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Book 2 in a thrilling new series.

The people that tried to kill the world almost succeeded. They were fiendishly clever but they didn't take into account the vets, the truckers and the two-fisted fighters who didn't know how to give up.

Gunny and his band of survivors continue their journey along the Zombie Road, saving as many as they can along the way. They power through the undead hordes with their modified semi-trucks to beat the ticking clock of nuclear meltdowns.

Lacy fights her way out of the high-rise office building and the kids who had managed to escape the high school and make it home face a new enemy. Boredom.

New evil raises its ugly head and new heroes are born as they all battle to make it to a place of safety.

Get ready for a Bloodbath on the Blacktop.

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Barb says

I should've know there wouldn't be a 2 book series, but it would've been nice if a bit more has been resolved in the story.

Also, I feel like I should mention, this book is very much NOT politically correct. I'm normally not bothered by such things but, wow.

Amanda Felix says

What a ride!

Gunny, Cobb and his crew, the men and women from Three Flaggs Truck Stop are on the move, heading for the place they were told was the "promised land", (possible spoilers) the place where they would be safe in case the nuclear plants begin the inevitable melt down without the proper care. General Carson has convinced Gunny he is the only one that can possibly lead the group to safety. Gunny reluctantly agrees and promises to get the people to their destination. He and the rest of the war veterens quickly pull everyone together, making sure they know the rules, the situation and if they want to live they will do as they are told. Along the way they pick up anyone and everyone they can, help to rescue as many as possible and leaving those that are determined to find their own families with a message of hope and where they can all go to with the promise of safety. They pass on the message and with their war machines like a bloody pied piper lead the fast growing group across the country carving a path of destruction eliminating as many of the infected as possible.. But it is only with Carson's promise to use his resources to search for his wife Lacy and son Jessie that Gunny reluctantly continues. After Learning his orginal theory of the origin of the virus is proven correct, his resolve is hardened. He will find a way to ensure humanity has a chance, he will find his family and bring them to safety and he will make those responsible pay.

Lacy, in the meantime is still in the building trying desperately to find a way out to get to her son Jessie whose last message stated he was in the school basement and safe. With fellow co workers they devise a way to get out. Spending a week trapped has given them some prespective about the state of the world. There will be no one coming to help and they have all realized it. Lacy will not give up, she is determined to get out and find her son, knowing that if she can make it home he will be there. Gunny made sure they knew it would be the safest place to be until they could all meet.

After spending a couple of days in the basement, Jessie and friends have found a way out. After a harrowing escape and run throught the wooded area, they arrive at his house. It is indeed a safe haven, with all they will need to survive and to keep the infected at bay. After they fight and kill all the infected in the area the only enemy they battle is boredom. Playing thier board and card games, drinking and eating everything they grow restless, bored. They begin venturing out, scavenging the houses in the area, bringing back more supplies even though Jessie's house has more than they will ever need for months to come. They have eliminated all the infected putting down the occasional stragglers, they become bolder, wanting to do more, venture further. They are teenagers with no adults around and in a world that no longer places boundries on them. They seek new excitment, new adventure. Feeling invincible and confident they can handle anything that comes their way, they plan a trip to the nearest mall...didn't they see that show on tv, how easy it was to take out the few that roamed inside. And there was also the lure of so many new things that is theirs for the taking. Who will stop them?

In the following days after he convinces Gunny to take the leadership of this Brave New World, Gen Carson has learned disturbing news about the orgins of the virus but is not willing to share it with Gunny and his

group just yet. They have cleaned up their own location and are no longer in danger of starving. He has plans in mind that must be seen through to its conclusion and if they are to survive, Gunny and his group must continue to grow and rally all those who hear his message.

As for those that created the virus then celebrated their victory... they are learning it has come with a very high price, one they may not survive and some are not willing to pay.

Very well written, pulling the reader along for a wild ride that will make it difficult to stop reading. The next installment can not come fast enough.

Sherry Thomas says

Great book, different take.

I think this is a new author if so these are excellent books. I'm not long-winded so I'll just say I love zombie books and this was a nice change from the standard. The only thing missing for me is there doesn't seem to be many strong women? Maybe I'm a little biased because I'm definitely not a passive or weak woman (and never have been) I actually find myself getting mad at Bridget for not being more assertive LOL. So yeah that's about it for why I didn't give it five stars, I mean come on there's got to be few strong women. Between me and my daughters there's at least three in this household alone!! :)

Michael McDonald says

An entertaining read from a perspective I am unfamiliar with.

Everyone approaches this genre with more-or-less the same problems and solutions, but different characters. So far, this series has offered some interesting departures from the formulaic tropes of the genre. The vector for contagion, the solutions provided by the survivors and the mechanics involved are unique. There is some faulty science and odd character choices, but this is a genuinely entertaining read and worth your time.

Rachael Ashak-Benson says

Another wild and unique ride!But.....

LOVED both of the books so far. Cannot wait for number three to be out (asap I hope!!). The character development is fantastic, setting of scenes just as good. The situations are unique and the whole storyline is novel. Not your run of the mill zombie apocalypse book. The military aspect is done very well and is enthralling and on point.

An all around perfect military zombie apocalypse book. Except ---- I noticed this in the first book, but it became a bigger hindrance in the second. On a few occasions it is not clear what is going on. I had to reread sections a few times to get the jist of things. A couple of times I actuality had to just leave it as I couldn't figure out what was going on in that moment of text. Not fun. Then there is the problem of a character's name just suddenly appearing. We weren't introduced to the character's name but then suddenly the character has a name out of the blue. Takes some page swiping and back and forth to figure out what happened. So --- all that said, an AWESOME story!! Just some issues a good edit could fix. One of the better series in the genre.

Cynthia Terrones says

LOVED THIS BOOK AND I'M READY FOR #3!!!*

David Simpson has done one great job with this second installment of or maybe I should just say the second book in this series. This book is even better than book one and I can't wait to see where David goes from here, definitely worth the 5 star rating I gave it and one I recommend highly to others to read. "Gunny" working on getting everyone to a safe place, to try and start over, his wife Lacy, finally getting to work her way home and Jesse, his son going along with his friends, to have some fun, when it may be the last thing they ever live to do. It was also super that David brings in some new characters like Hasif, who knows and worked with Gunny, and believes in America, but being thousands of miles away, in the middle of people who started this Apocalypse, isn't sure what to do, even if he could help as the Muslims who want this, get even an idea of where his loyalty stands, he won't live long enough to make a difference. Then there is Casey, who has his own agenda now, and will be even more dangerous, than Gunny or any of the others could even imagine.

Kimm Reilly says

Still trucking

As the Three Flag Gang heads for their designated Safe Zone, the world around them continues to want them dead. All Gunny wants is to get back to Atlanta, find his family and make sure they're safe. But being President means he must think of the needs of the many, not just his own. He's leading a convoy, searching out survivors, rescuing those he can and trying to not lose any more of his men.

The teens, meanwhile, have found safe haven. Being teenagers, their safety is soon put in jeopardy by something as simple as sheer boredom. Reckless decisions are fatal in the zombie apocalypse and teens and nothing is not pros at recklessness. Will any of them survive?

The high rise gang has some tough decisions to make; stay in their tower or risk everything to go out in search of their families. Atlanta has burned, again, but something worse than the northern army roams the streets. As the group faces their first potential foray into the city, nothing seems to go as planned. Even trying to leave the building might be a death sentence.

Finally, we have a small scale bad guy. A pure psychopath stumbles into the Convey and it's not long before the fragile hope the 3 flags gang has established is threatened from the inside.

The extremists may have killed the world, but an American man might destroy the US's last great hope for recovery. Another thrilling installment in the Zombie Road series.

RJ says

The truckers and vets from the truck stop continue their escape to safety down Zombie Road. Word got around that it was the Middle Eastern terrorists who released the deadly virus turning the world into a lawless battle ground. The fools thought they could protect themselves while killing all the infidels,, but the plan was ill-conceived from the beginning. As we all know, plans don't survive first contact with the enemy. "What a different world this would be had the old man (Abraham) fallen off his camel and never had any

kids.” We follow Gunny and his band of survivors as they search for a secure place to hole-up against the hordes of zombies roaming the countryside. As they execute their run & gun search for a new homestead their ranks swell with like-survivors picked up along the way. Along with the infected, there are those that can’t play nice with others, preferring to take advantage of the lawlessness set loose upon the world. The tension rises and the action picks up as the showdown between good and evil draws ever closer.

Louise Feagans says

Zombie Road 2

I really enjoyed this book by David Simpson, it is the second book in the Zombie Road series. It is the story of truck drivers and what happens to them during a zombie apocalypse. My favorite is Gunny, who is trying to get back to check on his wife and son. Meanwhile, he is conned into believing that he is the new President. This is a fast paced series with lots of action and if that is what you like, I really recommend that you try this series. You will not be sorry.

Leslie Baptiste says

Five stars in my book excellent.

I enjoyed this book very much, I very really give a book a five star rating. Likable characters, good action sequences, fast-paced. I would just like the author to do a lot more with Bridget, her character is very interesting, from a starlit who can't defend herself to a possible G.I. Jane she has a lot of potential. Possibly you might put her with the boys so that she may learn from them. Please don't let this particular bad guy hang around for the next four or five books, that has been done too often. I am eagerly awaiting the next book in the series. Please don't let us have to wait so long.

Joan says

What a follow up to Simpson's debut novel. The Three Flags crew consisting of truckers, vets and other survivors are heading across country to Lakota, Oklahoma on the advice of General Carson. Cheyenne Mountain still has military command and have been using satellites to share info but the General has not told them everything. A schemer has declared herself President and is holed up in a bunker with her cabinet of flunkies and others that are being kept in the dark about what is really going on out in the world. They obviously knew what was coming so Carson has refused to reply to their calls.

The crew has been broadcasting a message to come to Lakota so the convoy keeps picking up survivors along the way. Unfortunately not everyone that survived should have.

Meanwhile, Jessie and his three friends have made it to his house and have everything in hand until boredom sets in which results in a decision that will cost them dearly.

Lacy and Phil, another co-worker finally escape from the office building while others decide to ride it out and stay.

The Jihadis never thought in the long term so their victory may be short lived as we find out pockets of survivors are starting to resurface around the globe.

Can the crew defeat the fanatical Muslims that are going to be heading their way to eradicate them? Can Cheyenne Mountain help defeat the false President? Will Gunny be reunited with Lacy and Jessie?

Maybe some of these questions will be answered in the next book in this awesome series. I highly recommend this book and series to lovers of the zombie/horror genre.

Teresa says

The first book was great, I went and got the next two one right afterwards. and started reading...

This one was so -so. In the first book all kinds of things happen and you are cheering for everyone to get what they need done. In this one, well, everything drags on and on and onnnnnnn. Nothing really happens, nothing changes from the end of the first book 'til the end of this one.

It jumps around a bit and sometimes the story and what is happening is not clear, you have to go back to figure it out, but you shouldn't bother because it leads no where...

Plus it makes all women inept, all teens idiots, all Muslims except 1- mass murderers and anyone not a trucker/ex military stupid.

Disappointing, but since I already own the third one I will try it out.

Missy~ says

~~~This review copy/pasted from my Audible.com review~~~~~

"2nd Zombie Road adventure even better than the 1st"

What did you love best about Zombie Road II?

I love the cast of characters, I like all the main hero's in this story, from Gunny, Griz, Cobb, Stabby and Scratch. The grim/gore of Zombie killing mixed with little jewels of humor.

I like the fact that most of these guys are gun toting veteran's with strong old fashioned values and deadly fighting skills. They make awesome heroes in this Zombie Apocalypse world.

This is definitely a right leaning work of fiction, but that just makes it more appealing in my opinion. There is a good vs evil tale being told on several levels.

I missed very much that there was NO mention of Jesse's fate after leaving him in a cliffhanger of a situation. And no mention of Lacey in the second half of the book either. Mr Simpson please write faster.

What was one of the most memorable moments of Zombie Road II?

Griz and Scratch. It was sweet and scary. And even the ultimate fate of that situation was left somewhat up in the air.

This book left a lot of plot threads dangling.

Which character – as performed by Eric A. Shelman – was your favorite?

I love Griz, and Stabby. They both add clever slices of humor here and there, even in action packed fighting scenes.

And I think Gunny is a very interesting MC.

Was there a moment in the book that particularly moved you?

No. No, I don't think there were any moments that I cried or laughed out loud or any extreme reactions, but I did have moments of concerns for characters fates, and I definitely was smiling at certain parts.

Any additional comments?

This is a great series that I hope the author continues for a least a couple of more books, This series is fast becoming one of my Zombie fav's.

And Eric Shelman is a terrific narrator.

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## **Will Pollard says**

### **A violent and gory spectacle of awesomeness**

Much like the first book this one is a very entertaining, thrill ride of a read. The characters continue to be people you want to read about, despite a lot of them being a bit larger than life, but I think that's part of the appeal.

The action is very in your face gory stuff and the breakneck pace of the writing suits it very well.

I'm still struggling a bit with the cause of outbreak, as it seems a wee bit far-fetched. There is a bit more context in this one and there are hints of it not being so straightforward, but without giving too much away, it's as if the group responsible are acting with an almost hive mentality. It's entirely possible that things will happen in the next book that set me straight though.

Plot niggle aside though, it's a highly readable book, with an awful lot to recommend it.

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## **Diane T. says**

I was a big fan of the first book, *Zombie Road*, and I was not disappointed in this book. The main characters were familiar and as the tale unfolded, they became deeper, more vivid and alive. The story line is a continuation from the first story but it in no way slowed down. This book was a roller coaster ride from start to finish.

You meet some new people and new villains emerge. There is quite a bit of foreshadowing mixed in to spice things up. Lessons are learned (usually the hard way) and progress is made on the *Zombie Road* but there is a long way to go yet. I can't wait until it's time to leave.

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