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In Canterbury, as the virus rages out of control, one troop of Royal Marine Commandos fights a 360-degree battle for survival, racing to rescue the Channel Tunnel survivors from a relentless siege – before Hellfire missile strikes and carpet bombing kill anyone left alive.

Across the Atlantic, the crew of the John F. Kennedy risks a catastrophic reactor meltdown to get out of the path of a ten-mile-wide tide of the dead; while, onshore at the Naval Air Base, Wesley's tiny team maintains a lonely vigil – which turns horrifyingly dangerous as the edge of the storm hits, pushing desperate civilians ahead of it.

In the air above, Gunnery Sergeant Fick leads a hand-picked fire-team of spec-ops Marines halfway across North America to take and defend an airfield on a remote island – but learns to his cost that it is a place with a terrible history, and very dangerous secrets.

Finally, out on Lake Michigan, Alpha team races toward extraction... but first must fight their most harrowing battle yet – this time against the living, who are both more treacherous and a hell of a lot better armed than the dead.

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Will Pollard says

I love the Arisen series. It's kind of like the summer blockbuster of audiobooks; big on explosions, action and tough guys. It also has a solid cast of characters, whose fate I actually care about, which is important for a series like this.

Book four spends a lot of time jumping from place to place, as there is a lot going on and a quite a few characters spread about the place, but it doesn't feel disjointed and all hangs together quite well.

The action is, as always, very well written and moves at a breakneck pace (so much so that I sometimes have to go back a bit because I've missed something).

Although Alpha are the main team that the core of the plot hangs off, I have to admit that I have a soft spot for Wesley's story arc. He's an average guy, thrown in at the deep end, making it up as he goes along, all the while convinced he's about to make a terrible mistake. He's easier to relate to than the rock hard killing machines of Alpha team; not that I have anything against them, as some of the best action comes from their side of things. It's just nice to see an average guy muddling through.

My only complaint would be in regard to the length. Very few of the books in this series go over ten hours, with a couple of them being closer to eight. They're great books, so that buys them a bit of slack, but I'd struggle to justify spending a credit on them if they were much shorter. I think some of the books much later in the series are longer, so maybe this is a complaint that's been addressed.

Randy Harmelink says

Wow. Practically non-stop action in this book of the series.

However, I'm not liking the skipping between several different storylines in the book. Just as I'm getting interested in the current one, it stops and goes back to an earlier one. When that one had stopped, I was sorry the current one started. Each restart requires a complete reorientation to characters and backstory.

I could have done without the whole Canterbury storyline. It was OK, but that might have been better as a separate novella, since it had little to do with the other storylines.

MARTIN WITHERS says

Great read

This book has a ton of action and is one Good read, you just want more of this Excellent series.

Nikki says

Damn these books are so intense

Douglas Owen says

There are a few issues, but it was a good read.

Angela Verdenius says

This book is awesome. From one thing to another - the ship, the shore, the ocean, the city, the runway. A storm of zombies terrifying in it's journey (really, tumbling over each other, climbing, sprinting, in such a hurry for human flesh and world domination). Had me on the edge of the chair, trying to read ONE MORE SENTENCE and ONE MORE and Just. One. More! before I had to go to work. Just didn't want to put it down.

Mkittysamom says

Holy accidents!

Alpha Team..everything that can go wrong ..goes wrong and yet somehow, someway people survive. I just love that as a reader, I never know what will happen next! There are many many characters to keep up with and the author's world stretches over whole continents. The story isn't just in one area of the world but all over! This book is the culmination of basically whether the JFK will get over run and or who makes it back to the ship. Heartbreaking and also miraculous!

Nigel says

Book four of the Arisen series once again throws the reader in the heart of the humanity's fight for survival against the zombie hordes. The story is told from 4 points of view. Team Alpha on their journey across Lake Michigan to the remote airstrip from which they hoped to be rescued and bring the scientist who hold the key for survival. Sergeant Fick's team onboard the ancient Flying Fortress and their journey to rendezvous with Team Alpha. Can the crew of the USS John F Kennedy restart the reactor and re-float the ship before the tidal wave of the dead they are tracking arrives? We also follow the British Army as they struggle to hold onto Canterbury.

We live alongside these brave men and women who are struggling with their exhaustion, shock from all the horrific things they have had to witness. Can their own humanity survive the ZA or will kindness, morality etc. be the cost of ultimate victory? This is cleverly explored when Team Alpha come across another small craft on the lake. Should they respond to the cries of distress coming from what looks like a lone girl? When armed men also appear on the boat, should they abandon their mission of mercy and return to their key mission of getting their scientist back to Britain to work on a cure? Would abandoning those in apparent need also mean abandoning their own humanity? Only time will tell ...

Gianfranco Mancini says

This non-stop action series really needs a tv adaption! :)

Thomas says

Its time for more zombie apocalyptic drama and intense action as the fourth chapter of the Arisen Series unfolds. Book four has the same elements of books 1 to 3, except the tension is cranked up a notch.

The story was split into multiple arcs. Firstly, Alpha Team are now back on the waters of Lake Michigan set to look for the extraction point, however they soon find they are not the only survivors on the lake. As it happened this was my favourite storyline, but that's probably because I am more attached to the characters than any of the others.

Meanwhile Sergeant Fick leads his crew air bound to Beaver Island at Lake Michigan to perform the extraction of Alpha Team but as they arrive they discover more than they bargained for. At the same time Drake on board the John F Kennedy risks a reactor meltdown to avoid catastrophe and back in Fortress Britain, a deadly battle commences as soldiers must fight desperately to rescue survivors from the Channel Tunnel.

I'm still really enjoying this series, and book 4 stood better on its own than some of the previous novels so I think it deserves a higher rating. At this point I will go back and listen to the prequel Genesis at my colleague's suggestion since I am keen to know the origin of the Foxtrots.

Rebecca Trotter says

More ZA joy!

I am not normally a military thriller kind of reader, but the characters, plot, and numerous sub-plots in the ARISEN series are so well developed I cannot get enough of them.

Onward to book five...

David Dalton says

I got to give it to Glynn James & Michael Stephen Fuchs on this one. It sure LIVED up to its' title: MAXIMUM VIOLENCE! Yikes! Action - Action - Action - then toss in some INTENSE Action - thousands of zombies (fast, slow, and hungry), and even more INTENSE action! Wow! I'm tired and all I did was read this novella.....The story took place in 4 different locations with each location having their own set of zombie/human problems. Each storyline went to the MAX level of violence that it could, always taking the characters from the frying pan into the fire. I have read 3 other Arisen novellas plus the prequel (written by

just Fuchs). I have rated 3 of those stories 5-star and the last Arisen story 4-stars. Well, I am back to 5-Stars and I would give this one 6 or more if I could. If you love zombie stories you got to try this series out. In my review of the first Arisen story I wrote that the authors seemed to have written this series JUST for me. I totally love a good zombie story and special force action thrillers. With Arisen, you get both of these elements to the MAX! I need to read a Matt Reilly thriller next just to slow down and get my pulse to slow down a tad after reading this baby!

Matt says

For being such short novels, I find the scope much too large and the details become a chore and a bore.

This is the first book of the series I've decided no to finish, which is weird because everyone else says they just get better and better.

I found this one had some cliches I couldn't get over, and a utilitarian style which lacked style and artistry. The four plots were too damn much (the coastal stuck ship, the ocean boat shoot out, the Beaver island plan and evac zone, and the U.K. HQ). There was only one plot I was invested in, way too many characters, and just mediocre writing overall.

I forgave a lot in book two and three, giving them higher stars than they should have had due to hypnotizing plot twists, but you need to grow as an author and not do the same damned thing for book after book or you risk losing your readership.

James and Fuchs -- you really can't add some mid-point plot twist or freshen the voice or something? Do you have to rehas the same character fears over and over? Describe the zombies with the same twenty adjectives and metaphors over and over and over and over??

.... and over?

The plot was really incredible for the last half of book one, all of book two, and the first 3/4s of book three. I'm finding my interest the series completely waning at a time were big things should be coming into focus. I think "Maximum Violence" is way too fattened up, and it's taking way too long, with every little action described and every character's thought chronicled.

Let's get this fucking doctor to a base already.

Too many characters... so much action... it all drags. It's not balanced. I read half or it and I'm not hooked. I'm not finishing it.

I only cared about the "Henno, Ali, Predator" group; the group the reader has the most invested in since book one. Yet here, we are made to spend a huge section of the second act at other locations that felt unwelcome. Had I written these books, they would have been the fuck outta there by the beginning of this book. Let's get to the next plot point. Let's head back to the U.K.

How are there six books?

I started skipping around to various chapters that included specific story lines only until, at 57% completion, I gave up.

2.75/5

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Donna Masnick says

Outstanding

I couldn't put the book down once. I'm now so familiar with the characters that it is like watching a movie in my head while I am reading. It will be a while before I get to read the next book, because I have to choose between feeding the kids or buying a book. Sorry guys, as much as I love your books, the only way I get to read any of the books I get are if they are free. The kids have to eat, so they get the money spent on them. It's that simple. I can't wait to find out what happens to the characters in the future plus the new additions.

Lee-Roy Ashworth says

This installment was good, I enjoyed more the events at the airport then the events on the boat.
