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Unleashed: V Plague Book 1



Synopsis

John Chase has just arrived in Atlanta on a routine business trip. ã ã When he wakes the next morning, John is shocked to learn that America has been savagely attacked with both nuclear and biochemical weapons. He is immediately thrown into an apocalyptic horror, rescuing a young woman from a group of men who are in a violent rage as a result of the release of a devastating neurotoxin. His path is clear. Survive and fight his way across the continent to reunite with his wife as society disintegrates into savagery and millions of people become raging infected, roaming unchecked in their pursuit of the dwindling number of survivors. But survival will be the hardest task he has ever undertaken. So begins *Unleashed*, the first installment of the thrilling *V Plague* series. The novels are set against the backdrop of a shattered, post apocalyptic America and tell the stories of a steadily growing cast of complex characters and their battles to survive. There are numerous sub-plots of greed, brutality, betrayal, treason, heartbreak and even a serial killer woven throughout the progression of the main storyline, chronicling the best and the worst of humanity as the world crumbles. With a main character that is the Jack Reacher of the apocalypse, this is a series that has been hailed by readers and critics alike: "A richly textured, post apocalyptic world has been created that draws you in, grabs you by the throat and shakes you like a rag doll. Wow! I've read so many series that peak by the second or third book, giving up on them when the author starts recycling events and story lines. But not here! I've read all the books and am impatiently waiting for the next, and it just keeps getting better! New characters, new sub-plots, new dangers, new victories, new settings. Each book is fresh, continuing the best story I've read in years. I hope the series never ends!" "I wasn't, and I'm still not a zombie fan, but this series blew me away! You want zombies, you've got the infected. But these are all too real and possible. No mumbo-jumbo ridiculous explanation (or lack thereof) for re-animated corpses walking around to be found here. Bravo, Mr. Patton! You scare the hell out of me and keep me flipping through the pages because I can't put your books down." "A devastating, completely believable end of the world as we know it scenario? Check! The guilty pleasure of the apocalypse? Check! Well written, intricately plotted with a surprise at every turn? Check! Enough action to make Chuck Norris and Rambo beg for a vacation? Check!" "A giant breath of fresh air in a tired genre" "What *The Walking Dead* should be. Cancel TWD and start filming this tomorrow!" "Wonderful characters that are real. Some you love, some you hate and some you loathe" "Two tours in Iraq and one in A-stan and I've met a lot of operators. This is the most realistic, true to life depiction of a bad-ass special forces operator I've ever read. They aren't superman or ninjas, they're human just like everyone else, only much more

determined. Best books and best characters I've come across in years. Oorah!" "An all too believable scenario for the end of the world" "A beautifully written, tightly woven tale of determination to survive against all odds" "Perfectly crafted action scenes, creeping gooseflesh suspense and sudden, laugh out loud, one-liners to keep you turning pages" "Look up adrenaline in the dictionary and most likely you'll see a picture of one of these books" "Absolute genius! What a brilliantly done series. Read all the books in a week. Who needs to go to work?"

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Customer Reviews

OK, our hero is a former SF guy, the heroine is a stripper with a heart of gold and is a third year medical student. They meet zombies and ill-intentioned red necks. What's not to love? There is lots of action in cars, boats and on foot while trying to make it to our hero's wife way out west. This isn't the tale of two cities, but it's fun. If you've been to or live in Atlanta, bits of this will ring true. That's just icing on the cake. This really could be set in Anywhereopolis with no ill effect.

To say that I enjoyed this book would be an understatement! The "zombie" genre is really big right now and this book and its characters are a breath of fresh air. The mix of action/terror and humor made this book an entertaining read from start to finish. The thought process that the author brought to the book was refreshing. There are a couple of typos in the book but they do not in anyway take away from the story. I will say one thing for this book, the use of filler is almost nonexistent and that makes for a fast and entertaining read. I am very much looking forward to book two of the Voodoo Plague series. If you even have a passing interest in the "zombie" genre, buy this book. I think that you will enjoy it as much as I did. JP

Action packed adventure. The Apocalypse interrupts a man's business trip and sends him on a journey to try to return home. There are a lot of miles, herds of infected people, and scariest of all groups of uninfected that he will have to get through to make it there. A fast paced tale, well told, with excellent characters to make the journey with.

While not usually a fan of this genre, I am an absolute fan of Patton's new series, Unleashed: V Plague Book 1!! Patton does an excellent job developing a very plausible plot as well as the characters in this fast moving book. The action is non-stop and comes at you from every direction. This book had the hair on the back of my neck rising more than once. Keep up the great work and I can't wait to read the next in the series.

Wow. One of the best zombie book series there is. As much action as Arisen, but with a better story. Half way through this first book in the series, I went to the Kindle store and bought the next thirteen. Then read them pretty much straight through. Yes it is that good.

Some very unique spins on the "Zombie" theme. I am on book 9 of 14 as I write this and have been very happy with the series. Lots of action, good characters, good plot line and not a lot of repetitive dialog. If you decide to read this series, you must start with book 1 or you will be lost. The author does not waste time recapping the story at the beginning of each book, which I like.

The Voodoo Plague series by Dirk Patton is an original, character-filled, action-packed, compelling post-apocalyptic tale. The first book in series, Voodoo Plague, starts with a businessman, John Chase, experiencing some disturbing events while in a hotel in Atlanta. He rescues a woman,

Rachel, from an attack and they quickly go on the run as they realize that people have become rage-infected due to a bioterrorist attack. They decide to head to Arizona to find John's wife, Katie, and quickly get immersed in not only survival, but also helping others survive. There are several unique elements that make the series stand out from the ordinary.

1. The "zombies" are not undead; they are regular people who have been infected with a bioterrorism virus. Females are fast, 28 days later rage-filled creatures, and some exhibit intelligence, while males form slow shambling Romero-type herds.
2. This is not a story about an average Joe rising to the occasion -- the central character in the series, John Chase, is a highly trained ex-military superhero. He keeps going and going, like the Energizer bunny, and is skilled to the extent that the reader has to suspend disbelief at some points. But being a superhero has its benefits, and it allows John to charge from action-packed situation to situation, which makes for a tense roller-coaster ride -- bringing us to point 3.3. Action is non-stop. Infected! Nukes! White Supremists! Tornados! Slavers! Floods! Train Wrecks! Plane Crashes! Redneck Shit-kickers! Rescues! Bioterrorism! Serial Killers! Invading Forces! Helicopter Crashes! There is seriously no breathing space ever in this series, which means there is never a logical breaking point when you can go to sleep or leave the book for a while.
4. The characters, including those in supporting roles, are all interesting. I didn't much like John at first, as he is bit macho in the first book, but the other characters caught my attention, especially Dog. Rachel, the rather clichéd "stripper with heart of gold" (and smarts too) is tough and resilient and likeable. Crawford, Jackson, Roach, and other characters add depth to the story. Though you don't want to get attached to them, these are normal mortals unlike John!

The Voodoo Plague series is good fun, and I recommend that you get the entire set, call in sick to work, and tell your family that you need some personal space. Then, curl up in a dark room and enjoy the roller-coaster ride as John, Rachel, and Dog try to survive the action-packed events in Dirk Patton's extraordinary, post-apocalyptic world.

Sometimes simplicity is best be it the setting, the characters or the overall plot. This story through its simplicity keeps the reader wondering what is next even though many probably have an idea. Also, there are a lot of unanswered questions that probably get answered in subsequent books. I look forward to the next sequel.

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