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z 2134 is a thrilling new zombie serial in the spirit of 1984, The Walking Dead, and The Hunger Games, from the writers of the post-apocalyptic smash hit serial, Yesterday's Gone.

It is the year 2134 in a dystopian America, following a series of zombie plagues which infected and decimated much of the world's population starting 100 years ago.

Those left, formed six walled Cities throughout the continent, all under the rule of a totalitarian government which enforces strict control over its populace.

You must obey your government.

You must be a good citizen.

You must be a productive citizen.

You must not break the law.

Or The City Watch will find you and arrest you.

Jonah Lovecraft, a former Watcher, was arrested for the murder of his wife. And like most criminals, he has one chance at freedom — to participate in The Darwin Games, a televised survival show which pits two players from each city against one another in The Barrens, the uninhabited areas outside the City Walls. He'll also have to face another enemy — the zombies which still roam The Barrens.

As he fights for his freedom against impossible odds, his daughter, Anastasia, stumbles into people who have information about her father — information which will change her life forever.

But it will also put her in the crosshairs of her father's enemies.

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Jayne says

FYI- I made it to the end of the first "Season". **2 slight spoilers--

This was just not my sort of thing. Didn't enjoy it at all. I am a pretty big zombie fan but the zombie's are just kind of in the back ground, more like scenery. The other thing I couldn't really get over were the similarities between Z2134 and The Hunger Games. In my opinion, there is just not enough differences to not provoke comparisons. That is the worst part about the book.

The Games portion is poorly written. *Slight spoiler- You really don't have a sense of what is going on (When Ana is in them). How many people are left? How close are they to the end? It just seems like it isn't important.

I also didn't like the parts with Jonah. * Slight spoiler- He seemed like he was going to be a great character and then is saved when one character goes and does something that goes against everything she had done earlier. It just seems like at the end they had to get him out of the jam he was in and didn't have any other way to do it.

Having said that I hate giving a bad review. I love reading and I fully respect the serial thing they are doing (read the author's note at the end). I have never written anything so it is hard for me to come down too hard on anyone that has successfully written anything. I did really enjoy the Adam character and thought that he was the best written part of the entire novel. I give it one star for what I thought of it and then another because I didn't want to be that guy giving it one star.

Donna says

This is the first book in the new Amazon Serials that Sean and David are writing, with Monster to follow. Z2134 is a different kind of Zombie book. It takes place in 2134, a dystopian future where the government sees all and watches all. Where neighbors rat out others and if you are seen as committing a crime they send you to the games where you battle other criminals and the zombies are trying to get at you too. We follow Jonah, a father who was accused of killing his wife, leaving his daughter and son in orphanages. The daughter was a witness against him and she believes he did it.

But as the plot unfolds there is more we learn about Jonah and Adam and Ana and their friends and the friends of her father. I love the way these guys write and read everything they put out there. This is a serial that will come every couple of weeks automatically downloaded to my Kindle because I paid the initial price, which gets me the whole book. Try it.

Jennifer Lanak says

The premise was definitely similar to Hunger Games....but with zombies. The zombies don't add much to the plot other than being just one more thing that can kill you in the televised game for survival that Jonah Lovecraft is emersed in. He's done something to piss off the big-brother-type government, and as punishment is forced into the game. If he survives, he is supposed to be rewarded with a second chance of a new life in City 7 - the most utopian city within the government. Johan is not the only POV we get in the book. There is also Ana, his daughter, who also finds herself in a separate season of the games. Adam, her younger brother, who seems to be "slow-witted". And Liam, who enters the games to keep Ana company even if it means his

death since only one winner will survive. He feels guilty that he is the reason Ana is there and is willing to die to make it up to her.

I listened to the audio version of the book and it was decent. At first, you are all caught up with Jonah's survival in the game, but soon the politics of the dystopian society take center stage. It was an entertaining book, and I might pick up the next one when I get a chance.

Danielle says

hunger games with zombies. zombies and 1984 for no reason or backstory to the dystopia. really kind of just....fell flat. characters were pretty one-dimensional and plot was seriously lacking, obviously stretching for what i'm guessing is a trilogy. i won't be finding out.

David Titzer says

Hunger Games with zombies.

Dean Macholl says

Hunger Games with zombies.

Pretty much saying Hunger Games with zombies sums up this book. I don't mean that in a good way unfortunately. It's too similar to Hunger Games. It's more graphic and adult oriented for sure. Ended with some major cliffhangers and I'm honestly surprised to find myself wanting to see what happens next. I say that I'm surprised because I couldn't wait to finish this book so I could move on (away from it). Even though it was an edge of your seat read, there was a lot of recapping. I found myself rereading the last page or so of the previous chapter more than once in someone else's point of view and it was annoying and unnecessary. Three stars for putting a new spin on the zombies and for having a pretty decent fight the power\rebellion plot.

M.G. Mason says

It is rather obvious from the start from which other works this book got its inspiration: 1984, The Walking Dead and The Hunger Games. Unfortunately, it has the depth of none of those things merely taking a few sample ideas and pumping it into this book. Voila! I would consider this a work of reverse alchemy, taking three great things and turning it into a useless piece of slush that is neither satisfactory nor particularly clever.

It is written in a rather juvenile way with lots of random swear words, needless sexual references and childish prose "All she wanted to do was smash his fucking fat face to show what she really thought of the little prick". Yeah, move over Shakespeare. If this is YA literature then this form of writing will only appeal to the sort of teenagers who buy albums with explicit lyrics for no other reason than that they have explicit

lyrics.

It is actually quite badly written too as the authors lurch from schoolboy error to schoolboy error. The sin of telling rather than showing is no better demonstrated than in this book. "He had to move slowly or the zombies would see him. The last thing he needed was for to stand on a bit of twig and they all look up and come rushing toward him. If that happened, he'd be dead". Errr, yeah thanks. That great thing about being a writer is that you imply and then let the reader fill in the gaps

I'm not sure if it is the writers treating the readers with contempt or merely not giving their intended audience the credit for having intelligence enough to absorb themselves into the world. It is all rather one dimensional. All we know is that the six cities are fortified against the wasteland that the zombies occupy. We don't know anything else except that they are totalitarian and watch all the citizens around the clock. No context or reason for this state of affairs is given.

The zombies though are so underused for much of the book that they do not even begin to qualify as a plot device, not even a MacGuffin against which the story develops.

The howlers continue as the writers make it blatantly clear that they do not agree with having clever little twists in this book: "He [Jonah] would kill Bear and earn his way into City 7, so the plans he'd been making since seven seconds after his arrest could finally get started." A revelation along these lines would have added substance later on but no matter, no need to allow your readers to think for themselves.

So that's 1984 and The Walking Dead. How does it relate to The Hunger Games?

The Darwin Games. People fighting against each other and zombies to the death until there is a winner (who then gets to live in the utopian "City 7". Instead of teenage tributes they are criminals – and there are two from each city. Our hero is Jonah Lovecraft – a man in The Darwin Games for the murder of his wife. What's more, he was turned in by his daughter – Ana – but many believe him innocent and his daughter sorely mistaken about what she witnessed. Then she too finds herself in The Darwin Games and faces the opportunity to join her father in City 7.

Unfortunately, what is really going on is revealed far too early (refer to my earlier comment about the lack of twists) and what is going to happen is rather predictable. Literally nothing comes as a surprise and the one twist that the book includes is rather obvious way before it even happens.

Despite this wealth of complaints and criticisms, in some ways it is rather enjoyable but enjoyable to the extent that a lover of prime steak really does sometimes just want a Big Mac.

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Karl Tybury says

When I heard there was a book that combined The Hunger Games and The Walking Dead (two of my favourite things *EVER*) I stopped everything I was doing (had to remind myself to breath) and slumped on the sofa with my Kindle and a nice big mug of tea....

Hours later I was left speechless, emotionally drained and with a cold mug of tea... **Z 2134** was

INCREDIBLE.

I loved the characters, the progression of the storyline and most of all EVERYTHING!! The premise of the story does have a few similarities to The Hunger Games and The Walking Dead in the sense that there's a fight to the death and also zombies... but apart from that it's an amazing tale all on it's own...

I also didn't realise it was written as a "series" until I'd got to the end and found it just.. stopped. (view spoiler) so I went on the good ol' interweb to find out more about it, and discovered the beautiful new world of written series... definitely an interesting concept.

The ONLY thing i don't like about Z 2134 is that *I'm STILL waiting for Z 2135!!!* Hurry up and send it to the UK!! :)

Veronica DelaCruz-Araki says

3.5 stars

It's similar to "Hunger Games" and takes a bit long to differentiate itself into a different story. I thought the main characters would be the girl (Ana) and boy (Liam), but I'm leaning towards the Dad (Jonah) being the main.

At this point, I don't particularly care about the teens stuck in the games. Ana is annoying with absolutely no strength of character yet or skill to be alive in the games, while Liam is coming across as very contradictory: he's a womanizer, very one dimensional; then the author tries to change him right at the end of the book- but it doesn't make sense to me.

The only character I'm invested in right now is Jonah. I really wanted him to survive all the stuff thrown at him... then the author throws a curveball at the end that makes me wonder what the heck is really going on. I probably will check out the next book in the series. But it'll be a while.

Christine Bishop says

Once again! Great writing!

Sean Platt and David Wright have wrote another great serial that I will be reading. I started reading Johnny Truant and Sean Platt's Alien Invasion Series and I loved the writing and the world so much i looked up these authors web site and from there I was introduced to their serials through Yesterday's Gone. I just couldn't get enough of these authors so I dove write into Z 2134 and they do not disappoint. From the the first chapter to the last I was hooked on Ana, Jonah, and Liam's adventure. I can't wait to start reading the next book in the series!

lee atkins says

Easy read

Easy read but the story has already been done in hunger games this just has zombies added not sure if i will bother with the sequel

Kechanna Williams says

Wow, just wow.

This has blown me away, it's like Battle Royale meets Hunger Games meets zombies. Can't wait to read the next installment.

Byron says

Some decent action scenes but dialogue was tedious and the tone of the narration shifted constantly. I want the time I spent reading this one returned to me.

Susan says**Z 2134 book 1**

Great story! Great characters! Well worth the reading. Gritty and sometimes brutal but hopeful. And now on to the 2nd one.

Nahmita says

a cross between the hunger games and the movie running man! great book!
