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THE FIRST DAYS: AS THE WORLD DIES introduced Jenni and Katie and their harrowing journey to the makeshift fort in the Texas Hill Country. FIGHTING TO SURVIVE: AS THE WORLD DIES continued their story as the two women joined the members of the makeshift fort in Ashley Oaks in the fight for survival against not only zombies, but the evil designs of bandits.

But theirs is not the only tale to be told.

In the second volume of the AS THE WORLD DIES UNTOLD TALES experience three terrifying tales of those who are forced to face the unrelenting and hungry walking dead.

In a nearby town Ken and Lenore have started their regular routine at Ken's Beauty Salon. A terrible accident brings the undead plague to their front door and soon the best friends are scrambling to escape their overrun town...

Katarina is just finishing her shift at a roadside café when a badly injured man stumbles through the front door. She quickly realizes that to survive she must learn to kill...

And finally, a trapped family must face the fearsome truth that sometimes zombies are not the worst monster they have to fear as the world dies...

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Tovia says

Me amo Tito. I really want to know Ed's sons story as they made there way from A&m to Ashley oaks

Amy Fournier says

As with the first volume of Untold Tales this one has three more stories to tell. These ones are just as addictive and interesting as the ones in the first volume, and I couldn't stop reading. Rhiannon has gone so in depth with developing the various characters and it's just amazing. The way she writes, you really feel a connection to each and every one of them.

The first story in this volume is Katarina's story which it called Revelation. This was the only one of the stories where the character is not trying to get to Ashley Oaks, but starts out there. Everything starts off pretty normal for her. She is at her job at the cafe, fending off a super creepy dude who is a regular. Normally she wouldn't have to deal with him, but one of the other employees has the day off. She normally will take his orders so Katarina doesn't have to deal with him. I really feel bad for Katarina learning a bit about her life, which I won't go into details. Her day takes a turn when an injured man comes into the cafe. He ends up turning all crazy zombie, and Katarina's survival instincts kick in. She goes all tough chick and it pretty much rocks. She knows she needs to get out of there and go home to find her mother. As she ventures out she sees there are zombies everywhere. Will she be able to make it to safety?

The next story is The Unknowns Story called A Terrible Moment. We do find out what the people's names are in the story, but I will leave them out since it is called the unknowns. This one takes place in an orange juice factory. The woman is there with her soon to be ex- husband, his secretary, the plant manager, their twin boys, and baby girl. There are bars on the windows, and they are relatively safe inside. The wife is a bit psycho though and is convinced that her hubs is sleeping with the secretary. I didn't like the wife at all. I thought she was crazy and selfish. She is so wrapped around her feelings that she doesn't even know how neglectful she has been to her kids, and doesn't care about anything but hurting her husband and the secretary. She is awful to be around and honestly I would have friggin drop kicked her in the head rather than listen to her. Her husband and the plant manager are trying to formulate a plan to get out of there and get somewhere a bit safer. Some unfortunate circumstances make the zombie contamination get inside the safety of the factory. This one had me so angry I can't even explain!! Does anyone manage to escape?

The final story in the book is Lenore and Ken's story, Friendship in the Time of Zombies. This story is equally scary and touching. Ken and Lenore work together in a beauty shop. Ken actually owns it. The poor guys boyfriend left him to run off with some other guy after Ken had moved out there with him. Lenore and him are really close. They are at work when the zombies invade their town. They manage to hole up in the upstairs for a while, but they know they will have to get out of there somehow. Mr Cloy the man who owns the hardware store next door helps them escape the building.

Lenore goes home to find her gram so they can all get away and try to find somewhere safe. They end up taking a neighbors RV and hiding out for a while until the zombies have finally gotten to where they have

hidden. Their fight for survival and the lengths they have to go are amazing. I loved getting to know them. I think they are both really fantastic characters and I was gripping my nook hoping for the best for them. I had a tight knot in my stomach at every close call. Do they escape the zombies?

I have enjoyed getting to know all of these characters in both this volume and the first one. Now I really have to read the As The World Dies series. I love the depth of the characters and how you notice their stories tying together. This is a must read!

Hayat says

This book has surpassed my expectations! Well, this just confirms it, I'm now a huge fan of Ms Frater! Her ability to balance and develop a realistic multi-pov plot and make such interesting, realistic and unforgeable characters is amazing. I loved the combination of horror, snark and dark humour with the heart stopping action and the sense of fear and doom snapping at the heels of the desperate survivors. In the As the World Dies series and in the untold tales, the few survivors world is turned upside-down and inside out and you feel every emotion of the characters as The frightening and relentless zombies close in. But zombies are not the worst monster they have to fear as the world dies. In this new world, only the lucky, the intelligent, the creative and the psychopaths survive.

Volume 3 here I come!

Jennifer (Bad Bird Reads) says

<http://readingandwritingurbanfantasy....>

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Free book from author for honest review

Kristin (Blood,Sweat and Books) says

* I was given a copy of this Book to review from the Author. All opinions are my own and I was not in any way compensated for them.

I was so excited to have the opportunity to read this. Let me tell you this book was fantastic! I love how much attention to detail is given to the characters. One of the reasons I tend to shy away from short stories is I'm always left wanting more, but these stories left me feeling satisfied. That of course is not to say I wouldn't read an Untold Tales Vol. 3 or more. In fact I'd be perfectly happy to have more of these books.

The First story follows the character Katrina. Working as a waitress at a small diner, she is just wrapping up her shift when a patron stumbles in clutching a wound on his neck. When the man dies, the customers do the logical thing, call the police. To bad for them, the Police have their hands full and when the deceased man revives and starts chomping not on the food but flesh, Katrina has to make a choice, stay and die or kill and survive.

The Next Story is really interesting. A Terrible Moment follows a family hiding out in a Orange Juice Factory. The Story is told from the POV of two characters Debbie and Her Ex-Husband Alan. Debbie is a very unlikable character, and I assume she was even before the world went to hell. It was interesting seeing what she perceived was happening vs what was actually happening. I'm gonna spoil this for you but I was so glad when she died, and I expect you will be to after reading her tale.

The Last Tale is the longest. Ken and Lenore work together at a local beauty parlor. The Day starts out like any other, until Oh yeah People start eating each other. This story is by far my favorite. It takes up the majority of the book coming it at a whopping 136/175 pages. Lenore and Ken balance each other so well. I honestly think without each other to rely on both would have given up. I don't want to give to much away about this story but it is a wild roller coaster of emotion that left me crying at the end. I especially love that it tied back to the first book. The struggle to survive in the face of all odds and the way that is portrayed from book to the movie screen in my mind is what makes Rhiannon Frater such a great storyteller. Overall I loved this book. I will be giving it 5 Stars!

Giselle says

Rhiannon, will you marry me?

Laura Thomas says

The second book in the Untold Tales series is every bit as good as the first!

The characters in these three untold tales are all in Siege, the third book in the As The World Dies Series. These are their stories.

Revelation (Katarina's Story)

Katarina has been in this series from the beginning. This is her story about her first day.

Her story isn't pretty. The only reason she was even conceived was to grow up and take care of her parents. Her father's dead now and she's earning money waitressing at a truck stop in Ashley Oaks, Texas to take care of her sick mother. She doesn't mind the job though. She's earning her own money and it gets out of the house.

Dealing with that jerk, Randall, and his wandering hands becomes nothing when the bloodied man stumbles into the cafe, changing her life forever.

Even though Katarina let her mother dominate her, she never appeared weak to me. I felt she was just waiting for something, for an opportunity to come her way, and then she'd discover herself and really shine.

She did discover something. She can kill when she has to, and she's good at it.

A Terrible Moment (The Unknown Story)

All of the stories in The Untold Tales have dark moments. This is darker than most and introduces you to peripheral characters. Not all of them make it and are their own worst enemies.

Debbie is a jealous bitter woman, beaten down by it all. She's certain her husband is having an affair with his secretary and her jealousy consumes her.

It festers as they are all trapped in the warehouse together. She's so focused on her thoughts of revenge, she doesn't even care about her children.

This was an uncomfortable story. I can't imagine being so self involved as to neglect my children, putting them in danger, and not caring. I was mortified at what she did.

Debbie would be the first one to throw out of the boat if adrift in the sea.

Friendship in the Time of Zombies (Ken and Lenore's Story)

Lenore has no way of knowing that today will change her life forever. She drags herself out of bed and wanders into the kitchen. Her grandmother has cooked breakfast and, as usual, she's cooked enough to feed an army. Grabbing a quick bite, she heads off to work at Ken's Diva Beauty Shop.

Ken may be her boss, but they are best friends and thick as thieves.

I just loved these two. Lenore is a moody one but Ken is bubbly, like champagne.

A small Texas town might not seem like the best place to flaunt his gayness, but Ken could charm the devil and I loved how he needed Lenore as much as she needed him. He was the comic relief for me and I could clearly see him cringing and panicking.

Lenore was something else. She not only had to figure out how to get them both out of there alive, she also had to keep bolstering Ken up, pushing him to man up.

I couldn't get enough of these two and look forward to encountering them again.

I received this book for my honest review. My review is in no way influenced and I'm lovin this series!

Carolyn Storer says

Review coming soon!

Faye says

3 excellent stories to enrich the " As the World Dies " universe. Really enjoyed them !

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Unabridged Bookshelf says

Untold Tales Volume 2 is just as magnificent as the first volume. Even though I have not read any of the As the World Dies Series, I still enjoy these stories immensely. I think that the Untold Tales will actually make me enjoy reading the As the World Dies series much more, but they are also great insight for fans of the series.

Untold Tales Volume 2 is set up much like the first with two shorter stories, followed by a longer one. The first story "Revelations" is Katarina's origin story, which is very sad. Her story is very much about freedom and gaining independence. The second shorter story is "A Terrible Moment" which is the unknowns' story. This is a story about people in the same universe as the series, but their story does not naturally coincide with the main series. This story has to be one of the more disturbing ones, but it is so perfectly written that it is defiantly one of my favorites.

The much longer story is "Friendship in the time of Zombie." It is the beautiful origin story of Ken and Lenore. These two best friends have to endure many things, but their friends hop never falters. The most enduring thing about the third story is the loyalty both characters show to each other even when facing the worse of situations.

I love the first volume and now I completely love the second volume. I can only imagine what is going to happen during the third volume. Go ahead and grab any volume of the Untold Tales, read it, and then tell me you do not love it. It really is a must read series for zombie fans.

Unabridged Bookshelf received this book from author in exchange for an honest review

Camille Picott says

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You guys already know I am a die hard (no pun intended) fan of Rhiannon Frater's As the World Dies series. I was thrilled when I came across this collection of Untold Tales . It features short stories from several of my favorite characters. I was dying to read it and had to wait 3 months after its original release to get it on Nook.

Writing for Fans

As a fan of this series, this collection of short stories could not fail to delight me. One story is about Katerina--a bad ass sniper--and her first day of the zombie apocalypse. Another story is about my two most absolute favorite characters, best friends and hair stylists Ken and Lenore. I just loved their personalities, their friendship, and their love for one another. Reading their story was like getting a donut for breakfast--all sugary happy sweetness.

As I was reading, it occurred to me that this book is truly for fans of As The World Dies. It's sort of like getting the bonus features or uncut version of your favorite movie. It's impossible not to love. I like the idea of short story "spin-offs" from beloved books. Who wouldn't buy a short story written from Gale's POV in The Hunger Games? It's got me pondering a few short story ideas of my own.

Kristilyn (Reading In Winter) says

FTC Disclaimer: I received this book from the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.

I was so worried starting Volume 2 of the Untold Tales series that I wouldn't like the book as much as I did the first. Like I had said, I'm new to zombies, so I thought that one book would be fine, but another would be overkill. I also wondered if I'd enjoy the book whose plot line might be anchored in between the actual trilogy, wondering if I'd be able to even follow what was going on. Fortunately, this was so not the case!

Volume 2 of the Untold Tales is just like Volume 1 — two short stories and a novella. All three are fast moving and they connect up with where the end of the novella in Volume 1 left off (with additional characters who were introduced in the trilogy).

Rhiannon Frater is a master of zombie literature. I was a newbie when I started and now I want to get my hands on more zombie books — namely the As the World Dies trilogy. Just when I thought that I wouldn't be able to get into yet another zombie book, Frater drags me in and hooks me to the words, which were arranged in never-ending suspense and forward motion. I couldn't put this book down. There's no downtime, no real breaks for the characters to get pensive and thoughtful because there are zombies out there! The constant flow of the storyline and suspense makes for a fast, intense read.

Of course, while there's suspense and the action is nonstop, Frater does find time to add humor. Now, I'm not sure if it's just me, but while I still don't think I'm completely on "Team Zombie," I do have an appreciation for them. Namely, I find them hilarious. I mean, a child zombie, in my head, is a mixture of horror and humour. The characters also add great humour — in fact, the dynamics between Lenore and Ken are spot on perfection, even if the world is dying.

I also have to say that I really enjoy how Frater includes animals in her books. The animal lover in me was kept on the edge of her seat for both Volume 1 and 2 whenever the animals came close to the zombies!

If you're just getting into zombies, or if you've been reading zombies since before they became popular, you must read the Untold Tales — they're a quick read, full of friendship, humour, fun, horror and, of course, ZOMBIES!

Mrs LB says

Faves

Since it's been several years since I read the series, there have been some characters in these backstories that it has taken me time to recall. Ken and Lenore do not fall into that category. They were two of my favorites and the scene in Siege when the vehicle tips over and a hard decision had to be made will forever stay with me.

Michelle says

I am pretty certain that Rhiannon Frater could write a story about every single person that makes it to The Fort and I would never get tired of reading them. These Untold Tales are the perfect addition to As The World Dies series. You can get insight into the characters mentioned in the story and not have to be bogged down with every ones backstory. You can't get any more perfect than that.

In Vol 2 you have three stories. The first one centers on Katarina. In the main series Katarina is a pretty deadly sharp shooter. Before arriving at The Fort Katarina was a waitress who just happened to be working her shift at a restaurant when the undead rise. Katarina's life pretty much sucks since she basically just works to support her ailing mother who only had her so that she could take care of her in her old age. Katarina has no life, no boyfriend, and no friends. She works and goes home. When the undead come into her restaurant she quickly learns that she can survive on her own and she begins to take control of her life.

The second story centers on a group that are stuck in an Orange Juice factory. Inside are a manager, a secretary, and a supervisor with his wife and three kids. The wife is very angry and believes that her husband is having an affair with Julie his secretary. Things are getting pretty bad when the wife decides to stick her fingers out a window and lets a zombie bite her. Before you know it all hell breaks loose and the rest of the people are fighting for their lives and try to escape.

The final story is that of Ken and Lenore. Lenore works with Ken at his beauty shop. They are just beginning work when the undead begin to cause chaos throughout the town. Ken and Lenore will need to find a way to escape and get to Lenore's grandmother and get to safety.

All three stories are awesome, You won't be disappointed!
