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Erin Hunter, the #1 nationally bestselling author of the Warriors series, is back with book four in the *New York Times* bestselling Survivors series about a dog named Lucky. This thrilling animal fantasy series was praised by *Kirkus* as "wild and wonderful adventure" in a starred review. It will be welcomed by all fans of epic animal fantasy adventure.

Lucky and Alpha have reached a shaky truce, but tensions within the newly united Pack are still running high. As the dogs search for a home far away from the Fierce Dog camp, they discover that no territory is truly safe when they encounter a terrifying new Pack.

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Linda says

This 4th story was a lot more violent, with dog pack fights that were deadly. Not sure what will happen but I will continue the series.

Ethan says

It was Great.

Sarah says

Amazing! it was so good! i was so relieved when the Erin hunter group moved away from the cats already!!! TOO MANY WARRIORS! WARRIORS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD!!! is what i always thought when i saw the one filled up shelf at my school with just warriors. and in that corner of Erin hunter are the 4 books of survivors compared to the hundreds of warriors. I <3 Dogs!!!

Brittney Tyler says

Star Rating: 5 stars

Note: This is the 4th book in the Survivors series so this will not be an in-depth review.

I have a few authors that I have gotten really behind on because of the fact that, due to college and life, I couldn't read very much. Since I am not enrolled in college at the moment, I decided to devote the time that I would usually spend studying to getting caught up on my favorite authors. One of those authors is Erin Hunter, and I am proud to say that because I recently finished book 4 of Survivors, The Broken Path, I am one step closer to my goal. Since The Broken Path is the book 4, I can't give a synopsis of it, but I can say that it was a great installment that continued the trajectory/storyline that was started with book 3, Darkness Falls.

My favorite part about this book is that we are starting to get a far clearer picture of the changed world these dogs are living in. Because of events that happened in book 3, our Pack has had to flee the territory that they were residing in and strike out into the unknown. While they are travelling, they have many experiences and visit a great number of different places, which allows us, as readers, to get a clearer perspective of the world. At first, I thought that the Big Growl was an earthquake, but as the dogs have had more experiences and explored more of their world, I am starting to think it was something different. We know that the water is poisoned with some kind of substance, and at first, I thought it was poisoned with fluids from broken pipes or cars that were damaged in the Big Growl. I still think that is some of the poisoned water, but it was revealed in this book that the rain is mixed with ash, burns whatever it comes into contact with, and leaves a yellowish salt when it evaporates. Also, there is a point when the dogs discover a town that is perfectly preserved, but all the residents are dead with no visible wounds. This sounds more like fallout from a

volcanic eruption to me because volcanic activity could cause earthquakes, acid/ash rain, and sudden mass death from poisonous gas vents opening up. It is only because of the expansion of the world due to the travels of the dogs that I was able to make these inferences, and I really hope that this trend continues as I really enjoy using what the dogs experience and come into contact with to try and figure out what is really going on (We are seeing this scenario from the perspective of a Pack of dogs and it is really interesting to try and figure out what is happening using this narrowed point of view.)

I also really like how the Wild dogs and the Leashed dogs are starting to realize that they have to set aside their differences in order to survive. In this changed world, no one understands what is going on and no one has the complete skill set needed to survive so joining forces is a must. It was really interesting to see which dogs were able to adapt to this new way of doing things and this new world and which weren't. I can't wait to find out who is still standing at the end because a lot of dogs that I thought wouldn't be able to adapt are and the ones I thought would be fine are failing. The parts where dogs from different backgrounds were able to share their knowledge and thus adapt and survive better warmed my heart and I hope we have more instances of this behavior in upcoming books.

Finally, there was a major theme of nature/nurture in this book as one of the dogs is what humans would call an aggressive breed. A lot of the book explores whether this dog will be able to control her instincts and channel her aggression in order to survive with the Pack or whether she will have no choice but to become anger-ridden and untamable. It was a very interesting discussion and I am very keen to see how it plays into the next books as it looks like it is going to be a main factor.

All in all, this was an amazing installment that kept my attention from beginning to end. I can't wait to find out what happens next. 5 stars!!!!

Valor says

NO FIERYYYYYYY

Yassmina Stefania says

That's awesome. The book is good and the characters too.

I think Storm Will be one of the best dogs that the Wild pack ever had.

Can't wait to read the Next book

Kirsti says

It's always difficult to order books in, partly because my bookstore is generally stocked well, so I buy what I see and wait for orders when I get a gift card or can't find anything. I already know I spend far too much on buying books, but I had to have the rest of this series and it was finally time. I ordered this one, books five and six, and the collection of the short stories all together. I'm just waiting on book six to show up now!

This story has always been a little more exciting than the Warriors books, as these are set in the world after some great calamity has hit. I imagine it's something nuclear, since the water has been poisoned and acid rain falls. Humans, or 'longpaws' seem to be capturing animals now to test the effects. Other dogs are threats too, especially the Fierce dogs.

It has been a while since I read the last book, but I still picked this up easily enough and followed along with the story. Lucky is still a frustrating main character, he lacks the focus and drive that made me love Firestar in Warriors. He is growing though, and I wonder where these books will take him (also, that's not the point where you comment what happens, I had that one a review for one of my Warriors reads and posting spoilers sucks, even if I'd already read the series. Who knows if someone else has not?) I obviously have the next couple of books now, except the last, so I'll read on myself and see!

dan.brownell50gmail.com says

Erin Hunter is a master

The Survivor series is a masterpiece of intrigue, wits, survival, loyalty, and the list keeps going. It took a while to accept some of the "dog speak" but I find myself using it when talking to my own dogs. I wonder if they call me a longpaw, lol.

Eliana says

Good job Erin Hunter, you really know how to make someone hate another. Alpha Is probably one of the most greedy, disrespectful bastards in the whole entire book! If Alpha was a human being, I would find him, and give him a really good kick in the shin. But anyway, this book was really good. And sad. A good adventure book has to at least get rid of a good character. And Erin Hunter succeeded in doing so. Cliffhangers upset me but they are very effective in a way. Its to draw people into getting the next book. And that definitely worked on me. Good job, once again! I love all the books.

Sharon says

I have been reading this series from the beginning and it's very good. I keep wondering if the dogs will ever find safety and peace.

Grace Nash says

LOVE THIS BOOK

Reagan Burch says

I'm so mad at this other right now spoiler when Fiery died I almost cried because he was my favorite

character. And he actually had the guts to stand up to Alpha!

Joseph Leskey says

It's not like I liked this one either. I was asleep about 78.43% off the time, so it was hardly my fault that I enjoyed it. So there.

Andre Ouellette says

I'm a dog lover, so I was interested in Survivors series, but unsure if authors would be able to satisfy my expectations on novels whose main characters are dogs. I have not been disappointed! The Broken Path was an intriguing follow up to the 4 previous books in series. Authors Victoria Holmes, Kate Cary, Cherith Baldry, Gillian Phillip, Inbali Iserles, Tui T. Southerland and Rosie Best, (a.k.a. Erin Hunter), do a wonderful job of drawing readers into the exciting post-apocalypse world of wild dogs. Full of action and emotional parts of the story had me misty-eyed. I found it hard to stop reading, as I was drawn into the action and wanted to just keep reading.

Michelle Elizabeth says

Rating: 4.8*.

I wrote a good review (I thought), but when I clicked 'save' in the word processor, it just disappeared and no amount of searching or restarting could make it reappear again. Anyway, two major points to make.

- 1) During a fight scene, a dog has its lower jaw torn off. A bit of a shock in a middle-grade book. You've been warned.
 - 2) Hunter seems to perpetrate the stereotype that certain dogs are natural killers. As an owner of blue-nose pitbulls (a dog often used in fights where cruel, degenerate, stupid people make them fight (often to the death) so they can bet on them), I can tell you these dogs are as docile as you raise them to be. Accidents do happen (among all dog breeds!) but a dog who is consistently vicious has been raised that way by PEOPLE.
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