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There are over a million people in the city of Waterloo. Today, most of them have died, and now they are hungry. Corporal Dan Williamson is caught in the middle of the outbreak. He is desperately trying to reach his wife who is somewhere amid the urban decay. There are other souls out there, other tales of survival among the horror. Dan will soon learn that the living may prove to be an even bigger threat than the dead.

## **Life Among the Dead Details**

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## **From Reader Review Life Among the Dead for online ebook**

### **Kathy says**

When I first started reading this I thought it was going to be boring because of the way it was written, like a first time writer would write, but I was drawn into it very quickly. I've read a lot of zombie books, but only a few keeps me upset and disturbed because they are that good. I tried reading into the morning hours because I didn't want to stop, but my eyes were feeling too gritty and tired. The story had me breathless and eager for more all the way to the end, and I would definitely recommend this to everyone who likes zombie books!

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### **Mac McCormick says**

Surprisingly fun zombie apocalypse book. I thoroughly enjoyed the pure escapism and edge of your seat moments.

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### **Tasha Schmidt says**

I really liked this book. It's probably one of the best zombie books I've read. It meanders, a LOT, but I didn't mind it. There are constantly new characters being introduced and old ones leaving, sometimes temporarily and sometimes permanently. There is a great mix of danger from both zombies and other live people which I think is necessary for a good zombie story. There is also some really great character progression. I even found myself choking up a few times, which is pretty rare for me. I was able to get this for free during a promotion but I would have gladly paid retail value for it. Not nearly as many grammatical/spelling errors as in your average free zombie book.

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### **Julian says**

This is one of the best zombie books I have read and I have read quite a few. Highly recommended! What really makes a great zombie book is the lives and actions of the survivors and how their story is told.

What I really liked are the little side stories that get triggered all throughout this book. The main character may drive past someone hiding in a house and as he drives off into the distance, not even having noticed them, a quick little side story is given on how that person got to where they were and what happens to them, be it good or ill. This nicely breaks up the story and really makes you feel part of it.

A worthy five stars

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### **Megan Kestel says**

Pretty good, very addicting I would give it five stars if it were not for the dragged out scenes and the

occasional unnesecary erotica-ish scenes that took us away from the book entirely. It would be better if it went with the book instead of taking us away from the action. None the less I will be reading the next one :)

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### **Melanie Ballantine says**

One of the best zombie/post apocalypse stories I have read. I ended up missing a whole nights of sleep to finish this book, i literally couldn't put it down.

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### **Camile Escalante says**

Love, love, love, this book... Couldn't put this book down, I so can't wait for the second one to come out!

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### **Jeremy Dyson says**

Daniel Cotton's, *Life Among The Dead*, is an entertaining novel that interweaves several stories of survivors that are connected along the way. The novel almost reads like a collection of short stories that at times come together to intersect, then branch off into separate stories, before connecting again. It makes for an interesting narrative, though I almost would have preferred if this was a collection of short stories, allowing the author to take up different perspectives.

Daniel Cotton can clearly write and has a way with describing imagery and action. The characters develop nicely, especially in the second half in the novel. While I found it a little tough to get through the first few pages, the majority of the characters became more intriguing as the story went on. Some of their stories somewhat fall by the wayside, which the story attempts to remedy in the final chapters, however the ending comes up a little flat as a result. That aside, I really felt the novel was quite ambitious and imaginative, and very worthy of a four star rating.

The writing in the novel almost screams for the author to try out a first person narrator. While many of the characters, such as Bruce, develop very well in the third person. At other times, the perspective seems to be exclusively in Dan's head, getting very few thoughts of the surrounding characters. It might have been better told through Dan's voice, and I would really love to see the story Daniel Cotton can write in the first person.

The novel takes some interesting side journeys, revealing a world that is riddled with cannibal road warriors and religious zealots, but it fortunately doesn't dwell on these stories too long. It is enough to give a picture of the post-apocalyptic vision of the author, without being waylaid into an overused storyline. These stories were also why the structure seemed to beg for a short story collection type of format.

For hardcore zombie fans, this is a worthwhile read that will keep you engaged throughout and build interest along the way. It's got a decent mix of gore, action, and character development that makes for a well-balanced zombie diet.

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## **Elizabeth says**

Enjoyed this very much.

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## **Allan Ashinoff says**

I downloaded this book for free. Life Among the Dead is not a book it is a saga. While the story goes on and on there is really good character development, interesting happenings, and plenty action to keep the reader from getting bored. Of particular interest is the first person look at turning into a zombie - great element. Life Among the Dead is certainly one of the better Zombie books out there.

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## **John Podlaski says**

Amazon did me a great favor when allowing Kindle authors to offer "free" downloads of their work. This gave me an opportunity to sample books in other genres that I don't usually read...with nothing to lose. During the last year, I've become fascinated with "Zombie" stories, finishing quite a few books with more on my TBR list. I found "Life Among the Dead" to be one of the more unique books in this genre. It has a host of likeable characters and many side stories within the main story line, keeping the reader interested and anxious. Dan, an AWOL Army soldier, is the main character in this story - readers join him in a quest to find his wife and newborn child. En-route, he encounters survivors - both good and bad - some join up with him and others must be killed, soldiers from his former unit, killer zombies and a litany of obstacles that stand in his way. The author also introduces a couple of new "facts" as related to zombies: first, they are exceptionally slow in freezing weather and their bodies can be shattered with a well placed hit from a baseball bat or a rock, and second, readers learn that human brains continue to function for the first few moments after becoming an animated zombie. There is no control, but the sense of smell, taste and vision remain until the brain eventually dies from the lack of oxygen.

I truly enjoyed this book and look forward to purchasing book 2 in the series. I would have given "Life Among the Dead" five stars if not for the many editing errors encountered during the read...spell check will not catch these and it would be wise to make the corrections and republish. Great job otherwise and recommended!

John Podlaski, author  
Cherries - A Vietnam War Novel

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## **nancy hebert says**

### **Zombies again!!**

this book was a very good zombie book, but I do wish a sequel will follow. IT actually has a pretty good ending though for a zombie book. I do recommend this to all.

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### **Lori Franklin Hopkins says**

Wow...this is by far one of the best survival stories I have read, not to mention the zombies. It has humor, as well as sadness in it that really makes you feel for the characters. I would recommend this book to anyone! Fabulous!

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### **Joel says**

This was great! Just enough horror, adventure and humor, all in the right proportions. The Audible add-on was well worth the additional cost. Great work.

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### **Jessica says**

This book is well written and while the story does meander (as mentioned by another reviewer) it gives you vignettes of life after the zombie apocalypse. These vignettes eventually tie together, showing perfectly the cause and effect of the actions that different characters have on events throughout the story. For me, I enjoyed that it was written from the viewpoint of someone observing these events who somehow also had the ability to get into the minds of the characters. And while my imagination regarding the subject of horror has taken me to some strange places all on my own, there were many moments in this book when I realized that I hadn't yet crossed a certain line where this book (beautifully &) horrifically described. (IE - the description of the 'survivor or sorts' who came to the hospital that morning for open heart surgery and laid spliced open on the table, under sedation, kept alive by machines, unknowing of the events around him as one by one the entire hospital turned zombie and began to approach him.) There were moments I laughed out loud and moments that made my eyes open wide or my mouth drop open. This is a strange, meandering trip but it's well worth the ride.

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