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He's just a teenager, hollow and lost, looking to keep the past buried, to forget. He surfs the backwash of the westward migration across a dead America; a war-torn desolation devoid of electricity, infrastructure and civilization. It has become a strange and unrecognizable land, rife with the worst of humanity. And his is a life without hope, equally dark and solitary.

Until he meets Feral.

Once was boy, selfish and directionless.

Now is love.

Now is reason.

Now is vengeance.

She is his vow, his purpose, and to save her, he'll murder the world.

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Feral Details

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From Reader Review Feral for online ebook

Michelle McPherson says

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I have no words, the ending tears me to pieces. I can't really comprehend the ending at all, even though a part of me saw it coming, I am still heartbroken.

Minor editing errors.

Britan says

Good book

I really liked this book. The despair felt real and cutting. Everyone is messed up and the way things are felt like how it would happen.

Renee Rearden says

Holy shiznits...what a scary new world!

Dark and gritty, P.J. Post created a realistic world...and then "told it like it is". Seriously. When a society breaks down everything breaks, most especially people. This well-developed, believable plot didn't meander or leapfrog. It entered the marathon, and the three-dimensional characters stumbled over, jumped, and killed every physical and psychological hurdle along the way.

While it's terrifying to think this world exists, I can't wait to read the next book and be right back in there...

Jeanette says

Feral...

I didn't know this was a young adult book when I started reading, but you know what? It doesn't matter. I became so engrossed in reading it I couldn't put it down!

I love the characters. The author's description is just enough to get a good feel for who they are. The storyline is different. Evidently we've been attacked with missiles & bombs resulting in an emp situation. As always you have your good guys & bad. The cart people? Don't know if I want to find out about them or not. They sound...unhealthy?

Kudos to the author...This is such an engrossing story that there is no way that I will start the next!?

Charles Daniel says

A Stark Vision Of An Apocalyptic America.

Whenever I read a Post Apocalypse novel, I usually tell myself that if the situation were real it would be much worse than described. This book is an exception to that practice. This story can't get much more horrifying without some evil deus ex machina working in the background with the intent of destroying the main characters.

If you're looks ng for dark, gritty, and horrific, this story is for you.

margaret Lane says

Excellent!!

This is a great read! You can't help but fee for these folks. In the Post War World you see it all...

G.L. Cromarty says

I often browse what's in the Amazon freebie sci-fi bestseller lists, and I picked this book up under post-apocalyptic.

There is nothing particularly unusual about the storyline, something bad has happened, we don't really know what, but society has broken down, and it follows our protagonists travels as they try to keep out of trouble while they scavenge for food.

One of the reasons I find myself drawn to dystopian and post-apocalyptic is the great character studies you often get. So, while the story line is nothing unusual, I loved the main characters and they made this book a standout for me. The two MC's are both teenagers, and both gloriously unhinged, and while it is classed as YA, the situations / accounts are often gritty and graphic. They do develop obvious feelings toward one another, it doesn't deviate into romance (at least not in this book).

If you are looking for a joyful read, this definitely isn't for you.

Nor is it the kind of book that delivers a breadth of emotions. There are the odd moments of almost light-hearted banter...almost...But it does definitely have a gritty, sombre, and at times desperate mood that is pervasive to the book. And in a sea of HEA books this makes a refreshing change.

Lee says

Surprise find. Great characters. Great chemistry. Great setting and great story telling.

Susan says

Teen Hero

A different account of the aftermath of war. The U.S. has been attacked by unknown forces. In book one our 2 teens meet and learn to fight for life.

Mary Ann says

Well written book, but extremely harsh language. The author was smart in explaining this would be a series and how many. The character are well developed. While I kept reading to finish I'll read another book or two before resuming the series; lots of violence.

Catherine says

A very good read.

Netanella says

Feral is the name he gives the girl with the startling blue eyes, eyes that remind him of someone he lost not so long ago. Her face hidden behind a scarf, she is young, enigmatic, and vulnerable. She brings out all of his protective urges. Real names are too painful in this post-apocalyptic ruin that is middle class suburbia. In fact, his name remains hidden through this book.

Our narrator used to be a high school kid two months ago, worried about the typical daily routines of a life filled with classes, Instagram, aspirations for college, Starbucks. Until the war came and life as he knew it vanished like so much tinder. No one knew who started it, because there's no one left to ask. Some type of EMP took out everything electronic. Panic, riots, mass shootings. Many people can't accept their new reality quickly enough - they keep waiting for the system to be turned back on - and they become victims to a new, tougher breed of survivor.

I loved all of the dark elements of this book, which I felt was very realistically done. Middle class America life after a destructive event like this is nasty, brutish, and short. The author did an excellent job in portraying the monster that we can all become when we are stripped of the trappings of civilizations. I also felt the juxtaposition of the genteel, civilized life of two months ago, with not a care in the world, to the harsh reality of the present day situation of starvation and deprivation. Through the eyes of our nameless narrator, I as a reader can mourn its loss.

I had a more difficult time, however, with some of the more YA-ish elements of the book. Our narrator, beneath his facade of badass bravado, is an insecure dork when it comes to females. There was a lot of emphasis on this stumbling, bumbling relationship between the narrator and Feral. In addition, I felt entirely amazed that his average high school kid could morph, after only two months of post-apoc living, into the reincarnation of Chuck Norris. I'll give a little to the "suspense of belief" bucket due to the fact that this *is*

fiction, but still, some of the events towards the end of the story were eyebrow-lifting.

The book ends on a spoiler, obviously meant to entice me on to the sequel. For me, at any rate, it worked, and I will keep my eye out for Palimpsest #2.

Anita Johnson says

A must read series......

Don't skip this one. It's a rough, horrible world in this story. Characters are interesting, story line grabs you and you won't be able to put it down. I read the first two books in one sitting!! Warning, this book is violent, disturbing and raw.

Chris Hailstones says

Excellent book

Excellent book, I really enjoyed it. But slow to start and then got into its stride. Well worth a try.

Chad Dennis says

Great read!

The author does a great job telling a tale that deals with the monsters that idle dormant within us all waiting for their moment to shed skin; and then the aftermath that those would feel in trying to reconcile that demon.