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And The Heavens Shall Fall



Synopsis

When an earthquake flattens New York City, the devastation is phenomenal and loss of life beyond comprehension. The world is in shock. More than that, it is the first sign. Only the chosen few can see it. A firefighter, newspaperman, thief, engineer, bride and a priest are all strangers across the country and are all thrown together. All of them believe it is the beginning of the end. Together they work diligently to try to save humanity and stop the inevitable. But is it already too late? For thousands of years it has been predicted. The prophesy has begun. The mountains will crumble and the Heavens shall fall. The end is here.

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Customer Reviews

I read several of this author's books this weekend. Most are shorter than this one and are easy reading. I did like this book. The characters were mostly people I would like to know, and I cared about what happened to them. The story was believable and compelling--it's the end of the world--the apocalypse, but this isn't overly religious at all. The parts where the bible and religion

come into are appropriate and add to understanding the story. One thing that seems consistent with this author is that her books just end. Over. Done. Things aren't resolved. You invest in the characters and then, at the end, you don't know what ultimately happens to them. One character (who I didn't like and seemed superfluous to the story) just disappeared from the story, which would have made what these people had to do impossible, but she goes to her room sick and is never heard from again. Where did she go? What did she do? There is no mention of her ever again. I enjoy this author's books, but anyone interested in reading her should know about the ending problem. It was worst in the book, "Turn", which ended like it was from another book. It made no sense whatsoever. The book, "Cry" ends with a huge disclosure--and then just ends. What's the deal? I want to know what happens after. Anyway, the characters in this book are great. Father Michael is an unconventional, but devoted priest. Several other people have mentioned the "dumbness" of Jude. The other characters in the book talk about how dumb he is. I prefer to think of him as innocent and naive. He always does the right thing for other people. One couple develops over the course of the book very realistically, both of them changing and realizing what is important during the apocalypse. Dale is an awesome character. The transformation he goes through is probably the greatest of all the characters and you really care about him. It's a good book, and I recommend it.

A non-preachy story of Revelations. Yeah, Jude was dumb but his heart was always in the right place. Same with Jessie. Michael? No preaching, yea! Best character overall? Dale, hands down. It's a roller coaster ride, particularly when the End comes, but it's not as shattering as "Flu" probably because you *know* what will happen. There's no hidden surprises, no last minute saves. It's an end of the world tale when it really *is* the end of the world. If that's your reading genre, and you don't want blood, guts and zombies in your end of the world, read this. You'll be glad you did.

The premise of The Heavens Shall Fall piqued my interest right away; a book exploring what would happen on earth as each of the Biblical seals were opened sounds like an exciting read. However, the main character, Jude, was quite a disappointment. In the opening chapter we learn that Jude is a former Marine who is presently a firefighter. He is naive, not the brightest bulb in the box, but as the book progresses, Jude's intellectual capacity nose dives from just plain dumb to "no appreciable brain-wave activity". I am guessing that the idea was to create a character who would be the least likely person chosen to save mankind, but his modesty and stupidity reach a point where it distracts from the story - how could anybody this dumb be a Marine or a firefighter? (Or walk and talk and the

same time...) The primary storyline itself is interesting throughout the book, a very different take on end of the world scenarios. Father Michael is a great early addition to the book; the tornado scene was exciting and the outcome unexpected. I especially liked Daniel, who evolves from a self-centered highly ambitious businessman into someone with a much wider view of the world. The scenes from the psychiatric hospital were also interesting, and the way Jude's mother reacts to the idea of the rapture was believable. There are a lot of characters transitions in this book, and roughly midway through I began to tire of the constant switching around and had a little trouble remembering who was who, but within a few paragraphs usually I figured it out. This author shows a good deal of promise, but in future books I would suggest more character development and less, or at least smoother, transitions.

Talk about a page turner!! You know when you start a book and immediately know it's going to be a good one? This was it. At first, I wasn't sure, but by page 5 I knew Jacqueline Druga had done it again! This might not be for everyone but I absolutely loved how she used Revelations, and gave us 'real-time' situations. Michael, Danny, Jessie, Harry, Dale and Jude - great characters, great story line, great premise. The end of times - what happens? God says He's had enough of us and decides to follow His Scripture. You would think the world would change seeing some of the signs listed in the Bible, but, I believe like real life, they don't. The chaos, the devastation, the deaths, all of it is there and it's wonderfully told. You're not preached at, there's no sermon about repenting, and the Bible's not quoted every other page. This book is about the characters, their families, how they connect and what happens to them during the end times. It's fascinating, scary, and a great reminder! Well done, once again, Ms. Druga.

As always I was totally drawn into this book, it was one I hated to put down, I just wanted more. NO, I NEEDED MORE! This is a great read for anyone, it is not a holy roller, preaching, book about cleaning up your life and claiming Jesus as your Lord and Saviour...I don't even think He was mentioned. (could be wrong). The characters were great! JUDE, will have you rolling. I really did find myself laughing a lot...(Thanks JD I needed that) but yes I had a few golf ball in the throat, getting all choked up. I listened to the Audible version which I find brings the emotion through, as well as the feeling of closeness to those in the story. but I have no doubt it will be an awesome read just as much.

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