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Unexpected World: A Post Apocalyptic/Dystopian Survival Fiction Series (The EMP Survivor Series Book 1)



Synopsis

"I highly recommend this book." "Outstanding!" "This story is realistic and awesome. Another favorite author!" Author Chris Pike's debut novel is a gritty and compelling survival tale about human courage and steadfast determination to live, to endure, and to persevere against all odds. Assistant District Attorney Dillon Stockdale is on the phone with his daughter when an EMP obliterates the entire electrical grid of the United States. Anything relying on a computer is fried, including the plane his daughter is on. Gripped with the terrifying realization the plane has crash-landed somewhere in the expansive and dangerous landscape of Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin, Dillon sets out to rescue her before it's too late. A harrowing survival story with non-stop, pulse-pounding action, *Unexpected World* is a story of good vs. evil, of a complex narrative of fight or flight, and mind-bending choices resulting in profound consequences. Dillon Stockdale is determined, he's well-equipped, and nothing will stop him. Or will it? Books in the EMP Survivor Series: *Unexpected World* - Book 1 *Uncertain World* - Book 2 *Unknown World* - Book 3 *Unwanted World* - Book 4 *Undeclared World* - Book 5 and Final (coming early 2018) A note from the author: I'm on Facebook now! Look me up by "Author Chris Pike" and be the first to know about upcoming books.

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Customer Reviews

I must say besides the good story of this book is the good editing of this book. I have read many books of this type, and most seem they were either written as a 6th grade English class paper or edited by a 6th grader. I cant wait for the next book of this series to be available for reading.

The character development is great, and I have really enjoyed the storyline. A great beginning captures you and it is hard to put the book down. You will learn a lot of what it means to survive and what new skills you must develop. So, read, enjoy, learn and save some more food.

Read both book one and two in a weekend and found them very entertaining. Really, book one shouldn't not be purchased without book two. They could have simply been put together into one well planned novel. The character development was good, the plot good, and the book flowed well. Some bits were a little over the top: Moments after happening, the main character knows it was an EMP attack, the main character carries, on his back, a coworker five miles to his home. Granted it's a woman and she's not big, but come on. Oh, and then after all that, they have sex. Let's see, a plane crashes into the courthouse, killing many, you're unconscious for a five mile on foot trek, but you're ready for some cannoodling afterward. A little far fetched but the once past that the book and characters are good.

Well edited and generally solid writing but it left a lot of things out and jumped around a bit. Not the best in the genre. The book centers on the well used premise of a mysterious EMP hitting, at least the region where events unfold, and focuses on a dad and daughter separated when the catastrophe strikes. The storyline alternately follows each of these two characters while they try to find each other after the EMP (and apparent inevitable fall of civilization). Unfortunately there are many areas where the author does not flesh things out where he could have. Journeys days to weeks are mostly mentioned in passing and interaction with the rest of the world outside the narrow scope of integral characters is minimal. I kept asking myself "how did they do THAT" or "what does this area look like", especially after the author makes it abundantly clear that civilization has immediately fallen, but does little to describe the general look or feel of the main characters'

surroundings. As other reviewers have noted, there was a lot of fast forwarding done and I think that really hurt the story. On the flip side of that, some time is devoted to explaining some things which are then just chucked out the window as seemingly irrelevant. While the story seemed fairly short, and had the inevitable "stay tuned for my next book in the series" ending, it still felt like not a lot happened. I could summarize the plot line in two or three sentences. I wanted to like this book and kept seeing glimmerings of what might be, it just kind of fizzled for me.

I'm interested in the story so even I can't figure out why I chose to give this only 3 stars.... I guess it's the so so part. which are spoilers.... It feels like the author perhaps put a bit of his own personality into Dillion... and the author is obviously a gun enthusiast. Now I have nothing against guns, have my own ccl as well but there is WAY too much time and details about guns in the story. My eyes just kind of glazed over after 8000 gun, ammo and gun specific tools descriptions. Then Dillion seems like a male chauvinist at times but is supposedly a "gentleman". Talks about women doing the kitchen work and things like that. Enough for me to notice and enough to grate on my nerves. Add to that he's a strong, military man and a prepper. He's supposedly ready for the sthtf, his love interest is possibly DYING from blood poisoning and he decides to get her LIPSTICK!? The story itself, premise, setup is good. Editing for an indy book (my book preference) isn't horrible. I just wish it had been edited for character consistency as well as content and then it would have been at least 4 stars.

I've very much enjoyed listening to the first 2 audible books in this series while driving. Had I purchased the paperback (which I normally do.... just always preferred old school) I would not have felt like I got my money's worth as I think AT LEAST the first 2 books should have been combined. At the kindle price however, it is a series worth reading. I am a big fan of the genre every since I read Stephen Kings The Stand and Robert McCormick Swan Song in the 1980's. More often than not the writing skills of the author's have not yet been honed to stand up to the work of Stephen King, but this is one of the better series.

I really liked the pace of the story, but have some complaints. Firstly, the main female character (Holly), seemed a little slow on the uptake for supposedly being a lawyer; she was in disbelief at what was going on most of the time, and did some dumb things (like sitting up and looking to see if it was "safe to go" when some unknown person was ACTIVELY shooting a rifle at her -- the hero had to tell her to get down... :(). Secondly, I was hoping to read more about the daughter and her new

boyfriend... obviously a sequel is needed. The beginning of the book was awesome, but by the end, the writing seemed rushed; the main bad guy was dull; the twist with the lawyer was pretty hard to take. AND it was very short, especially for the price. Having said all that, the author was able to keep it together, and I'll probably read the 2nd book... but not in a real big rush to do so.

I have just finished Book 1, and had a hard time putting it down to eat. I am now at the end of this book and have enjoyed it immensely. This is going to be a little short because I am in a hurry to start Book 2. Book 1 was a very well written book that kept me steadily reading and I didn't find any slow parts. I definitely and highly recommend this book. I don't normally write this long of a review. Can not say enough good things about it, hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Robert Mize

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