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Based on the film of the same name starring Dustin Hoffman, this is the story of a doctor fighting a virus created by the British secret service in Africa. He begins to notice that people in the US are dying of a similar mysterious illness. As he begins to investigate he uncovers foul play.

Outbreak Details

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Edmark says

The movie was quite so-so actually. So I didn't know why I read the novelization of the film. The book just follows the mediocre script of the film therefore, also produced a mediocre book. The book was not bad per se, it just could have gone better.

Victor Orozco says

Nice adaptation. A quick read and very compelling. Can't believe I'm reading this during an Ebola epidemic. I'm just praying that we are able to stick to saving lives and fighting the good fight.

As for this story, its characterizations are modest for a film adaptation. I have to admit there is nothing much to be added unless you actually saw the movie.

Recommended for fans of the movie. B

P.S. Winn says

This is a great story of not only what could happen if a virus got loose, but a conspiracy thriller about who may be behind the deadly outbreak. This is one readers should grab to see what is sadly possible in the world we now live in.

Josh says

I don't know what I really expected heading into a novelization of a crummy summer popcorn flick from almost twenty years ago that was itself "loosely" based on a non-fiction book. What I can say is that I was taken on a whirlwind ride of unbearable writing, predictable tropes, uninteresting characters and a premise that almost takes for granted that the audience is incredibly ignorant and exploits that fact for its own purposes.

The best example of the complete contempt this book had for its readers comes in a scene towards the end. Our protagonist Sam is talking to Robby (his ex-wife / love interest) and she asks how he was able to develop the anti-serum so quickly. He starts to respond with some completely silly reasoning, and she cuts him off with some line about "shop talk? We'll discuss it later." What she really should have said is, "Sam, these people don't really give a shit about a feasible explanation, so why bother?"

Kerry Rayes says

Loved it, but just watch the film, it's the same. =)

Chris says

The book and movie were great. I really held to what was happening and became more aware of how sick others are in public settings. Its still fun to watch the movie and know that an outbreak can take place at any time when people are not respectful or careful when it comes to germs or viruses.

Arah-Lynda says

So a few days ago I was visiting a friend and happened to notice this little paperback sitting on one of her occasional tables. I had seen the movie of course, quite a few years ago and remembered enjoying it. Well books are always better than the movie, right. That was my thinking anyway as I borrowed her little book and carted it home. At the time I was reading a mediocre book and so it was that I picked up Outbreak as soon as I was done.

I read twenty odd pages and whilst scratching my head I paused long enough to read the cover. Things became clearer. This was not as I had originally presumed the book the movie was based on, but rather a book based on the movie. Full stop. Why in all that is logical would anybody do such a thing? I clung to a hope that should not have been possible (as I had already read twenty odd pages) that perhaps it would offer some insight, drama or characterization that the movie was short on. Phffffft!

I don't think a lot of time or effort went into the writing of this and it sure did not exhaust either to read it through quickly.

Then again I have had a lot more fun and a great deal more stimulation watching grass grow.

If you are at all interested and have not already done so, watch the movie folks. I remember liking Dustin Hoffman in his role as Dr. Sam Daniels.

On the other hand this book.....yawn.

CJ says

Really enjoyed this read! I planned on reading it in spare time and that's all, but I couldn't put it down. Really kept you in the moment and the writing itself was perfectly suited for the topic.

Kyle Wendy Skultety (gimmethatbook.com) says

I've never heard of a book being written, based on a movie that is already out. However, I also wasn't aware of this when I picked this book up. Minimal on the gore, maximum on the military presence, "Outbreak" is a

mildly interesting read. I picked this one up for 99 cents also. Definitely not the same as a Richard Preston novel.

Pete says

This novel doesn't come even close to capturing the tension that existed in the movie. The book has about as much depth and substance as a marshmallow.

Tiffany says

A very easy read since it was based off the movie (haven't seen the movies), it was limited to what the movie had so it lacked the detail that books usually have. A good albeit basic story. I'm a sucker for a killer virus that threatens all of humanity.

Judy says

This was a fun read especially if you find happiness in killer diseases. I've not seen the movie it was based on, but I'll bet it was stupid.

Alyssa Greatbanks says

I really enjoyed this movie, and I always like to read the novels of movies because it gives you a little extra insight to the plot/characters that doesn't always get fully covered in the film. This book was great! Just as good as the movie if not better. :)

Kelly Ann says

I just love books about infectious diseases, whether the books are fiction or nonfiction. I guess I miss teaching my "Deadly Diseases" unit!

Noriko says

I know this is just a novelization of the movie 'Outbreak' starring Dustin Hoffman and Mogan Freeman, and fair enough, this book didn't leave me any striking, strong impression but I found it was entertaining enough for killing time.

I wish the author dug more into characters' thoughts, feelings and its background though, I think I'll go back to this book whenever I hear news about contagious disease outbreak.

