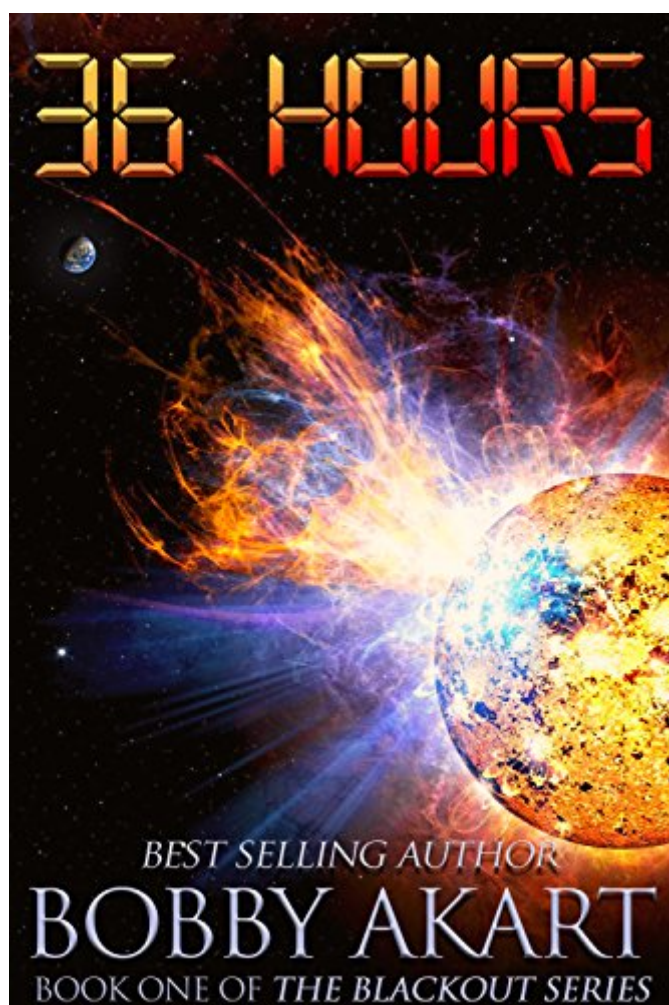


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36 Hours: A Post-Apocalyptic EMP Survival Fiction Series (The Blackout Series Book 1)



Synopsis

WHAT WOULD YOU DO if a voice was screaming in your head "GET READY . . . for a catastrophic event of epic proportions . . . with no idea where to start . . . or how, or when? This is a true story, it just hasn't happened yet. A new dystopian, post apocalyptic fiction series from author Bobby Akart (The Boston Brahmin series and the Prepping for Tomorrow series). The characters depicted in The Blackout Series are fictional. The events, however, are based upon fact. This is not the story of preppers with stockpiles of food, weapons, and a hidden bunker. This is the story of Colton Ryman, his stay-at-home wife, Madison, and their teenage daughter, Alex. In 36 Hours, the Ryman family and the rest of the world will be thrust into the darkness of a post-apocalyptic world. A catastrophic solar flare, an EMP, a threat from above to America's soft underbelly below is hurtling toward our planet. The Rymans have never heard of preppers and have no concept of what prepping entails. But they're learning, while they run out of time. Their faith will be tested, their freedom will be threatened, but their family will survive. An EMP, naturally generated from our sun in the form of a solar flare, has happened before, and it will happen again, in only 36 Hours. This is a story about how our sun, the planet's source of life, can also devastate our modern world. It's a story about panic, chaos, and the final straws that shattered an already thin veneer of civility. It is a warning to us all ...never underestimate the depravity of man. What would you do when the clock strikes zero? Midnight is forever. Note: This book does not contain strong language. It is intended to entertain and inform audiences of all ages, including teen and young adults. Although some scenes depict the realistic threat our nation faces from a devastating solar flare, and the societal collapse which will result in the aftermath, it does not contain graphic scenes typical of other books in the post-apocalyptic genre.

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Best Selling Author Bobby Akart discusses The Blackout Series Q: The Blackout Series takes the reader on a journey with the Ryman family, who you've described as non-preppers. Tell us why that's a central element to the story. A: My wife and I started prepping around 2010 after we moved away from Las Vegas, which was, in my opinion, Ground Zero for the housing market collapse. We'd just experienced the closest thing to economic collapse since the Great Depression, but we observed something else

It's a crushing blow to our economy and a breakdown of society. Q: How did this lead you to prepping? A: We began to consider the catastrophic threats our nation faces, both man-made and naturally occurring. We asked ourselves basic questions like what if there was no electricity or clean water, no grocery stores or gas stations, and especially, no law enforcement. We immediately began to get educated on preparedness for catastrophic events. In my opinion, it was like getting insurance against the unforeseen events that could end the world as we know it. Q: What kind of threats? A: As a nation, we face many threats—cyber attacks, EMP, both nuclear and from the sun in the form of a coronal mass ejection, and the spread of a deadly pandemic. All of the above could result in economic and societal collapse, yet most Americans have less than seven days of food in their pantry and couldn't pay a \$1,000 medical bill in an emergency. Q: Was there a little bit of you in the Ryman family? A: To an extent, although they only had 36 Hours to get ready, hence the name of the book. I've learned through social media and reader interaction that not everyone is as prepared as they want to be. The Blackout Series is written to entertain, as well as inform, the average reader on the common sense ways they can get ready for a grid-down scenario. Q: How realistic is this anyway? I mean, we've never been nuked. A: In my writing, I base the fiction on historical fact. For example, I detailed in my non-fiction book, *Cyber Warfare*, part of the *Prepping for Tomorrow* series, how nation-states have used cyber attacks to take down the power grid of other countries, such as Russia's attack on Ukraine during Christmas of 2015. Nuclear weapons testing in the fifties and sixties provided the science for a devastating electromagnetic pulse which can destroy a power grid. Many nations possess the capability now, including Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea. These are countries that don't like us very much. Q: What about the Sun? Quoting one of your characters "ya lives by da Sun and ya dies by da Sun." A: Hey, spoiler alert there! Let me give you three examples of how a devastating solar flare has impacted our planet. The Carrington Event of 1859 was so powerful that it fried telegraph operations from coast-to-coast. Had it occurred today, America would be brought to her knees through a collapse of the power grid and thrown back into the nineteenth century technology-wise. In 1989, a solar flare took out the power grid in Quebec for weeks. In the Summer of 2014, our planet experienced a near-miss of a solar storm that made the Carrington Event look like just another hot summer day. Q: What's your next project? A: Well, my first six-book project, *The Boston Brahmin Series* focused on a devastating Cyber Attack and the aftermath. The six-book *Blackout Series* involved a massive solar storm and the struggle to survive the depravity of man. In the summer of 2017, I will be releasing *The Pandemic Series*.

Historically, our nation has been plagued with infectious disease since the dawn of time. The Black Death, the Spanish Flu of 1918, and AIDs have killed many millions of people. Presidents and scientists agree, there are many threats to our nation's security from nuclear proliferation to terrorism, but a naturally occurring virus, an organism one-billionth our size, could be the deadliest of them all. The Pandemic Series will explore this threat in detail. The hard science is eye-opening!

Q: Final question. Regardless of the threats you explore in your writing, what steps do you suggest for a new prepper?

A: Focus on beans, band-aids, and bullets, plus shelter. Shelter refers to where you live, or where you can bugout to if things get bad. The farther away from population centers, the better. Beans refer to your food storage. Start small by saving enough for your family to survive a month if the grocery stores shut down. Expand from there.

Q: How much food should I try to store?

A: How long do you wanna live?

Q: Point taken. What about band-aids?

A: If we experience a total collapse of our society and economy, regardless of the catalyst, doctors and hospitals will be inundated with patients, or disappear altogether. You'll have to provide your own health care. Don't overlook the first aid supplies necessary. After the end of the world as we know it, a simple cut, once infected, could kill you.

Q: What about bullets? Suppose you don't believe in gun ownership.

A: Good luck. I have a saying. If you can't defend it, it isn't yours. The only way to protect your family and your preps is to have more firepower than the bad guys who want to harm the ones you love.

Q: The Blackout Series will help me get prepared?

A: Absolutely. I believe that a well-written book of prepper fiction will not only provide tips to the seasoned prepper, but it will also bring any skeptics into the fold. The Blackout Series will have readers highlighting and taking notes from start-to-finish.

5 StarsGreat character interaction, fast paced, and plenty of action to keep you hooked. I must admit that Akart's writing is highly addictive. This is another of his series that you are not going to want to put down.

It takes a bit to grow on you because the Author does a thorough job of establishing the characters. A great story about what our reality may be tomorrow. You will quickly find that you can't put this book down.

Very realistic considering it has never happened, but very possibly could. With all the asteroids flying around earth and the tensions around the world, this could actually happen, sooner rather

than later.

All the books in the Blackout Series were great reads. The story is full of references to real places and real people in Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee. Woven into the story are practical helps for dealing with life after an EMP. The main characters are a dad, mom and teenage daughter. Bad things happen without gory, graphic descriptions; a hint of romance, but no sexual situations; no foul language in this series--making it suitable reading for teens and adults.

The book started off a little slow for me with all of the science behind solar flares, but in the end, it totally captivated me. Very realistic dystopian series. Finished all 6 books in a week. Couldn't put it down. Loved the preppers checklist at the back. Could have done without the recount of characters and each prior book at the beginning, but a very worthy read.

This author has delivered again! More great characters and a believable story, combine for another series I can't quit reading!!

After reading the entire Blackout series this book was a fast moving interesting start for the series. As usual Mr. Akarts writing keeps me feeling I'm part of the action throughout. I hope he keeps writing a lot more of this subject.

Great information. Encourage you to read and then make preparations before it becomes a necessity. Looking forward to next book.

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