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Imagine: The apocalypse— would you survive?

I'm Laura, and I survived global nuclear war. When I walked out into the devastated landscape, I didn't find zombies, witches or vampires— what I found was infinitely worse; it was real.

Is this our reckoning?

Our tormentor is no longer the enemy; it is what's left of the desperate earth. My neighbors are starving and sick from the biochemicals in the air. Our food, water and meds are running low. Our only hope is to come together to stay alive.

Who will lead us to salvation?

Certainly not me. Why would it be me?

The Army Colonel is driving me nuts. Something is just not right there. He should be the leader of the Village, not me.

Can my story have a happily-ever-after? Can it have any kind of ever-after?

Monte Vista Village Details

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Kevin Hatt says

Monte Vista Village is a diary-style of story which is set at a time that the world is in turmoil, and erupts into a nightmarish situation where nuclear, biological and chemical weapons are unleashed.

Laura, the narrator, brilliantly steers the reader through the lull prior to the catastrophic event, the devastation of the attacks and then the uncertainty of living beyond this apocalyptic event.

Not only do we experience the angst created by the uncertainty of the outside world, but we are treated to an incredible insight into what it might take to not only survive the devastation, but also how the aftermath would be.

Not only is the detail terrifying, and the research incredibly thorough, the story itself - involving family and new-found friends - is compelling and never lets up.

Author Lamb has a gift of taking the reader through harrowing times, and makes putting this book down incredibly hard.

A superb read, which compels the reader to buy the next book. Devastatingly brilliant!

Janeen Garner says

I have never read a post apocalyptic book before but I can honestly say I am hooked now! The story is so real in the writing style that it could almost happen tomorrow.

Things seemed so simple for Laura at one time and suddenly everything she knew or thought she knew was turned upside down. She found a strength in her she did not know she had. I felt as though I was with her during every sorrow, fear, triumph and tragedy. Bringing family or friends together is one thing but to rise up to create a new life for not only her family but strangers as well shows the strength of the human spirit I devoured this book in about 5 hours. I could not put it down. Lynn Lamb has inside her a gift to walk an unknown path as if she truly had lived the path with her gifted writing style. This book is amazing. Put it on your list as a must read! You will not be disappointed!

Lisa Marie Gabriel says

I only dropped a star because it finished too soon for me (just when the action was really getting started).

Maybe I am just not a fan of series. However this is an easy and gripping read in the dystopian genre. If you are interested in preppers and the aftermath of nuclear conflict you will probably enjoy this. I would rate it YA because there is nothing too gory in it despite the genre and the events. A very enjoyable read that I wish had lasted longer. oh, and the cover? It's amazing.

Julie Powell says

The world they knew has been destroyed, but one woman seeks to bring people together for more than mere survival.

This story, written in diary style, is a post-apocalyptic account of how a 'village' sets about dealing with what is left after a devastating war...'Laura' tells her story with heart.

Some of it could be seen as too good to be true, however, not everything in the garden is rosy, and by the end...no spoilers from me.

Well-written, with realistic characters and some good lessons learned. I, too, believe in the power of kindness and that religion is used as a weapon, and, that the love of power will destroy us all. Yet will humans ever understand these wise words?

A few typos but nothing that spoiled my enjoyment of the book.

Highly recommended.

Rinny Rainwind says

Amazing and inspiring

This is book one in the Survivor Diary Series. I was caught immediately by the characters. The first chapter made me cry. Any book that can pull emotion from me in the first chapter has me hooked. I can't wait to read more of this series.

Amanda says

Its okay. Pretty interesting some of the preparation details that are added in. Don't really get that shocking vibe you have with most apocalypse stories, even the dropping of the bombs feels kinda ho hum.

A.R. says

I may not have cared for this one because it's a different genre than mine, but I don't understand why everyone in the tale should do whatever Laura says just because she's the protagonist. And I see it's a series. I can forgive a trilogy--though I don't like sequels--but a series is milking it, in my humble opinion. And that's all my thoughts are on this book, opinions. Still, I think I'll steer clear of the sequels.

I also think the whole of the leftover population was given too much credit. A lot of people are good, but all, even the remaining all?

And then there's the unbelievable dialogue: Lots of "I am going" and "he is right," that sort. Nobody talks like that. People say, "I'm goin" and "He's right."

The cover is amazing, though.

Michael Watson says

The first in a series, this post-apocalyptic story is told from Laura's optimistic perspective. In a devastated and dystopian world, she takes the initiative to organize the neighborhood in an effort to help everyone there to survive. The story is told in the first-person as entered into her diary. The author did a terrific job, exploring and dealing with the problems that arise, such as food and water shortages, health issues, and potential danger. An enlightening story well worth reading.

Victoria Simcox says

Laura has endured a worldwide nuclear-powered warfare. Predators, such as zombies, and monsters are the least of her worries. Famine has stricken the land as well as biological warfare poisons. Water, foodstuff, and medications are almost nil. Who will save this desolate world? While combating her own particular complications, Laura gives it her best effort to sooth the people's fears. Throughout the story Laura records what happening in her journal. I found that this aspect in the story brought more intrigue and conveyed a more personal feel to the protagonist's part. Survival stories are so enthralling to me. This is a great one. If you like this kind of story then I highly recommend Lynn Lamb's Monte Vista Village.

P.S. Winn says

This book is told from a dairy belonging to Laura. As the story unfolds, readers are taken into the day to day struggle of the people who have survived the apocalypse. The book is interesting and might just be a handy guide for a future any of us might be facing. I found the book well written and the story believable, especially given the world we live in. There are no zombies or the like in the futuristic look. Instead readers can find a look at a scenario more like fact than fiction and the struggles involved.

S.J. Hermann says

There are times when I pick up a book and it takes me by surprise. The first book in the Survivor Diaries did just that. Taking place in the California town of Monterey, the residents wait for the inevitable. Cities across the East are getting attacked, not only by nukes, but my chemical weapons as well. Preparing for the worse, a reluctant leader, Laura, pulls the community together. After the attacks happen, Laura does her best to keep the residents calm, while fighting her own personal problems.

It is refreshing to see an apocalyptic book that truly digs deep into the physiological aspects of dealing with the fallout of a nuclear attack. How people would survive, how they would react. What really impressed me was Ms. Lambs fluent writing style. Written in diary form from the eyes of Laura, it captivated me in a way that left me turning the pages. The main characters are strong, and I was really impressed just how strong the lead female character was.

Well written, engaging, and refreshing to read, Monte Vista Village will leave you wondering; would I be able to survive a nuclear attack?

Qdog says

I just could not finish this book. By 30% I was so pissed off with the bad grammar and typos that I became frustrated and uninterested. It spoiled what might have been a good story, I will never know.

The characters are unbelievable and not fleshed out. I could not picture anyone, I had no idea what anything looked like.

I also found it hard to believe that the main character became a kind of leader with such rambling thoughts.

Note to authors, badly edited or unedited books will get bad reviews.

Kathy says

Monte Vista Village is an engaging story that keeps your interest to the very end. The characters are believable and you want to learn more about them. As an obsessive planner, I appreciated the details of how the main character set up the organization of the village, as well as the steps taken at the beginning to do what they could to protect themselves. When I reached the end, I immediately went to find the next book in the series, which unfortunately has not been published yet. I will be waiting.

I gave the book 4 stars instead of 5 because while it was a good story, it just lacked some of the detail and cohesiveness I attach to an exceptional read. There were a couple of times where the action wasn't clear, and some of the characters' reactions seemed uncharacteristic and explosive, then immediately calm and even-keeled, without any transition. There were some grammar issues, relatively minor compared to some I've read. I attribute this to the fact that this is a first novel. Building on her first effort, I look forward to seeing what Ms. Lamb presents her readers with next as her experience and skill develops.

Velvetink says

kindle dystopian

Neil Gaudet says

Kind of an ok idea in the form of a journal. I'm usually a sucker for an apocalypse story but this one dragged on, was more focused on the protagonists emotions and frankly felt flat to me.
