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Amidst an epidemic ravaging the world, all Megan Fletcher's hopes for the future lie in getting to Las Vegas where newscasts reported scientists were gathering to search for a cure for the modern plague. After rescuing her from a rooftop surrounded by Zombies, Sam Woods appoints himself her escort. While he knows she is determined to get to Vegas no matter the cost, he doesn't know her secret. And with his hatred of all things Zombie, she doesn't dare tell him the truth. The more he kisses her, the harder it is for Megan to hide her growing feelings...and the bite-shaped scar. But Vegas is not the haven it was promised to be, and when Megan's immunity to the disease is discovered, she realizes her future and her heart belong to Sam, if he will trust her.

An idealistic school teacher and ex-corporate mogul manage to find love despite a looming worldwide catastrophe. Can their love survive while everything around them is dying? Will they learn that when facing the end of the world, Only Love Survives.

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Marisa Valle says

This was like a harlequin novel with zombies. Loved it!

Dena says

A girl who is a teacher gets bitten and survives the virus. A boy who is trying to find his sister and to survive the zombie apocalypse.

As the story unfolds and tells us the story of a girl trying to save the world only to have it turn against us we see that love can survive. The story is interesting and full of the zombie violence that draws me in. The unknown factors totally make this story believable.

The characters had chemistry and I loved that the girl wasn't a weak character at all.

Overall this ranks right up there with other authors in this genre.

Netanella says

I must confess to two current passions: romance stories and zombie stories. When I see an author blend the two genres together, I have high expectations for a great read. In "Only Love Survives," author Renee Charles does not disappoint.

Our post-apocalyptic love story is set after a viral zombie outbreak many months before. Most of society has collapsed and survivors are scavenging off the streets and in the cities, easily avoiding the lone, slow zombies and avoiding the hordes of the cities. Megan is a survivor, an elementary school teacher who's proven herself 7 months immune to a zombie bite. And just like every elementary school teacher wants to give something back to society, Megan wants to go to Vegas, where she's learned there's a medical facility set up, complete with scientists and soldiers. There, she believes, she can help the remnants of civilization find a cure with her blood.

Along the way, she bumps into Sam, former corporate mogul and now proud owner of a Suburban, a few jars of peanut butter, and a couple of guns. Their attraction is instant, and Sam and Megan agree to head to Vegas, Sam to find his co-ed sister who failed to meet his once the zomb-poc broke out, and Megan on her mysterious mission to Vegas.

This was a really great read for me, and once I started the book I couldn't put it down. In essence, the book is more romance than zombie, so true zombie purists might groan at the explicitly graphic sex scenes in the same way that romance purists might shy away from the graphic gore. However, since the smexiness lasted several pages, and the gore a few paragraphs, I think the odds are tipped in the romance favor.

Melissa says

YUM! Loved this book! I can't believe Renee Charles wrote such a GREAT romance book that included zombies but she definitely did!!

Only Love Survives begins month seven of the epidemic that has taken over the world. This is when we meet Megan Fletcher, she was a 4th grade teacher before the epidemic and was bit by one of her students who was in the beginning stages of the plague. But Megan never turned into a zombie, the bite just healed. She has been hiding this and is trying to get to Las Vegas (headquarters since the epedemic) to see if maybe she holds the antibody to the disease. Well she gets herself into some trouble along the way and is saved by Sam Woods. Sam is an ex-corporate executive. He is trying to find his sister and runs into Megan who is being attacked by a group of zombies. Sam saves her and they decide to stick together and help each other get to Las Vegas even though Sam doesn't know exactly why Megan wants to go there. What they didn't think would happen is the feelings and attraction that they both feel for each other. So we follow these two on their crazy journey to Las Vegas. I wont give anymore of the plot away because this book is a MUST read!

I loved the characters in this book! Sam and Megan were going through such a hard time and they still managed to find love. I loved the banter between the characters too. It was fun to watch these two interact. Even though it was funny, you could really feel the feelings between them as well.

I loved reading about all the crazy people these two ran into along the way. It was a great journey and I hope she writes another story so we can see where their story goes from here! Renee did an amazing job. It was a great book and I would recommend it to everyone!

I give this story 5 stars!!

* Written for Seductive Romance Reviews

Jackie says

In Only Love Survives we first meet Megan while she is scavenging an abandoned home. Searching cabinets for provisions that will help her get to Las Vegas. While she is searching through the home she is distracted by a cat and lowers her guard. This one slip up forces her to the roof clinging on for dear life while Zombies try to get to her. Here appears her knight in shining SUV, Sam. Sam who we soon find out was once a mogul is on his own journey looking for his sister. Soon the circumstances push the two of them closer together. Between fighting off Zombies, fighting off scavengers of the human variety and searching for supplies, they soon discover that answers and possibly Sam's sister will be found in Las Vegas. Along this journey of survival the love between Megan and Sam blooms with first kisses and frantic love-making. But, in the end will Sam and Megan be able to part ways when the time comes and will Sam be able to accept Megan with her dangerous secret.

Only Love Survives is a wonderful zombie love story. I loved the well-rounded characters and the story. Once I started this book I didn't want to stop. The story though fiction was one that we could definitely see

happening. Renee Charles does a fantastic job of showing how when barriers of humanity and society break down it is who we are that drives us to survive. For Megan and Sam it is their love that can either break them or join them together forever. I truly hope Renee writes a sequel to this book because I can definitely see a lot of potential with this story. If you love paranormal romances you will want to pick this one up.

Cara says

Warning: this is kick butt book! Take romance, add a pinch of apocalypse, a dash of misunderstanding, family, debts to society, oh, and a horde of flesh eating zombies and you get the reading pleasure that is Only Love Survives. What a story!!!!

Megan is, well, was a teacher and Sam a billionaire mogul prior to the epidemic that struck giving people a bad case of the flu...and the desire to eat human flesh as their bodies rotted and decomposed. Ms. Charles offers a nice scientific rationale without going into crazy detail, as well as the memories of Sam and Megan pre-epidemic, so we can see the descent of the modern world. After a last minute, super lucky rescue, Sam and Megan band together, with very different goals in minds, but ones that will lead them to the same location.

After reading, and enjoying, the book Apocalipstick by Lisa Acerbo, I have become quite enamored with zombie books. Only Love Survives, is a well written, exciting read, and I can't wait for more books in the series to come out. You know a book is good when you actually begin to care about the characters, and I am desperate to know how things will turn out. After all, there are still many, many obstacles before a HAE is even remotely possible.

It is amazing to read about what the author believes people would be capable of if the world we all know fell apart. What would you do? Band together with others, share resources, use the opportunity to act on your most depraved fantasies, exploit those weaker than you? As a student of science, it always gives me a kick to see how evil scientists can be portrayed...so caught up in their studies, they forget their subjects are human beings. I guess after the modern world ends, no one is too worried about research passing through an ethics committee!

I have nothing but praises to sing for this book...I would strongly recommend it, and hope more stories are forthcoming. I can't wait to see what their future holds.

2/5 flames for passion

FV Angela says

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Only Love Survives is a typical girl meets boy love story set against a zombie plague. Lol, okay so it's not so typical, and this is the exact reason I picked it for review. I recently read another zombie romance that I really enjoyed and was excited to find another release by a different author set in a dystopian type world where the H/h must find love amidst the rubble of civilization.

Megan Fletcher is working her way to Las Vegas in hopes of helping find a cure for the recent outbreak of the zombie plague. As a woman who was bitten and survived she believes her immunity might be the very thing that could help bring about a solution to the problem. While making her escape from a group of zombies she is rescued by another loner on a mission. Sam Woods is travelling across the country in search of his kid sister. Before the world went crazy he was a corporate mogul, used to champagne, caviar and beautiful women. Now he just wants to find the only family he has left and get back to his well stocked cabin where they can be safe. When he meets up with a headstrong woman bent on keeping her secrets and going her own way he realizes he just might not mind a travelling companion.

I'm finding that I like zombie romances. Something about discovering love at the end of the world as we know it intrigues me. Things I wouldn't normally like in a romance I find acceptable here. Things like instalove and a short build up to the romance would normally be on my complaint list, but for some reason they've worked in the few stories I've read in with this trope. Megan and Sam definitely share an instant attraction, I think at first it was because there weren't any other options and they were a little hard up for sex, but I did believe their chemistry. While they get along and even thrive in each other's company now, they would have never been compatible in their former lives. She was a simple school teacher who valued her students and he worked himself to the top of the corporate world telling people what to do and how to do it. He meets his match with Megan, who won't do everything he says and is hell-bent on getting to Las Vegas, even if it means she'll have to walk there all by herself.

I liked that Megan wasn't a pushover. Even in a world gone mad she's strong and her own person. She's slow to completely rely on Sam even though she desperately wants to. She keeps her cool, doesn't freak out and always has a plan when she goes anywhere. In his protectiveness Sam tries to control her actions, but I think this was his natural inclination. That didn't bother me like it usually would, maybe because he was always willing to concede in the end and even when her secret comes out about being bitten he never turns from her or acts like an ass. They have a lusty relationship, but the sex scenes never felt forced or just thrown in for shock value. I like that, it made me believe their eventual affection for each other even more. They made a good team and worked well together. It's weird, but while they were on the road, scraping up supplies and trying to figure out what to do next I was right there with them thinking about what I would do in that situation. You know, just in case of a real zombie apocalypse.

Only Love Survives was a quick read, with a sweet romance in spite of the gory plot line. The ending was lovely and I will be sure to look for more from this author.

Favorite Quote:

Sam captured her face in his hands and plundered her mouth. There was no slow, gentle permission seeking that should be present in a first kiss. They were past that. It was hot, wet and demanding, which she met with demands of her own. God, she could argue with that tongue even without saying a word.

4 1/2 Stars! Okay, I'm seriously not into zombies but I couldn't put this one down.

Outrunning zombies, human men who want to rape and abuse Megan, vicious murdering hookers, and finding safety with a group that welcomes them with friendship and camaraderie, Megan and Sam begin a journey that takes them further than Las Vegas or their expectations.

ONLY LOVE SURVIVES by Renee Charles surprised and delighted me. Enthralled by everything about this zombie-apocalyptic romance from the characters, the setting, to the action, dangerous encounters, and close escapes, I read this one in one night because I just couldn't put it down. Even if you're not a fan of zombies, you'll thoroughly enjoy this one without the blood and gore and dropping body parts that are usually included. You'll still enjoy that edge of the seat, nail-biting nervous energy that makes a horror so much fun, but will fall in love with Megan and Sam, and cheer them on.

I highly recommend ONLY LOVE SURVIVES by Renee Charles because it's exciting, descriptive without being cringe worthy gory, and the romance that develops between Megan and Sam, although quick but then again it is apocalyptic, is sweet, funny, and so natural that you want everything to turn out just right for them, and for the rest of the world.

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Patti says

I liked it but the story felt rush. I give it really 3 3/4 stars. The story has zombies, some action, some suspense and adventure. I just felt that Renee Charles had a diamond of a story but only showed us a zirconia.

Melanie says

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Zombie romance. Yeah, I can't be the only one who has qualms about putting those two words together. Rotting corpses just aren't that romantic. Being the last hope for humankind, however, with a handsome former-CEO turned zombie outbreak survivor searching for his missing sister definitely has the makings of an intriguing zombie romance.

Megan Fletcher may be the last hope for humanity. At least she thinks she may be, and so after drifting about a bit after the zombie apocalypse, Megan decides to head to Las Vegas, where there are rumors of a community using the Hoover Dam for power, and scientists doing research into a zombie cure. When stocking up on critical supplies (like soap) in an abandoned suburban neighborhood, Megan almost gets herself eaten by a zombie horde trying to save a cat. Luckily Sam Woods happens to be in the area. After a daring rescue-by-SUV off the top of a roof, a run-in with some less than savory (and non-zombie) types, and hearing that Megan is walking to her goal, Sam decides he should be her guide, even though he is worried sick about his sister.

This book is full of interesting moments - when Megan decides she doesn't need a protector, Sam just picks

her up and puts her in his car. Yes, he kidnaps her. And yes, she forgives him. There is also a constant feel of danger, like there is something waiting in the wings to get our couple. The zombies are an ever-looming presence in the back of both characters' minds, and that translates into how they react to the landscape, to each other, to everything really. It seemed very realistic when you hear about how Megan scopes out a store, marking the possible exits, before she starts looking for supplies, or how Sam has set himself up a trunkpantry. And there are more things to worry about than just the zombies, including wild animals, illness, and other people.

Kay Glass says

I'm a fan of the zombie genre, and constantly seek out new books to read on the subject. I picked this up during a free day, and I wasn't disappointed. It's so different from what I've come to expect during the zombie apocalypse, and the love story woven through the tale was well-done and believable- not easy to accomplish.

The ending, however, left me a bit confused. The character, Megan, was on a quest of her own throughout the tale, and found that her goal was unobtainable by the last quarter of the book. So it seems as though she gave up on it, and that left me puzzled. I'm hoping this is the beginning of a series, as the "Love and Zombies" seems to imply. If so, fantastic, as I was left wanting more. The ending left plenty of room to turn this into at least a trilogy if not a full-length series, and I was left in suspense, wanting the story to continue. I'm hoping the author intends to do so, and I'll be waiting to see where this story goes next.

Lisa Martin says

This book was a pleasant surprise. Little bit of Zombies, little bit of romance, and a little bit of action. Love a zombie book with romance.

Andrea says

Wow this was really cheesy. With that title I didn't expect anything else. I had a lot of issues with this book but it was still an entertaining read. It's short and doesn't drag at all so it's an easy read.

SheLove2Read says

If you're looking for a complex plot, this isn't it. It IS however a decent read about two people who find themselves thrown together in a zombie apocalypse, and eventually fall in love. I can't say this is epic fiction but I was entertained and wanted to find out how it ended. 3 to 3.5 stars

Rachel says

A wonderfully fast paced story that makes you hope 'it' never happens. Great concept with the comet..... You need to read the story for a full understanding of that comment. The two main characters are individuals you can associate with, from the loss of possessions to the loss of loved ones and the meeting of two opposites that due to the circumstances get a chance to be together. Definitely not for the light hearted reader as some of the descriptions put images into the imagination that really could cause sleepless nights. Renne Charles writes a wonderful story.