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Winter's Edge: A Post Apocalyptic/Dystopian Adventure (Outzone Drifter Series Book 1)



Synopsis

When they killed his family, they killed a part of him too. The good part. Seven years after a global war has devastated mankind, Frank Brogan and his family live in the safety of New Haven, a newly-formed authoritarian state deep in the American northwest. Beyond the Exclusion Wall lies the Outzone, a lawless territory ceded from federal jurisdiction. Brogan never thought he would go there. He was wrong. When three Outzone bandits cross into New Haven and murder his wife and daughter, Brogan quits his specially-trained police unit to hunt them down. Entering the Outzone, he travels to its de facto capital, Winter's Edge and picks up the bandits' trail. In a violent city controlled by rival gangs, he needs to use all his hard-won skills as a police officer and war veteran to survive. It isn't long before Brogan's quest takes him out of the city and deeper into the territory, where a beautiful but dangerous woman takes a keen interest in him. Can he survive encounters with the nomadic tribes that roam the Outzone's mountains and plains to finally confront the men who murdered his family? Fans of Jack Reacher and Mad Max will enjoy this fast-paced, post-apocalyptic thriller.

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Customer Reviews

Well, I sucked this one down like so much dystopian candy. It was easy reading, a great post-apocalyptic world with no info-dumping, and engaging story telling. The world is set for modern Earth, the near future, after we've pretty much destroyed about 90% of the population and all of the world's major urban centers. Life is a scrabble existence, eked out either in rich enclaves where there's no social mobility and the oligarchs still pretty much control everything, or out in the wilderness, the Outzone, a wild west atmosphere where there's opportunity to start over, but also lawlessness and a quick death. Our hero is the super cop, special forces, maddaddy Frank Brogan, whose name just oozes testosterone. I wanted to go up and rub on him the whole book. Frank is disillusioned with life in New Haven, and when his wife and daughter are killed near the border, Brogan goes into overdrive. Resigning his position, he crosses over into the Outzone territory to hunt down his family's killers. Tales of vengeance are typically awesome, and this one was no exception. Sheridan does an exceptional job with the world building, with all sorts of nifty details that take our modern world and stretch it forward about forty years and many bombs later. My one little complaint is that Frank was just too perfect. Yes, he was a virtual gaming junkie at the beginning, but that was quickly glossed over in his quest to go Mad Max on his family's killers. He never misses, never spits, tips his hats to strangers, pets the dog. He shows mercy to young thugs. He farts sparkly bullets. (Kidding on the last one.) I guess I wanted him to have some type of flaw, in personality, character, eye color, something. When he finally gets knocked upside at the end of the book, I almost did a little jiggity-jig, because we finally got something that showed Frank was still only human. Overall, an excellent book, and I am looking forward to Book 2!

Ounce again this writer took me to places and introduced me to characters I didn't expect to meet. The story line was so plausible. It was easy to believe that it was real. I only gave him four star's because because I want him to continue improving his writing. The truth is, he is a great writing talent. If you read these kinds of books, you will love this book.

Winter's Edge takes the post-apocalyptic society in a unique direction that I found entertaining and different. Sheridan took great pains to describe the two Outzone cities where the majority of action took place treating them as characters in the story. The main characters, especially Brogan, were well developed with clear motivations and consistent actions. The story hung together well. I enjoyed the story immensely and will read the sequel Grayfall soon.

I don't usually like the apocalyptic stories a lot, but really enjoyed this one. A little too much room building the farm world, but fast moving aside of that. And hurray! No zombies. Definately have the next book on my reading list.

This is really a wonderful read. Frank is our kind of hero, rough around the edges, but a heart of gold on the inside. This dystopian storyline is how I really imagine the end of polite society. Thank you, Danny and Debbie Scott.

I read a lot of Dystopia fiction. When I say "read" I mean I listen. I would give this 4 stars and I would like to follow with the second in the series but it does not come with audio. Maybe that is something for the future. Kevin Pierce is a good reader/performer of dystopia stories.

This book is a surprise to me. It reads as a western on a desolate new wasteland of the former U.S.. The story is crisp, quick, with a plethora of strong characters. Highly recommended if you like this genre.

I Love it A great Gritty Post apocalyptic Tale You will Be rooting for Brogan Big time 5 Stars Great job Mike Sheridan Highly Recommend everyone into Post apocalyptic reads to pick up and read this series

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