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Last Stand: Surviving America's Collapse



Synopsis

John Mack, a prepper and former soldier, struggles to save his family and community after an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) takes out the country's electrical grid. With most electronics, communications and transportation destroyed in a matter of seconds, the nation quickly collapses into anarchy. For John and the other residents of Willow Creek Drive, the breakdown of social order throws them back to the 1800s. As the community tries to come together, a powerful outside force appears that threatens their survival. Will John's years of military and prepping experience be enough to keep them safe? Mixing tons of useful prepping tips into an action-packed story, *Last Stand: Surviving America's Collapse* is a must-read for any fans of survival fiction.

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Customer Reviews

John Mack and his family are well prepared for disasters. He has been a prepper for a number of years. They have a bunker in their home and an older vehicle to bug out to their cabin in nearby Tennessee. Sure enough, the disaster occurs and this time it is an EMP. John has a conscience which was partially developed by serving overseas in third world countries. As a result of this, he can not morally leave his neighbors without trying to assist them. This is the story of their

neighborhood putting up the best fight they can against a man named Cain and his group of thugs. John sets up various committees which are responsible for certain things. He is in charge of the security aspect. As one might suspect, things get uglier and uglier until an intense battle occurs. You are right in surmising that after this battle, it is time to head for their cabin. And, a surprise awaits them when they arrive! Found it to be an interesting read with quite a few tips on survival included. One was the water filtration system made from the two 55 gallon drums. I liked the mix of characters, thought the plot was well written and the ending was just and deserved! Most highly recommended and a well done to this author for his first book! I also was delighted to find just a couple of errors while reading the book..

I liked this book a lot. I learned a lot of jargon and also a lot about survivalist living. I thought the author excelled numerous times by working typical examples into the story. To name just three: Al, the neighbor who even though a nice guy, wasn't prepared for anything other than a basic power outage. When the crisis started to unfold, the people who became downright hateful to the main character, regarding battery jumps and getting a lift. Last but not least, the neighbors having a cookout and continuing on like nothing was out of the ordinary. I appreciated the example of the family debating about house versus the cabin. As the house had a bunker with food in it, I could understand the logic of the debate. Both locations would serve different purposes - one short term and one longer. The stop at the grocery store also served to educate the reader regarding the best things to purchase (and what not to purchase) if ever in a situation such as the one the book centered around. The above comments focus just on the beginning of the story. There is a lot of suspense throughout the read and also a lot of education. I thought this was a very well thought out and educational story.

Last Stand: Surviving America's Collapse is one hell of a thrill ride. I read this book straight through in one sitting. John Mack is a former military man with a plan to always be prepared. When by surprise an EMP takes out all power, phones, and any form of police protection, he is left to defend his family on his own. Having fought in third world countries, John already knows how this scenario will play out. Against his better judgment he allows himself to remain behind and stand with his neighbors to prepare for the worst. This book kept me turning pages with no hesitation it's a fast well-written read with very real character in a very real nightmare situation I hope we never experience. For a first novel, William H. Weber has a real career ahead of himself as an author.

If you enjoy post-apocalyptic fiction, this latest installment is a pretty good read. Rather than a virus or nuclear event, this one focuses in on a solar-induced EMP event that leaves a man and his family stranded in the big city prior to their escape to their place out in the country. The author does a pretty good job of describing the events and making you feel as you are living along with the characters and really makes you think in terms of 'what would you do?' if you were caught in a similar situation. While some of the situations in this novel were similar to other post-apocalyptic novels I have read, to me it was very believable and was an enjoyable tale: and I wouldn't mind seeing how things shape up in book 2 of the series. I originally picked this up during a Kindle sale for 99 cents vs. its normal price of \$2.99, and I certainly got more than \$2.99 worth of entertainment value out of it. If you enjoy a good post-apocalyptic novel, I would recommend this one.

This novel is a pessimistic, but sadly, probably realistic, view of America's response to a situation which wipes out everything high-tech. Centring on one family, the head of which obviously has extensive military experience, the story grabs one's attention from EMP to end. Touching on the 'prepper's' popularity of recent years, this book depicts the central character as not completely self-centred and with compassion for his neighbours - to a point. The 'country in a cul-de-sac' idea is masterful, and I think, the highlight of the book. In the last several years, I find this the best novel I've read by an author that I've never heard of. The second novel may need slight improvement to get 5 stars, but as a first, it certainly deserves them. Minor comment - TOC at the end?

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