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First Activation (The Activation Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Brothers Harry and Jack leave Manchester for New York City for their annual weekend getaway. But upon arrival, they find a silent, deserted JFK, where the few ground crew they can spot have all been slaughtered. Harry and Jack are military veterans, but they've never encountered anything like this. As they witness the carnage and stumble across murderous madmen in a post-apocalyptic New York City, it becomes clear that escape is the only option—that is, if there is anywhere sane to escape to.

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Customer Reviews

First Activation follows two ex-British Army brothers who are on their way to New York City for an annual vacation with friends. While in mid-air they lose contact with the ground, soon finding out that nearly everyone on the ground has gone insane and is compelled to kill another person and then themselves. As they come to find out there is much more going on than they first think. The first part of this book is pretty good. The characters are likable enough if not a bit bland, and the tension of

trying to figure out what's going on and who's insane or not. More importantly, the characters are generally logical and don't commit any obviously dumb moves that come mind. Without giving anything away, the second act, during which the characters discover the cause of the insanity, is where the book falters. Without giving too much away, the culprits behind the phenomenon just plainly don't seem very credible or capable enough to pull the whole thing off. Furthermore, their reasoning while not terrible, is not terribly imaginative. The book ends, as others have said, quite abruptly. If there's a sequel, it will make more sense, but as a novel presently without a sequel it's not particularly satisfying. All this said, the book is not bad, it's just not great. The writing's good, the plot moves along at a decent pace and it's a relatively quick read. Most people will likely enjoy the book, and I did as well, but it is not one I will be racing to read again.

It was an interesting read. It was a 'The End of the World as We Know It' novel with an interesting twist. There were quite a few incorrect spellings... even being aware that this was published in UK English, so I didn't count those... just the ones that were incorrect in both UK and US English. There wasn't enough to completely detract from the story and I am aware that the authors now have a publishing deal, so hopefully a professional editor will clean those issues up. I will be keeping a watch on this series, even with the disappointed cliff-hanger this novel was left on. I would recommend this to genre lovers as well as folks looking for an adventure. It is priced right, which brought my rating from the three stars to the four stars.

Wow, quite a book, you never quite know what will happen to the characters. A little too graphic in some spots, but overall I would recommend. I did read some reviews that didn't like ending, but the end just made me want to read next book, stay tuned

This story reads like conspiracy. I did not like how many people who escaped activation died because of inability to protect themselves from other dangers. I did like the very end. If it ended in any other way I would not have read book two in the series. Yeah for Jack.

I really enjoyed this book, but there were a lot of unanswered questions at the end. Where did the technology come from, what about the rest of the world, After Ron what happens next? I liked the character development and the interplay between the two brothers. I would have like to see a more developed ending. Does the second activation happen? There are a few editing problems and some missing, or misused words, but still a good read.

Quite unlike anything I've ever read before (and I've read a lot). Even the things in common with other stories (IE bodies) are not predictable. Best of all - no zombies whatsoever. This is a well written, easy-to-read and engaging book. Interesting and likeable (and some loathable) characters. I started reading it because I'd left my latest 'Jack Reacher' novel at home... but this one was so enjoyable that I've finished it without going back to Jack. Now that's saying something! Looking forward to the next one guys!

I think that this may be one of the best premises for a post apocalyptic story that I have read, and to be clear - I have read a lot of them. There are already plenty of reviews that summarize the story, so I will avoid that and instead speak to my personal experience with the story. The premise was excellent. The writing was good in some sections, great in others, and a little rough in just a few. With all that being said -- it was a VERY fun read, it was fast paced and thoroughly entertaining. I approached this story with a realistic expectation of what it was going to be; genre fiction. It is Horror. It is Action. It is NOT "Little Women" This is not a high-brow character study or think piece- Rather it is a fun quick read that will keep you thoroughly entertained. Some people have commented about the ending being too abrupt. It is abrupt, and as you may now know they are working on a sequel. So knowing that I approached it with the mindset that it would be similar to a season cliffhanger on a television show, and that was what I got. I am excited to read the sequel, so it clearly did its job. Some points of note. This book is not for everyone. If you are more interested in knowing the inner workings of someones soul than in reading an action packed story... you aren't going to like this. I really enjoyed it, especially at \$.99. 4.5 Stars

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