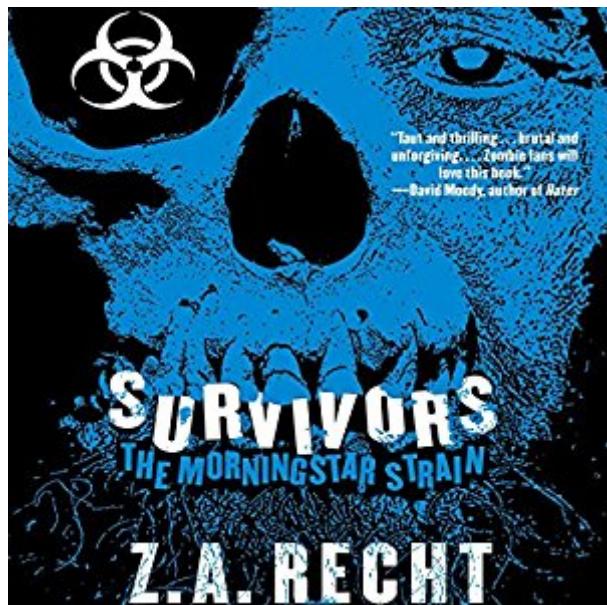


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Customer Reviews

The first two books in the Morningstar strain were great. I was eagerly awaiting the 3rd book and was crestfallen to hear about the author passing away (my thoughts go out to his family and friends). When I heard that the 3rd book was still being written I was torn. I was happy that the book was going to be finished, but scared because past experiences have made me very weary of ghost writers. After weeks of staring at 's preorder link, my curiosity won out and I had to know how it ended. The storyline was solid and moved at a constant pace. Some characters acted just how I remembered, some seemed a little different, and others seemed to be there for cameo

appearances. Character differences are things I expected, I can only imagine how hard it would be to take over writing a story with so many characters. The only thing that put me off was that the "zombie process" seemed to change from the first 2 books. Previously, someone infected could take days to show signs (unless they were bit, then it was a much faster process) and become a sprinter. After they were killed, if it wasn't a head shot, in an hour or so they would rise as a shambler. In the third book a few uninfected characters died and became shamblers in minutes. Please don't take the above 2 paragraphs as negative, they are just things that I noticed. All in all, Survivors wasn't a bad piece of work. Kudos to Thomas Brannan for giving all Z's fans an ending to an epic series.

This is the last of a great series. However this book written by someone other than Z is horrible. It appears that the writer merely wanted to tie up all of the loose ends. Many of the characters you had grown to know were killed arbitrarily for no apparent reason and it seemed that all the point was to end the book. Very disappointing after a long wait. I would have been better off not to have read the last book and imagined what happened.

First off I want to thank Thom Brannan for finishing the series and Z's family for allowing this book to be written for all of Z's fans. This had to be hard considering the circumstances (Z passed before his time and it makes me wonder how many more great stories, we his fans, have now lost out on). It is not easy to finish a book for someone let alone a series. Thom's work does not read or flow like Z's they are 2 different people with 2 different writing styles. Still kudos to you Thom. If you read this book do not expect it to read the same as Z's first 2 books. I'm interested in reading more of Thom's works to get a better feel for his writing style. I enjoyed the book, but as many readers have pointed out the characters and the flow of the story feel a little off compared to the first 2 books in the series. In this fan's opinion Z was a truly gifted writer and the world seems a bit dimmer without him.

So I'm not sure why this book is getting so much hate. True it is the worst of the series with Thunder and Ashes being the best but honestly, this book wasn't too bad. I think most times fans of series might just be upset that it has ended, wanting more. I mean a lot of people hating the final Harry Potter book. I read Plague of the Dead and it was a slow start but half way through it really grabbed me and I wanted more so I gave it 4 stars. Thunder And Ashes did not disappoint and I honestly was unable to put it down and I ended up giving it 5 stars. Survivors gets 3. But that's only because I really hate the character of Sawyer and some of the plot points and motives made absolutely no sense. Like, spoiler alert, for example, attacking a town that was in the opposite direction from

where the character he was after actually were. Agent Sawyer reminds me of the Governor from the Walking Dead: His motives rarely make sense, he screws up everything, and everyone just wants him to drop dead. But all in all, I didn't think this book hastily wrapped itself up trying to tie up loose ends as many of the reviews on here say. However, it is true the author died before completing this book and it was finished by someone else and I do agree that had he not died, this book may have been as good as Thunder and Ashes. Unfortunately we will never know. I say if you already bought and read Plague and Thunder, go ahead and purchase this too.

This is the 3rd book in "The Morningstar Strain" trilogy. It's unfortunate that the author passed away prior to finishing this 3rd book. His family was able to gather his notes, etc., and got a "ghost writer" to finish it, and thus "Survivors" was finished, for which I am glad. Note that this book does seem kind of choppy in many places, almost like the ghost writer was just stringing together the original author's notes and ideas. Sometimes, it seemed that paragraphs would "repeat" itself from previous scenes; again, as if the ghost writer was just connecting the original ideas/notes from the author's material, without actually reading and condensing what was there to make the story flow better and smoother. It did seem kind of rushed in some sections, and especially the ending. Also, expect several "twists & turns" with the characters! 'Nuff said... ;-) If you are a fan of the zombie genre, and especially wanted to find out what happens after the 2nd book of this trilogy, then this is a must buy. Even with what I wrote in my previous paragraph, I do recommend this book. :-)

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