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If you could learn the exact moment of your death, would you?

If you could see a deceased loved one for one more day - at the price of a year of your life - would you?

These are the answers Life, Inc. wants to know...

In the near future, a scientific company called Life, Inc. changes the course of human history with amazing creations. Cars that hover and soar in sky lanes hundreds of feet in the air; nanobots able to cure disease; rocket technology that allows greater exploration of the cosmos; colonies built on the moon for tourists.

But Life, Inc.'s most significant achievement is the discovery of LifeForce, the essence of human life located in the back of the brain. The company creates a way of measuring LifeForce that allows people to learn exactly how much life they have remaining...

After the original founder of Life, Inc. passes away, his ambitious son takes over with plans for an even grander experiment than his father ever could've imagined. But only he knows the real reason for those plans...

The world may look drastically different but one thing still fuels people more than power or money or greed: love. And when Life, Inc. offers the chance for a lucky few to test their new technology, Henry Shade is determined to do whatever he must to see his wife again...

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Frank Becker says

- + Interesting concept and story
- + SciFi thriller; slow in the beginning (more Sci there) heating up for the final show down (more action here). However, I would not call the whole book "fast paced" as I read in other reviews.
- + - religious without beeing religious (you'll have to read the book to have a chance to understand that... ;-)
- the implications of what Life, Inc found out are dealt with a little too unemotional (and - although that's the base of the story it's the least believable bit of the book... for me)
- Too many coincidences to make the story work
- A few out-of-character or illogical decisions/behaviours of the main characters - "ok" in the context of the book, but hm.

Recommended, but sure not for evey one...

(confusing review, I know; it's early... question? Ask...)

Orange says

Pretty light-weight SF with good action, characters, and plot. I think the characters were a bit *over* developed at the cost of plot lines, but still, quite readable.

Brittany Gee says

I loved it

I thought it was a brilliant sci-fi story with interesting characters, all flawed perfectly. I will be looking to read more of Kevin George's work.

Jeff says

This book seemed obvious to have been released in first draft with glaring grammar and formatting errors.

That being said, the story itself was decent and entertaining and could've been so much more had it been worked on harder.

The first chapters of William Grey were too dreamlike, nostalgic, long. Honestly unbelievable and the world could've been setup without it.

The first (at least) half of the book was a struggle with each chapter ending in a mystique "cliff hanger." Stop hanging me up on the same mystery, at a certain point it becomes painful and I stop caring about what Gina's

stupid object is. Either leave it to the minimum necessary reminders that you are being mysterious or just tell me already.

I also felt the author thought I was stupid. Yes, I get that Jeremy is a big guy that could've played football, you told me at the beginning of the seven previous chapters. Yes, Mrs. Clarke looks old, I gathered that on my own and didn't need to be told eight additional times. A reader's mind is powerful and can make its own connections.

I heard a lot of other readers call this book preachy. I didn't get that and I'm not sure how they did. Maybe my mind just gears toward the science-like aspect, but I saw little religious ideals to preach on; kudos for that.

Jason Brown (Toastx2) says

They shave a small spot on the back of your head and insert a needle. They sample matter found deep inside you, delicate and evaporative. They run the tests, and with in a short time, Life Inc can tell you the precise time and date you will die. As it turns out, along side the creation of highly pollutive freeways in the sky, leaking gasses and forcing the public into oxygen masks, Life Inc has been able to analyze and validate your life force.

In the opening, the mastermind and genius who built Life Inc is dying. He travels to his lab, knowing his death clock is running. He knows that his life force has dwindled. He has a plan, to capture the final grain of life as it leaves his body, and follow it 'home'. He has proven life force, now he will prove the human soul.

10 short years later, Life Inc airs a commercial that offers the ultimate gift to humanity. At the cost of one year of life energy, you can spend 24 hours alone in open physical contact and communication with a dead loved one.

It is interesting how much of a struggle the fictional world has in this novel, dealing with the existence of a soul. Scientifically proven life force. Can you imagine? Science and religion speaking in like terms of semi-intangible existence.. I could only hope for the marriage of these two factiosn, but predictably, the world of Life Inc still fights this fight, of science being a starved for attention meddlesome god debasing entity and religion being a starved for attention meddlesome fear monger.

This book ranks in the realm of amazing. It has complex characters, interesting science, well written action sequences, and a highly polished writing style. Add in some pulp fictionesque mystery. At \$2.99, this book is a steal. Seriously..

Kevin George seems like a fairly prolific self published author. With a mature writing style, 4 series and this single standalone book under his belt, it is nice to see that he has fully resolved all of the complaint generating errors that too commonly plague self pubs. This book was effectively error free and a really great plot line with basically zero plot holes.

Can you ask for more?

IMPORTANT

Do not read comments on amazon. There are some dickbags sharing open spoilers in the small handful of negative critique. I dont know why people have to be like that.

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Reagan says

I really liked this book, it was an interesting read! The ending seemed a little rushed to me, but overall a very well written book. The beginning was a little hard to keep track of but once it all came together it definitely stayed with you all day.

Doreen Dalesandro says

Kindle freebie, 1/8/13

Ann says

Wow, GREAT book!

I haven't read a lot of science fiction , but this book had me from page one. It was well written and kept me up for a few nights. I would love to see this book made into a movie.

Mary Davis says

interesting storyline!

Steve Cohen says

I would not read anything else by this author. He apparently thinks he is more clever than his readers and knows best how not to end a book, [SPOILER ALERT]

leaving a central question unresolved that had to be answered for the book to be complete. Ever see the 1999 film, Limbo?

Bryan Cacciatore says

Life, Inc. was definitely a face paced thriller that kept this readers attention at all turns. The one thing that I loved most about this book was the character development. There are a few main characters, and quite a few side ones that play significant roles as well, and their individual stories are told really well. When a new character is introduced my thought was sometimes "what does this have to do with anything else?"; but it all becomes clear within a few chapters and by then they are fully immersed into the story. While there are plot twists and turns everywhere, they are not the kind that leave your head spinning and needing to read it over just to figure out what happened. Just a very well written book.

The subject matter is why I decided to read the book, science and technology vs human nature is always a fun one for me. Life, Inc. dives much further into both and showcases a future in the sci/tech world as well as the pretty realistic affect on society that it will have. While talking about hover cars and other futuristic technology (that I don't want to talk about to ruin for other readers) it never delves into the world of unbelievability or fantasy; there were no "yeah, right, cause that could ever happen" moments that are frequent with this subject matter. Combine that with a story that doesn't slow down and you have a book that is very hard to put down because you can't wait to see what happens next or how a plan will play out.

I haven't read anything else by Kevin George yet, but this book has put him on my radar and I will be doing a little looking into his library...Drinking Life is one that has already piqued my interest...

Sush Rose says

Loved this book! I couldn't put it down (well, my Kindle!) and it's a very well written, exciting book, with excellent ideas. I wish it was part of a series of books. Might see what the author's other books are like.

Darla Delahunty says

Enjoyed this book. Took me a while to get interested in this one, but It did get there. Makes a person consider life's implications a little more deeply.
