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Dead Reckoning: A Post Apocalyptic Thriller



Synopsis

Civilization is descending into chaos: A deadly plague engineered by terrorists, international wars, and mankind's innate depravity are about to take the world to the brink. Those are the last things Matt Anderssen, a scientist stationed at a Top Secret missile test site on a remote Pacific island, knew before all contact with the outside world suddenly stopped. Stranded on the idyllic tropical island that was his home and cut off from his wife and children by five thousand miles of ocean, Matt elicits the help of two loyal friends. Together, they defy the law and set out across the Pacific Ocean to reunite with their loved onesâif they're still alive, if anyone is still alive. High seas, pirates, storms, and terrible luck will test them physically, and hopelessness, anger, and self-doubt will test them emotionally. But against all odds and with the help of a woman they rescue along the way, they will make it to the mainlandâand what they find there will be their ultimate test.*Second Edition

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Customer Reviews

While I will admit to a little bias, as the author is a friend of mine, I would have loved this story, even

if I didn't know him! Dead Reckoning is the tale of a husband and father trying to find his family in a post-apocalyptic world. If you like novels with sailing, weather geekery, obscure locations in the middle of the ocean, discussions about god and morality, depths of depravity, heights of compassion, well-coordinated paramilitary operations, random laughs, and a good, extinction-level plague, then you should read this! The story maintains a decent clip, while being informative about climate change and weather patterns. The pace and content keep the reader engrossed, until they are hit with a curve ball, at which point they are stunned out of the novel for a moment to consider how far people can stray from morality when they have no one to answer to, or the lengths people will go to for their family. I'd tell you more, but I don't want to give anything away! Check it out, you won't regret it.

Try the sample, I dare you! I tried it, with the thought that I probably wasn't going to like the book since I have zero interest in sailing and meteorology, but I am a fan of the pandemic and post-apocalyptic type books so I thought I would try it. By trying the sample I wouldn't have really invested anything but a little time if it was awful. Boy, was I surprised! After reading the sample, which by the way was long enough for me to really get a "feel" for the book, I immediately purchased it and kept reading! I had to find out what happened! The book is an excellent mix of science, human emotions, reflections, actions, great characterizations, and one of the best plots I have had a privilege to read in quite a long time. It even has a great ending!!!! absolutely recommend this book. If this is a first try for this novelist, please keep writing! If not, what other titles can I find to enjoy?

At times this was excellent. Very good premise, some good science, good characters. Spoiler Alert! At other times the book wasn't even good. The author would take pages to describe mundane things and take paragraphs to describe important concepts. The main character feared an extended nuclear winter but just accepted his friend's comment that it would only last a few years. Nobody explained why all the military bases around Seattle weren't nuked, while other bases throughout the country were. I can't imagine a scenario where the entire Seattle area isn't glowing after a nuclear exchange. He needs to leave out his thoughts on Atheism. Once would have been great. Twice - O.K. But for much of the book he just kept pounding away. I'm not much of a believer, but even I had enough. The ending was atrocious. One of the main supporting characters was very severely injured and we were left with - maybe he'll make it, maybe he won't. The main female character was just abandoned at the end. Did she choose to join the group in the valley or not? We'll never know.

And that was dissatisfying. It was like the author thought to himself " Hey - I've spent enough time on this book. Let's just finish it already".

I recommend this thoughtful book for people who like post apocalyptic stories. The Pacific setting is a nice change of pace from a lot of other stories like this. Enough action to keep me interested, and priced well at \$2.99.

The first half was a little slow due to being on a boat. I did like how the boat, it's movement and weather was detailed. Since I do not know much about either. The rest was fast paced with lots of action. The story had more good guys than bad guys, again for me, that made it good reading. For the most part there was no guessing at what the next thing that would be happening. In the end I would have liked to read about the main characters as to what they were doing and how in there new homes and community. A good evening or two adventure book.

I liked this book. No, it's not artfully written, but it is technically a lot of fun to read. The writer really knows his weather science and the places he writes about so the reader has a sense of "being there," which, really, is all you can ask. I'm not sure if the writer himself actually has so much angst about God and the purpose of life, but the subject does come out a bit too heavily through his main character at times, which is what I mean about the book's not being artful. An artful writer would have, with great skill and subtlety, made the reader more than the character ask those questions, but it's not a big deal here. The story itself is a good read, bringing you through the book quickly. The characters are developed enough, mostly, that the reader is involved. And the story line is feasible, mostly, with a few twists (though it could probably use a few more). So just read and enjoy! It's a fun ride.

I really liked the book - and the concept of it - and it left me thinking afterwards - like the island of people who support the island the main character is on - did anyone warn them about the hurricane/typhoon that was about to hit? The disparities were quite shocking. I also found the lead character to be somewhat naïve at times, but then again many people are - i.e. thinking that the government wants the best for you. I don't have red colored glasses on. I gave it a four - only because I got lost in the descriptions of the weather, and the sea. I enjoyed the book when the action started picking up and I feel let down at the ending - the chapter before the end it mentions his son and the woman he saved, but not his daughter? and after we went through all of this - I just

wish that there had been so more tying up of the characters, instead of just jumping 20 years into the future. One important thing that I didn't think of until I came to edit - was the author got it correct - we have put everything on the "cloud" with the belief that the "cloud" will never go away - but what happens if it does? Your kindle couldn't be used to save your life - it will just be a decoration - or your cell phone. :) We need to be not so short sided - or in the least - if your alive in the end - be sure to hog books - they might just save your life :)

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