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# The Remaining



## Synopsis

In a steel-and-lead-encased bunker 20 feet below the basement level of his house, a soldier waits for his final orders. On the surface, a plague ravages the planet, infecting over 90% of the populace. The bacterium burrows through the brain, destroying all signs of humanity and leaving behind little more than base, prehistoric instincts. The infected turn into hyper-aggressive predators, with an insatiable desire to kill and feed. Someday soon, the soldier will have to open the hatch to his bunker, and step out into this new wasteland, to complete his mission: Subvenire reffectus. To rescue and rebuild. The Remaining is the first book in the best-selling series, which tells a gritty tale of survival, perseverance and fighting to get back what has been lost.

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this story and have already purchased and read the second in the series. I was going to just review the second book but decided I would start with this one. It is one of the first books I read on my new Kindle in April and could hardly put down to get anything else accomplished. I highly recommend this to anyone who likes a good adventure and some zombies. By the way, I felt the military aspects, the description of the guns, weapons, etc., just gave it authenticity. Read it! I love this series. I read it years ago when it first came out but there are more books in the series now so I am reading them all again. I love Captain Lee Harden and his military training. He is sent down into his well prepared bunker to await instructions, to not leave until 30 days after he finds that the social and government parts of the US civilization has fallen. His mission is to find survivors and organize them, bring them supplies to keep them going. But when he rises

out of the underground bunker he finds what is really meant when the social and government structures have fallen into lawlessness. His mission becomes very challenging when he sees the infected to have no mission except to eat others. This is well written and I see the author D.J. Moles, has released a newly updated version of these books. I am rereading the ones I already have and will then buy the newer releases of the later books I have not read already. If you like post apocalypse books, zombies and handsome male protagonist who is very capable you will like these books. I am hoping he will find a love interest in book 2.

Zombie books are a mixed bag. You have the very poorly written ones that are almost impossible to read. You also have the amateur level book that has some grammar problems, but is a good fun read. There are the middle of the road books that follow an obvious path and are mostly satisfying. Then comes the well written but not totally original or satisfying. This book is in the relatively low percentage of stories that is well written, clever, compelling, and almost impossible to put down until you have read the entire story. It is really excellent. I started reading it and finished within about two days because it was so good. It has some surprises, a few emotional moments, and some moments that had me holding my breath. I have 40+ zombie books on the kindle and I have seen probably every zombie movie made (I am a long time fan of the genre). This author ranks up with Jonathan Maberry, Max Brooks, and some of the other top authors of zombie literature. The only thing I don't like is that the zombies are not the truly dead zombies, but instead, the virus type that are technically still alive. The novels are so good I really don't mind, which tells you something about how well this is written. Buy it and enjoy!

The Remaining is the first installment of D.J. Molles' entertaining series about a Special Forces soldier who emerges from a bunker with a mission to rebuild America after doomsday. The doomsday in this series is a plague that turns infected people into homicidal, zombie-like cannibals with a high tolerance for pain and body odor. Molles is a great writer and really knows how to move the story along. As a first in the series, this is a well-written high concept zombie apocalypse. The only shortcomings have to do with several plot holes that may have been difficult to fill due to Molles' penchant for creating suspense by letting his clay-footed protagonist, Lee Harden, make some of the most bone-headed decisions ever depicted in a bestselling suspense-thriller. Harden is supposed to be the consummate Special Forces soldier, specially trained to restore order after a disaster. He is described as a Ranger veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan who became Special Forces qualified for his mission and who has received all kinds of joint training from other operators like

SEALS (Harden's "the only easy day was yesterday" lament is a SEAL staple), yet his decision-making and tactics never seem to rise much higher than the average graduate of Fort Benning's entry level 11B school (that's tolerable coming from a civilian author -- and Molles does a much, much better job writing about guns than tactics). Harden keeps trying to play the knight in shining armor and getting his butt handed to him in the process. He doesn't seem emotionally or mentally disciplined enough for "Operation Hometown." You'd think a guy stuck in a bunker waiting for the world to end would at least read a John Wesley Rawles book or two! It would have been more realistic to make him a higher-ranking operator and part of a two person Adam-and-Eve type of team... but maybe that would have been too high concept. PLOT HOLE SPOILER ALERT: One of the biggest, saddest plot holes involves the loss of Tango, Harden's military working dog. The military working dog character had a lot of potential (Harlan Ellison's post-apocalyptic "A Boy and His Dog" comes to mind). But if the dog were capable of catching the FURY zombie bacteria, why didn't Harden emerge into a world of wild zombie dog packs instead of people? Oh, well. For the most part, though, it's all creepy-gory-good-fun stuff. I will probably read more in this series. For the fun of it.

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