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Darkness Begins: A Post-Apocalyptic Survival Thriller (After The EMP Book 1)



Synopsis

If the power grid fails, how far will you go to survive? **After the EMP** Madison spends her days tending plants as an agriculture student at the University of California, Davis. She plans to graduate and put those skills to work only a few hours from home in the Central Valley. The sun has always been her friend, until now. **When catastrophe strikes, how prepared will you be?** **Tracy** starts her morning like any other, kissing her husband Walter goodbye before heading off to work at the local public library. She never expects it to end fleeing for her life in a Suburban full of food and water. Tackling life's daily struggles is one thing, preparing to survive when it all crashes down is another. **The end of the world brings out the best and worst in all of us.** **With no communication and no word from the government, the Sloanes find themselves grappling with the end of the modern world all on their own. Will Madison and her friends have what it takes to make it back to Sacramento and her family? Can Tracy fend off looters and thieves and help her friends and neighbors survive?** **The EMP is only the beginning.** **Darkness Begins** is book one in **After the EMP**, a post-apocalyptic thriller series following the Sloane family and their friends as they attempt to survive after a geomagnetic storm destroys the nation's power grid.

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Customer Reviews

The best scene in this book is when 'Tracy' faces down a neighborhood Adam Henry who is pointing a shotgun at her daughter. Otherwise it's a little thin, but not bad. I read post-apocalypse fiction because I like to see how others see situations developing and how they propose to deal with them. The great value of this story is the description of how most people will find it almost impossible to face the reality of what life will be like after the grid goes down. This is well and accurately depicted, I think. Because my approach to the subject is learning I am loathe to put an author down who is making a sincere effort, and I commend this author for his sincere effort. But I will make one suggestion: Do an outline and a characterization chart for your characters so you can keep track of their personalities and their perspectives on events they experience. The only problem I had here was what seemed to be Madison flip-flopping back and forth between a full understanding of the situation one minute and refusing to face the reality the next. I had to review previous paragraphs several times to be sure of who was speaking or reacting. The other characters were a little better developed and consistent, but not by much.

Darkness Begins was an interesting book for me to read. Unlike many other entertainment versions of the survivalist in a post apocalyptic world, this starts so early on in the transition from modern to possible chaos that our main characters know what is going on. Specifically the whole world, from what we gather, has been plunged into a catastrophic event but because there was no large warning or alert most people who are used to creature comforts don't make a possible connection while others do. This book is here to lay the groundwork for what is going to happen in the next two books from what I gather. Maddison is the type of girl who never had to struggle and pretty innocent to how people can be cruel. If it wasn't for the fact that she has friends that have seen the horrible nature of the world and are prepared for how weird stuff could get she wouldn't have survived. Her mother Terry, on one hand, really does come into her own sense of understanding through out this book. Some people have written about her best scene in the book but there are also a lot of other bits in her story leading up to the standoff that really makes you want to learn more about her past. I hope the author talks about her past more in the second book. All an all if you are looking for a high action ride type of book this is not for you. If you want to see a progression that will continue into another book this could peak your interest.

WOW, Very Good Read! It's so realistic to how people will react to a disaster, which they don't understand, only the strong will survive. Very likeable characters who will keep you reading and not want to stop! A good story to learn from, be prepared for emergencies; first aid, meds, water, canned goods and learn to rotate your canned good collection of Preps. I'm starting on book 2!

I really enjoyed the story. Very plausible with characters you can get to know. Well edited and a good read. I highly recommend it and look forward to more of the series.

Love this edge of your seat author Harley Tate. Characters come to life, scenes easily pictured. I love this type of storyline. Looking forward to the next book, and all others by H.T. Thanks.....

Good start to a survival story. The story focuses on something that will happen sometime in the future, it's simply a matter of science. I like that it's not about political issues that may play out in nuclear attack or planned EMPs but rather a normal event of the sun. The story brings to light the nature of humans, both good and bad, in a crisis situation. People and family can band together or try to rip things apart all in the story of survival. A good read, thank you to the author.

Of the three dozen or so post-apocalyptic writers I'm presently enjoying, Harley Tate has to rank among the TOP FIVE for sure! Realistic situations, the narrative flows well, credible dialogue. . . I'm right there with the characters, thirsty and hungry and scared! Keep it up, keep writing, PLEASE!

Superbly written, researched, and thoroughly engrossing with completely realistic characters and scenarios. I highly recommend this book for any new readers of post-apocalyptic literature. You will learn a lot about what you should already have set aside of food, water, shelter, firearms, tools, first aid, and other items in the likely event of a catastrophic grid failure. I especially enjoyed the character development. The characters are all realistic and so real to life you might be thinking you really know these people. Well done and can't wait to read the rest of the series!

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