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The second in the series, Holding Their Own II: The Independents, continues the saga of a young couple trying to survive in the post-apocalyptic American West. Unable to maintain rule of law, the federal government now faces an opposition movement and the threat of civil war. Bishop and Terri are drawn into the struggle and have to risk everything to save both an old friend and the country they love.

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Brad T. says

I liked this book, but I didn't love it like I loved the first one. The book got bogged down in the political stuff, just like the real world, too much government makes for a fupped environment.

John says

Not as good as the first one - but sequels are usually not - still readable still a good TEOTWAWKI book!

Lucas Hamasaki says

Not as good as the first book. While I understand that the author wants to build a strong, cohesive context/universe - and I appreciate that - sometimes I feel like it's way overdone

The main character, Bishop, has no clear goal, he keeps going from one adventure to another. Which would be interesting if he were a young man with no responsibilities, but he's not. I like the fact that he's smart enough to understand that he's very lucky and that the future depends not on individual success, but on rebuilding society... but then he goes and abandons the town they have and pretty much decides to do it all on his own.

He also keeps getting caught. Luckily, by good people. Because he's lucky. Because luck.

I AM enjoying the series, but I feel like these books have the potential to be MUCH better. Instead, they feel almost a bit schizophrenic. Bishop is awesome. He doesn't have to bring down hundreds of armies for the books to be amazing.

RJ says

Book two begins deciding the final disposition of the gold recovered from The Force after their demise. The existence of the gold has traveled far and wide and there are several people interested in possessing such. Even though gold is virtually worthless at the moment, there is the hope that the world may return to something resembling normal some day and gold may once again have value. As the tale continued a new group challenging the military and political control of the country made itself known. This resistance was comprised of 30% of the active military and 40% of the reserves. The resistance movement is known as The Independents. We will discover more about them, the important role they will play in future volumes, and what impact they will have on Bishop and Terri.

Teresau says

Great series!

Michele Parrish says

Excellent book on survival!

Ken says

I enjoyed the additional character development in this installment. There was a lot added to the story arc in this book and it is making this seem to be well worth the time to read.

Bronwyn says

This trilogy freaked me out a bit, but I couldn't stop reading it. I fully understand that something like this could happen, but sure as hell hope it does not.

Jim says

Good action in this book and can't wait to start the next in the series.

Clifford says

This was a good follow up book. I think it may have been rushed as it leaves off at a bad point. There are too many unanswered questions left. While it helps to sell sequels; I would rather wait longer and get a complete book instead of just pieces. Overall it does a good job in character introduction and follow through, with a reasonably believable story line. An enjoyable read, just wish it was complete.

Tara Zormier says

This is the best post-apocalyptic series I have ever read!

Henry Brown says

I started the Holding Their Own series with the second novel because I listened to the Audible version and it sounded like the narrator of #1 was just awful.

So in this one, subtitled The Independents, the SHTF already, and folks are surviving as best they can.

The hero's name is Bishop. Not sure whether that's a first or last name, but it doesn't really matter. He and his wife have a small ranch hidden in a canyon in Texas, surviving and minding their own business. The story kicks off when a former military/intelligence colleague of Bishop's crash lands in a small plane after buzzing the hidden ranch.

"The Colonel" is seriously injured in the crash, and a whole bunch of other stuff is triggered as well. The plot involves a Colombian drug lord, a kidnapped girl, a treasure in gold, and a frustrated doctor without the right tools and materials to help his patients...just to name a few.

The adventure factor made this the most fun I've had in the genre since reading The Last Ranger and Doomsday Warrior series as a young man, though there are no radioactive mutants or B-movie villains in this one.

Where the author shines is in his characters. Bishop is smart and skilled. Not invincible, but he doesn't cause me to groan like so many heroes in the genre, either. He faces some pretty intimidating odds at different points, and enjoys good luck for sure, but his triumph is entirely plausible as written. What's more, I actually liked the character of his wife in this book. Most female protagonists in the genre are written in a way that causes me to roll my eyes and skip ahead. But this one is the kind of woman you'd want to have in such a situation.

Well, frankly she'd be a prime catch for any man in the western world these days, but especially in a frontierish survival scenario.

Mr. Nobody has made me a return customer with this book.

Tbone says

great book as part 2 of this great series that portrays what happens to the US and to a Texas military couple when society breaks completely down. These books are fictional but they really make you think. Great stuff

Brandon says

Unfortunately, my edition had a few errors and spelling mistakes. Aside from that, a great continuation.

Nikki says

This was not as good as the first one. The chapters end and begin randomly. It jumps around from character to character. The plot itself wasn't terrible. The layout however made this painful to finish. It seemed to get worse toward the end.

