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In an apocalypse there is definitely a beginning where mistakes are made and the seeds of evil are allowed to sprout and take shape. However, an end is not so certain. Once an Apocalypse occurs not even death is certain. Sometimes death is only the beginning.

At first light that morning, Dr Lee steps into the Walton facility on the initial day of human trials; she can barely contain her excitement. The labs are brand spanking new and everything is sharp and clean. They've been built to her specifications and are, without a doubt, a scientist's dream. Yet even better than the gleaming instruments is the fact that Walton is where cancer is going to be cured once and for all. It's where Dr. Lee is going to become world famous...only she doesn't realize what she's going to be famous for. By midnight of that first day, Walton is a place of fire, of blood and of death, a death that, like the Apocalypse, is seemingly never ending.

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# **From Reader Review War of the Undead Day One for online ebook**

## **Paul Malaney says**

### **Good read**

Loved this story strong characters a good story . A twist on the zombie story told from the beginning not after it had started would highly recommend this book ten out of ten for me definitely will be getting the rest of the series

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## **Jason Thomas says**

3.5 stars

I like Peter Meredith's zombie fiction, and this one is a worthwhile addition to his repertoire.

Lots of world-building, lots of detail, lots of gore and all that good stuff. It's quite a bit longer than your average zombie thriller, and I did find myself wondering when the story was going to start. The inciting incident is too far along in the book for my taste, but then the author is trying to setup a whole series, so I suppose in that context it might make sense.

I have read other works by this author and will likely do so again.

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## **Anthony D Christophers says**

### **Fantastic take on the zombie genre**

This book is simply outstanding. The characters come alive and the story is uniquely told through the eyes of everyone involved, dead and undead alike. The birth of the disease and the way it affects the infected is brilliant. Can't wait for Parr 2.

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## **Bogdan says**

The beginning was interesting, some good characters were introduced, the idea of a cure that reverses it's effects was also well thought, the zombies had their pluses and originality, but after the first half of the book I lost my interest in it.

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## **mike frazier says**

### **Awesome read**

This book is really not my genre but since Peter Meredith wrote it I gave it a chance. It was definitely worth it and am looking forward to the next one.

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### **Leann says**

#### **Zombie Genre Master, Peter Meredith, Begins Exciting New Saga**

An packed, believable ride through the first 24 hours of an outbreak caused by human greed and spread by sheer stupidity and political bumbling. Meredith's first book in this series won't disappoint fans as he weaves an engrossing tale of a sabotaged medical trial that instead of curing cancer infects nearly everyone involved despite the meticulously followed containment procedures. As the infected devolve into rage filled, voracious, nearly unstoppable creatures, they turn on and infect the first responders valiantly trying to stem the outbreak thus allowing the new pathogen to spread far and wide.

One of Meredith's strength as an author is his ability to quickly move the plot forward while still engaging the reader with characters that go beyond tired tropes and stereotypes. Readers will find them selves cheering on new heroes, jeering at cowards and hypocrites, and shaking their heads in disbelief as officials play the blame game rather than make the hard decisions. You won't be able to stop after reading the first. Looks like he's hooked us again on a wild, heartbreaking ride through the zombie apocalypse.

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### **Ralph Jones says**

The book hooks you in from the first chapter where a young girl eviscerates some unfortunate who picks her up hitchhiking. The main characters are then colourfully introduced (all lung cancer sufferers) before the main plot-line starts where they are taken to be 'cured'. Their therapy is sabotaged with the unfortunate result of turning them all into blood-crazed and highly infectious zombies.

The good: Excellent character and plot development. Good mix of horror and humour and overall very entertaining and great value for money.

The not so good (and I'm being picky). Possibly could have been condensed by about 15% without losing plot value. Small number of typos, but these didn't detract at all from the read. Presumably this hasn't been passed by a professional editor and the author has done a damn good job without one.

I'll definitely read the next in the series.

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### **BookLoversLife says**

This. Was. Awesome!!!

Dr Lee is a brilliant doctor and has managed to find a cure for lung cancer. Her dream come true, and with the cure ready for human tests and the new Walton facility ready, she is ready! unbeknownst to her though, one of her colleagues is a spy and is giving all her data to the Chinese government. He has also sabotaged her cure knowing that it won't work, but what both don't know is that the cure will turn their subjects into blood and flesh eating Zombies.

Plot wise, I absolutely loved how the Zombies came to be. This really goes into the before of the cure and

how the cure came to be. The cure works and everyone is so excited to make history and finally cure cancer, but when one stupid person sabotages it it creates an apocalyptic event! I also loved how we see the events leading up to the quarantined failure and how the virus spread. This book answers every possible question you could have. So many times when reading a Zombie book, we are left with a lot of questions on how the virus started, how it spread etc, but this shows exactly what happened in the course of one day, to make the virus spread!

There is also a variety of characters, and again, often times I'd get confused with the sheer number of them, but here I actually found myself following everyone's story perfectly! We see through so many different eyes, from the doctors, nurses, officers, test subjects, prisoners and more importantly, the zombies, that the book seems to span months, rather than just a day!!

In all, an action packed, edge of your seat book. It captured my attention right from the start and held it throughout. I absolutely devoured it and can't wait for book 2.

I had to check and see if Ive listened to anything else by Erik Johnson because I thoroughly enjoyed his narration. I haven't but have added some to my list!! With the sheer amount of characters, I thought he did an amazing job keeping them separate and giving them their own tone. He really gave his all and it showed!

\*I received a copy of this for review. This in no way affected my thoughts.\*

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### **Micheal Young says**

#### **Awesome**

Now I normally read space opera, starship battles and such, I stumbled upon this book, and read it in one sitting. Grossly entertaining.

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### **Tim Mercer says**

Enjoyed this one. The reason for the zombie outbreak is different from the normal generic "something" and is quite specific for a change. Reminded me of Mira Grant's Feed which was great. It covers the way a cure for cancer ends up going wrong via an embedded agent provocateur who sabotages the treatment. Then it moves through the immediate spread of the infection through the local area and is told well.

The prologue is needed as after that it is a bit slow for the first 1/4 but after that it runs along which makes up for the first few chapters. PS loved the voicing of the daughters southern accent.

Caveat is I am a massive zombie story fan, however I am thinking of quitting after hearing that Disney are releasing a musical called Z.O.M.B.I.E Could be the Jar Jar Binks of the genre...

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### **Michael Harmon says**

#### **Great book.**

This book has amazing take on zombies. Zombies attack and eat flesh but why? If you want a good explanation read this book.

Dear Mr Meredith,

High five sir, high five.

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## **Paul says**

### **Add a little bit of this to a little bit of that.... POOF! ZOMBIES!**

And so it was - the genesis of the Zomboids. Just like Davros was to the Daleks, so (it seems) was Dr Lee to the Zombies. I've read quite a few zombie stories now. Heaps in fact, and it's hard to give our slaving, wobbly-booted brethren a fresh look,(Hmm. "Fresh", is probably not the right word) but our clever author has made his story blessedly different. I hope that it is translated into a movie because, quite frankly, many of the recent zombie movies are pitiful. They remind me of our old family barbeques where the guests consumed too much of Uncle Jim's banana wine. I guess in America, you'd liken it to Granny's rheumatiz medicine (see Beverly Hillbillies).

You've probably read the synopsis, but for those of you who haven't, here's the skinny: A brilliant doctor invents the cure for lung cancer (smokers stand up and cheer!), and possibly other cancers. BUT dear readers, a sneaky, slightly unbelievable, Chinese spy helper, who speaks a lot like Elmer Fudd, sabotages her "cure". When our test subjects are given the cure...well...you can guess what happens next. And that's all I'll tell you.

What makes this book so different is, the first 25% is devoted to zombie genesis. Don't worry though; the author's writing style is pretty relaxed, and reading it is like driving home from work and getting every green light. From there on, his writing style becomes more compelling. The chapters literally fly by. "Honey; dinner's ready." "Yeah, okay. I'll just finish this chapter." "Honey; your dinner is getting cold." "Yeah. Just a few more pages." "Honey; you've been up all night reading that fucking book. It's time to go to work." "Oh Hell! Tell the boss I'm sick; I've got one chapter to go."

The characters in this story were an unexpected bonus. There ain't nothin' vanilla about any of them. We even get treated to some broad Southern accents too. Now y'all might be thinkin', what would a drongo Aussie know about a Southern US accent? HEY Y'ALL! We get Hart of Dixie on our TVs here too. \*me cringes slightly and hugs my Rachel Bilson doll a bit tighter\*

Well this is probably one of the weirdest book reviews I've ever written...but pity me dear reader...my brain is still somewhat addled from being up all night reading...and not having dinner... God! I hope that's what it is. I've got a headache. "Honey! Do my eyes look black to you?" (The significance of this will become evident when you read the book.)

No. The author didn't gimme this book for nix in return for an honest review. Nor did I win it in some Zombie Club competition, fixed card game, book-spitting-out slot machine, library closure auction or "Oops! This shouldn't be here" church jumble sale. I paid for it with cold, hard Aussie dollars which are worth crap these days.

I shall maybe read the sequel(s).

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## **Gary says**

I give this one points for originality regarding the cause of the zombie outbreak, it's entertaining and moves along well. Not sure I'm liking it as much as his Undead World series yet, but I just downloaded book 2 as I am anxious to see where this goes.

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## **Ian Walker says**

**Draws one in quickly, grips tightly and doesn't let go.**

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Some books are slow burners, some just don't intrigue one very quickly. This is not one of those. I was quickly hooked and particularly enjoyed the background stories on the people we can surmise are going to be the early victims. It was reminiscent of a couple of my favourite British horror authors from when I was a teen.

One interesting component for me was that, despite having read the synopsis (and indeed, the title of the book), I kept on holding out hope that things would be brought under control even as each attempt failed.

Highly recommended.

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## **Michael says**

First off, I have to disclose I got this audiobook as a free review copy from Audiobookboom. However, I already owned the kindle edition of this book, and have purchased many other books by Peter Meredith (including the second book in this series, which I am listening to as I write this review), so getting a review copy is a welcome opportunity.

I love apocalyptic fiction. I must have hundreds in my audiobook collection. However, I have to say I personally prefer the ones covering the fall, where you see everything go to flames. Ones that start during the apocalypse, or quickly skim over the fall kind of leave me wanting a decent prequel, wanting more. And in a lot of cases I find that the ones covering just the post era devolve quickly into depressing fiction where the problems are no longer the zombies, the disease, etc, but just other people, and the cause of the apocalypse is nearly incidental. One recent completed series I read, the last two books, you could have missed that zombies even existed in the story. They weren't a threat, and they were barely mentioned. It was just people on people,

Apocalypse Crusade serves all my favorite aspects of the genre, and the entire novel starts a few days before the apocalypse, and finishes at the end of the first day, giving a leisurely length but frenetic paced tale

covering of the cause and start of the apocalypse. It begins with the lead up to the outbreak, introducing many of the characters.

The narration by Erik Johnson was easy to listen to, well paced, clear, and added to the experience. Looking at my library, this was my first book with this narrator, and I hope to hear more of his work in the future. He does also narrate the sequel to this novel, as well as another Peter Meredith audiobook I own (but haven't listened to yet), *The Edge of Hell*, another apocalyptic tale.

Also, note that book 3 of this series is actually out in Kindle edition - for some reason at Amazon it isn't listed as being part of the series. There is no audiobook for it yet, but hopefully soon!

In all, a fantastic start to a new series. I look forward to more from both the author and narrator.

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