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Captain Dominic Holland leads a crew of skilled covert operatives and talented scientific personnel. He's taken them to all corners of the earth to protect the United States from biological and chemical warfare. When his CIA handler, Meredith Webb, gives him a mission to investigate a disturbing lead on a laboratory based out of an abandoned oil rig, they discover the most terrifying threat to mankind they've ever faced—a genetically engineered biological weapon called the Oni Agent.

Back in the United States, Meredith discovers a frightening connection between the CIA and the Oni Agent. But her investigations are short-lived when the Agent spreads and brings mankind to its knees. Cities burn as it turns humans into warped creatures hell-bent on destruction.

Dominic and Meredith vow to do everything they can to combat the Agent and find a cure. But will their efforts be enough to turn the tide—or is humanity's fate already sealed?

## **The Tide Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Tide for online ebook**

### **Ellen says**

I have read The Extinction Cycle-books by Nicholas Sansbury Smith, and that somewhat ruined the reading experience for me. The Tide is really well written, and if I had read Melchiorri before Sansbury Smith, it would easily have gotten four stars from me. They are so similar! Zombie-like apocalypse and the heroes are soldiers.

The zombies, Skulls, as they call them, are hyper active, does not give up, runs like hell to get hold of its prey and kill it. It looks as if there is no hope at all for humankind, so I will read on, and find out what happens. And hopefully I will forget about the similarity, and just enjoy. Entertaining story!

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### **Laura says**

This is probably the creepiest Anthony Melchiorri book I've read yet - and I've read all of them except two. It's pretty much a biomedical twist on a zombie / pre-dystopian theme. I have to say I really enjoyed it; it was well-written and almost scarily believable. It looks like it's the first in a series, based on the ending, so I'll be gleefully looking forward to the next installment to find out what happens next.

A free advance copy was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Geoff says**

3.5 out of 4.

I'll certainly read the sequel.

So many military horror things are obviously written by people with little to no idea of military procedure.

This is not one of them.

Either loads of research or some experience is obvious.

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### **AudioBookReviewer says**

**My original The Tide audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.**

It started in 1944 with Japanese Unit 731 and came to life in the present. (If you don't know what Unit 731 is look it up. It was a real unit in the Japanese military.)

Dom Holland and his Hunters were a private dark ops. unit. They were hired by Meridith Webb to discover if there was a bio threat on an oil platform in the North Atlantic. Meridith worked at the CIA. It was her duty to investigate bio-tech threats. There was no information about this lab anywhere in the CIA data base, or so she was told by her boss.

I like a story that has some real facts or history woven in. It gives the tale more credibility. We all know that the CIA has lots of “Black” places around the world. Those abandoned oil rigs are perfect for such “IBSL” “research” labs.

What is really great is the “new zombie style”. An fantastic idea to make the fingernails the harbinger of non-death. The other body changes were novel, very inventive. Made them extremely hard to kill.

The narrative goes back and forth from Dom and his team’s action to Meridith’s trying to get to the house. Meridith is on the run from the CIA. They don’t want her to find out what they have done. She needs to get to Fort Detrick but Dom asked her to stop at the home of his ex-wife and 2 daughters. He will meet her there.

This is a non-stop action packed adventure. Once you start to listen, you won’t want to stop.

Ryan does a fantastic job of making this story come to life. He really gets into it as he tells about the “skulls” they found on the oil rig. To the medical bay on Dom’s ship where a doctor is working to find out what the virus is and maybe a cure.

All this and more. It’s one heck of a ride.

Audiobook purchased for review by ABR.

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### **Ralph Wark says**

I got this through the Kindle lending library and bought the audio book to listen on my Echo, so I chip away at it a bit at a time, while cooking or whatever. I remember very little about this book, couldn't even name a character. The plot a little I suppose. It starts of on an interesting note, scientists in Imperial Japan develop a superbug at the end of WWII to anticipate the invasion of their island. They don't have a big part but man, are they bitter. So bitter. Clang to present day, because somehow it takes 70 years for this to work, and of course create.....wait for it....ZOMBIES!!!

I have no problem with that, zombie apocalypse books are my summer reads, nice non taxing tomes about subjects that don't cause too many synapses to fire. Perhaps I've read too many. Or too many good ones. I didn't care about the characters and the plot wasn't terribly original, I mean they call the zombies "Skulls". Skulls. That's it, the best you can do? Most reviews are good for the book, but I just didn't see it. So this is Vol. 1, and there will be no vol. 2. Judge for yourself.

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### **Kate says**

This book has it all: history/science/horror/apocalypse----loved it! You don't know a lot about the characters going in, you sort of get to know a bit here and there as you go along-which is fine because there is so much action going on on several fronts that it keeps your mind busy. The worst thing about it is that I don't have book #2 ready to go and now that I'm finished with #1, I can't wait to see what happens next!

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## **Loretta says**

The Tide is a story of courage, strength and determination against an unbelievable odds. The Tide explores the trials of Captain Dominic Holland and his team, Ex CIA Meredith Webb and others as they face the most horrifying biological agent known to man.

I really enjoyed this story as the storyline was fast paced, the chacters were well written and the monsters were scary. Just the way I like my zombie type books. The writing was gripping and had me devouring the book post haste. Overall I am giving this book a 4.5 out of 5 as I had a great time reading however I felt that the monsters, although terrifying, sounded a bit familiar. I am look forward to continuing the story.

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## **David Dalton says**

Darn! Another pretty good zombie type series to get caught up in. A different approach to the zombie/end of the world. I was slowing down on zombie books (other than the Arisen series) but the cover and book description caught my eye and I was hooked. Nice and creep and deadly. I am looking forward to the 2nd book in this series.

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## **L. McCoy says**

Guys... this is how an apocalyptic horror story is done.

What's it about?

In WW2 a bio weapon was created, that bio weapon turns people into bloodthirsty monsters (not zombies) that mutate into inhuman creatures (this makes more sense in the book). Now, in modern day that weapon is unleashed and a potentially apocalyptic outbreak starts.

Pros:

The story is interesting and very well written. I would say that out of the apocalyptic horror stuff I've read this is probably one of the most well written ones out there.

This book has a lot of action throughout and it is freaking awesome! This author knows how to write amazing action in prose!

The suspense in this book! I'm a huge horror fan but despite it being one of my favorite genres I often find many of the stories within it to be too predictable, this book is an exception.

The quality of the horror stuff is there. It is the sort of intense and insane horror thing that readers of this kind of book will be looking for.

Anyone who is particularly familiar with my reviews knows that I absolutely love dogs! There is a dog in this book, she gets a fair amount of time in this book and doesn't die so... yay dog!

One thing I was happy to see is that the characters don't constantly do dumb shit. One thing that often even puts me off these kinds of books is that the characters are often as smart as a bag of hammers but not in this book.

Cons:

Despite not being idiots the characters are not very interesting. They aren't bad and I could perhaps see them becoming more interesting in later books in the series but in this book I felt kinda meh towards them.

There are some slower parts of this book and while most of this book is interesting there were a few bits that part of my brain was thinking “great, can we go back to killing monsters soon?”.

Overall:

This is a really good book, I will be reading book 2 and I would definitely recommend this. If you're a fan of exciting horror stories full of action scenes and don't want the same ol' zombie thing than this is right up your alley!

4/5

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### **Aletia says**

I can't even articulate how caught up I got in this book! It's like there is no breathing room for these characters! It's Go Go Go! I'm thankful to know book #2 is being prepared for release.

Thanks Nicholas Sansbury Smith for the heads up on this!

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### **PJ Lea says**

I liked that we were given the origins for the virus and the very creepy reasons for it being developed. It led really well into the main body of the story.

A twisted take on the usual zombies with the bony plating, making them a formidable enemy. Pretty much non-stop action along with medical situations as they try to find a solution. The characters are all well thought out and believable, with the children giving the story a little extra reality.

Great read and more than worth the price.

Disclaimer: This was an ARC, my opinions are my own.

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### **Jen says**

A fun read, one that was more intelligent than your average zombie genre book. I appreciated the fleshed out side characters and the pacing.

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### **Patty says**

Great Zombie read.

It's got covert Ops. Former CIA agents, specializing in disease control. Biological weapons. Daughters who can defend themselves against zombies. And a dog who wrestles with death ~~probably~~ the most.

It was fantastic.

I'd continue the series, as it ends on a cliffhanger with some unresolved story line. Definitely want to continue finding out more about the cause and cure for this epidemic.

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**Yvonne says**

Very exciting book 1.

I've been desperate for another sci-fi, military, zombie, end of the world series since finishing the Joe Ledger books and I'm so happy to have found this author. Doubly happy that it was great and that women play as big a part kicking ass as the men.

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**Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says**

I thought I had read and reviewed this on Goodreads already, but obviously I hadn't. It's been a while, so I don't remember the exact details of the book, but I do remember thinking that it had several creepy moments, the setting was fantastic, the writing was solid, and the narrator did a good job.

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