundly and irreversibly changed by her agonizing experiences on the road. She is both emotionally blunted and wickedly violent. She cannot feel love, nor does she feel the slightest remorse at taking someone's life. In an attempt to find safety for her family, she must reconnect with the former coworkers that she started this journey with. She discovers the group struggling with their own problems, finding that in this borrowed world there is no promise of safety, no peace, and no promise of tomorrow.

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Chessy The Cat says

Alice, Randi, and Jim face separate struggles that ultimately bring them together. As coworkers in the before, they didn't necessarily get along. With the world having gone into chaos, they find relying on one another is the only way to survive and keep their families safe.

Alice leaves Jim's valley after helping Gary and his family relocate there. She wants to find her husband and son, then move them to her mother's farm. Her journey has been harrowing up to this point and continues to throw the worst of mankind in her path. She has lost her humanity. She is hard on the outside, so much so, that the person she was before is no longer there.

Randi is fighting the demons inside. She wants to do the right thing and forgive the person responsible for the death of her most of her family. The remaining kids and grandkids are living with her in Jim's valley. She won't find peace within until she has had her revenge.

Jim can't seem to catch a break. Having running vehicles make his group a target. An overly zealous sheriff's deputy broadcasts on an open radio frequency the location of a tanker of diesel. A splinter faction of the local law enforcement that has gone rogue is determined to claim the tanker.

Horton's fifth novel in The Borrowed World Series, Valley of Vengeance, shows that no matter what one does to keep safe, that there is always someone out there that wants to take what you have. The world is no longer civil and making your own justice is the new norm. The character expansion of both Alice and Randi is heartbreaking and cathartic for them. It's amazing how strong they have become.

This is one of my favorite series. I find it very realistic. Bad guys are killed, but some of the good guys are too. It's a tough new way of life. I look forward to the next book in the series.

5 out of 5 stars.

RJ says

This fifth volume of the Borrowed World Series centers on Alice Watkins, the Human Resources Manager who was one of the six that attended the seminar in Richmond before the terrorist attack. In summary it covers Alice's prior misfortunes and then picks up with Alice on the road home. Alice's troubles were not over by a long shot. There were more encounters before getting home and when she did finally make it the memories and visions would not let go of her. Alice's psyche went through a lot of changes in the few weeks she was gone and the troubles continued. This is a sad chapter in the series, but it demonstrates the horrors and changes one can go through in such a crisis. The writing was so clear and the narration so descriptive that I felt sad for Alice. There were also sub-chapters relating to Jim, Gary and Randy, along with additions on Buddy and Lloyd. All-in-all a great addition to the series.

Sabrina says

A fantastic addition to 'The Borrowed World' series.

With beautifully detailed characters in an impossible grid-down world, the story moves seamlessly as it continues to follow the original members of Jim's group on their own journeys to their own perceived places of safety and refuge.

With brutal honesty and heart aching truths, Mr. Norton has achieved a masterpiece of storytelling in this exhilarating series. I loved it. Impeccably well done!

N.W. Wisniewski says

The continuing story of Jim and his band of survivors. This book has a heavy focus on Alice who was part of Jim's original group of survivors. She was one that decided to trust FEMA then released that they had no intentions of helping everyone get home. They intend on keeping the refugees all in one area so they do not interfere with locals.

When we do get back to Jim his new threat comes in the form of those who have sworn to protect us. These former officers have threatened everything that Jim has worked so hard to protect. With no end in site to this national emergency the lives of those in the valley hang in the balance.

Franklin did not disappoint with this book again. His ability to make you feel like your one of the characters and that their family is also your family is great. I have been following this series for awhile now and I can not wait for the next installment.

If you have any interest in prepping, survival, post apoc books or just like a great story this series is for you!

Gracie Love says

Review of Books 1-5

Excellent Series!!! I've read dozens of books in the "end of the world as we know it" genre and these stories are some of the best out there. So incredibly believable it's a tad scary. The characters are great and the stories are hard to put down. Honestly, I am a little sad that I finished!!! Please do a book 6!!!!

Brandon says

Intense as always, Horton continues his stirring series of human instinct and reaction after the fall of society. This book picks up with Alice for the remainder of her journey home as she has now been hardened by this hostile world, numbed to all emotion, and surviving on pure and brutal instinct. Jim and the crew from the valley finally collide with the rogue cops, led by a bastard named Barnes who is bent on taking whatever he can to feed his own pockets, and ego. The final clash between the two comes as a surprising twist from the expected plot. In the end, Jim, with a thrice broken nose, finally relents on letting a new war start with a new enemy, content to continue on as they had before. For their new found treasure of supplies it's easy come, easy go, and hard to keep in the land of the desperate and greedy.

Robert Chapman says

This is the fifth book in The Borrowed World series. I had no idea that a fifth book was coming, so I was pleasantly surprised when it showed up on Audible. The Borrowed World was one of the first SHTF series I read and I have loved it since the moment I got into it.

In this latest book we pickup with Alice who had originally parted ways with Jim and Randy earlier in the series. The first portion of the book focuses on her journey home and then her subsequent venture to get her and her son to Jim's group in the valley.

As Alice makes her way to the valley a new thread emerges forcing Jim and the group to defend themselves once again. Everything does not end well... I won't provide any spoilers, you will have to read it for yourself.

G. Michael says

Just keep getting better

This series just keeps getting better and better. It's not often that happens in a series. Horton has once again knocked it out of the park. I was pulled in from the start and when I finished was disappointed. I want more!!!! Good stuff.

Pamela Seabolt says

Not to be missed

Summer is drawing to an end and our friends in the valley are finding no respite from the world outside. We make some new friends and say goodbye to some people, too. Once again, Mr Horton has written an intriguing and exciting continuation of the story of what happens in the valley when the whole country is forced to go off-grid.

Kelly says

I think I found this final book disturbing. I certainly had trouble going to sleep and staying that way. Like the other books, this one was fast-moving and not a lot of depth or character development. But there were certainly some changes in characters. But it mostly a book about action.

Life changes. Some of the changes are not good, even in the best of times. And sometimes good people are changed and are never the same again. And sometimes good people die.

I found the series to be riveting, partly because it is set where I live and I have found the 'end of the world as we know it' books to be interesting reading. With the recent worries about North Korea [**political statement alert!**]

I think that the possibility of an EMP and temporary/slight societal collapse to be entirely plausible, if still mostly unlikely. But I'll be traveling to Richmond for a meeting next week, so the books do resonate with me. I'll have a backpack, some snacks, and a pair of good walking/hiking shoes with me when I go to Richmond....

spoiler alert:

no, Jim doesn't die, but another major character does. One might fairly say he finally gets what he has coming....

Val Shaw says

Amazing

I was so happy to see this latest borrowed world book that I couldn't finish the book I was already reading fast enough. I've really enjoyed each book in this series and am hoping that this is not the end. It would be really cool to show what happens even after the power is restored, what kind of world exists?

Annie says

I love this writer/narrator combo and am always thrilled when the next book in this series comes out....I am not sure with the way this one ended if we will be getting another one....I hope so, or at least a continuation of the Locker Nine series...This one showed how brutal a P/A can get and I was impressed with the bravery and courage of these characters...I listened all night long and could not put it down...It was Great!!!!

I RECOMMEND THIS ENTIRE SERIES!!!!

Jana H Cleveland says

Great series

Its not the Apocalypse, but pretty close. Office workers who know some things about survival work to get back to their families and to survive after terrorists take out much of America's infrastructure. They do what it takes to make it in this new world. Written with reality, and yet humor and a sense of hope.

Deanna says

Life and death continue

It's a hostile world left after the grid collapses and everyone is spun back to the days before electricity. Some people are more prepared than others. The others either die or become thieves and murderers. Everyone is changed and it becomes kill or be killed.

This series is generally plausible. With this country's aged grid and few replacement parts this could easily occur. It is something that makes you think. Would you be able to survive?

Deirdre Toby says

Another awesome addition to the Borrowed World series

Action filled page turner you won't want to put down. I just hope this isn't the end for the Borrowed World series!
