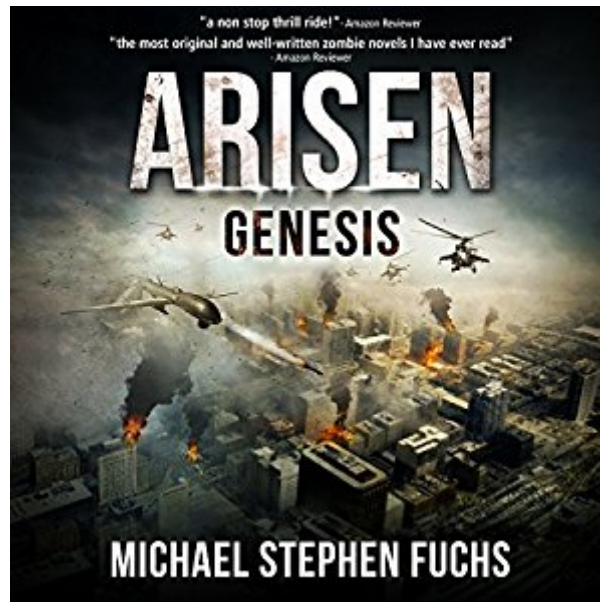


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Synopsis

Tucked away in a high-tech Tactical Operations Center, inside an isolated safehouse in the Horn of Africa, sits Agency analyst Zack Altringham. He is Kenyan-born, Princeton-educated, badly burnt-out - and condemned by his language and cultural skills to a lifetime of fighting America's shadow counter-terror wars. But when another mystery epidemic breaks out, terrifyingly quickly it reaches a tipping point and chaos descends - and Zack and his team (including two former Team Six SEALs) are trapped between the millstones of the sick and the dying on one side, and heavily armed militias on the other. Soon their "safe" house is in flames, and their only remaining option is to get in their up-armored SUV and try to escape the imploding gravity well of the city, to the safety of the American military base in Djibouti. But by then, will there be anywhere safe left on Earth to escape to?

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Customer Reviews

First off, yes, I am a zombie junkie. Especially since I got my Kindle Keyboard 2 1/2 yrs ago. Second, I am Michael Stephen Fuchs fan as well. 3rd, I did not receive this book for free for a review, I paid \$2.99 for it the day it came out! I have read and enjoyed a few other books by this author: Just Don't Shoot Me In The Ass, D-Boys, Counter-Assault (D-Boys #2), and of course, the 1st book in the Arisen series: Arisen, Book One - Fortress Britain. I have the 2nd book in the Arisen series (Arisen, Book Two - Mogadishu of the Dead) on my Kindle, but have not read it yet. When this prequel came out I jumped on this one first. Fuchs teamed up with Glynn James for the first two

Arisen books, but is the solo author of Genesis. I love special forces/operator military thrillers, like D-Boys & Counter-Assault.

My comments apply to the Arisen series as a whole. As described in previous reviews the books are action packed and the story progresses with well developed characters. One could stop here and have an entertaining 'take me out of the mundane' story, but these books offer something more through the questions posed by the authors to the reader. These questions include: 1. the strengthening of personal faith contrasted with the danger of religious zealots; 2. the role of divine providence/ divine judgement vs. coincidence/luck vs. consequence of personal choices 3. self preservation vs. self sacrifice 4. personal priorities and personal loyalties when it really counts. (These are just a few). The authors do not provide the answers but lead the reader through the questions in different scenarios. The Job character on the cliff was fascinating to me. I wondered what he was thinking. Was he thinking at all? What is his role in the above questions? It would be helpful to read 'Genesis' after books 1 and 2 as it seems to be more a flashback than an introduction. If you tried to read it first it wouldn't be readily obvious as to why you should care about if this guy survives or not. Additionally Genesis is written with a slightly different tone and style that fits perfectly with this story marking it as a different time/ a different world. The abbreviations were difficult for me but I don't typically read military related books, and the author should not be blamed for my ignorance. Also, reading 'Genesis' served as a good reminder for me to consider the heroism and selflessness of the security personnel who protect our diplomats in harms way.

There are a couple of reasons I found this book excellent. The writing is very well done with no errors that I could find. Also, we experience this apocalypse through the two of our military heroes and a couple of (I think) CIA computer geeks. the book is written in the style of Tom Clancy, Brad Thor and Vince Flynn (RIP to a very talented author who was taken from us way too soon). The story starts in the safe house set up in a little town in Somalia called Hargeisa. This safe house is a sort of spinning door for the military as they completed missions in this area. *****SPOILER ALERT***** The story is told from the perspective of a young technician named Zach who actually frets a lot about what he knows is the coming apocalypse and is treated like a cute little puppy by the people who come and go. However, one day it happened. And as the safe house is about to be blown to bits, Zack, a Navy Seal, Bob, a second Navy Seal, Dugan and Baxter, the other technician barely make it out of the house in their well equipped Chevy Tahoe. If you aren't already on the edge of your seat, your teeth clattering on your fingernails, then you haven't been

paying close attention to the story. What I liked most about this book was getting a bird's eye view of how our military units become like family in a short time when under extreme duress. They worked long and hard to stay alive as they flee this declining little city which is falling literally to the ground in a very short time. Once free of the city, they discover that rebel factions on either side of a very volatile situation in Somalia, have banded together and are as deadly to their existence as the diseased humans are.

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