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If the world fell apart overnight, what would you do to protect your family?

When a horrific natural disaster causes the collapse of civilisation and strands Cody Ryan deep inside the Arctic Circle, he is forced to embark upon an impossible journey. Thousands of miles from home in a brutal new world where only the strongest will survive, Cody and his companions must conquer seemingly insurmountable odds in a search for their loved ones, the limits of their own humanity and the rumoured last refuge of mankind... Eden.

Eden Details

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Rob says

Eden is a dark and sometime disturbing thriller that's clearly been well researched and offers us a frightening glimpse into the future. There were momentary lapses where credulity was stretched a little thin and some of the dialogue felt stilted but it moves along at a brisk and entertaining pace. As a lifelong fan of Michael Crichton it never quite reaches his level but as a book that explores ideas, it is one that mixes thrills with a much bigger questions.

Read the full review here: <http://www.adventureswithwords.com/20...>

Kate says

A very decent thriller, gripping and enjoyable. Well worth the 99p I paid for it. It was also good to have a plausible apocalypse - so often with this genre that can be glossed over but this author has clearly done his research. We're introduced to a large cast of characters at the beginning but the author managed to avoid this getting confusing which is commendable. There were a few things that jarred or didn't ring true but I don't want to give away any plot spoilers by elaborating. All in all a fun ride and I'll be looking out for more from this author.

Liz Barnsley says

Post Apocalyptic Fiction

Thank you to the author for the copy of this book to review.

After a natural disaster, Cody is stranded in the Arctic Circle...far away from home, friends and loved ones he embarks on a journey to find them, and the elusive "Eden" rumoured to be the last safe haven.

I am a huge fan of post apocalyptic fiction, and for me this was in the top half of the draw as far as good ones go. It's certainly compelling, and Mr Crawford keeps up the pace and interest throughout the book. I think it's difficult to do anything unique in this genre these days and so the only downside for me was a certain amount of predictability - having said that, the characterisation was great, the story well imagined and it was very difficult to put down once I'd started!

It is quite a dark read..Dean Crawford has a good eye for human nature...when it's a fight for survival the worst in us can emerge and that subject is tackled well here. Emotionally speaking you will feel for the characters, especially Cody as all hope appears to be fading. I was rooting for them all the way. The twists and turns will keep you turning the pages...and the resolution I believe may divide opinion. I thought it was

spot on.

I felt that the second half of the book was far superior to the first half - not that the first half is bad, don't get me wrong - perhaps I would call it a "slow burner" but once the initial set up if you like, was complete I barely stopped reading until the end. This is the first novel I have read by this author but it certainly won't be the last. I'm hoping perhaps for a sequel to this...over to you Mr Crawford! (Tell me tell me!)

Happy Reading Folks!

Steve says

Good Tale; Not Always Believable, but Good

There are "coincidences" in this book that are just too unbelievable. There's a lot you can run by me to support a story, but when not one, not two -- but multiple event changes just happen to work out a certain way -- it pushes "the willing suspension of disbelief" -- and I no longer trust the story arc. If you were to eliminate these weak links, then the tale is interesting and mostly well-done.

Kate says

Having read most of Eden in one day, I can certainly vouch for its pageturning qualities! This would be 3.5 stars, if such a rating were possible. A great premise, told with pace, but a little too gruesome and nihilistic for me. I don't think I liked a single character in it and for me that matters. Elements were also predictable. Nevertheless, it's very exciting and addictive, especially the last two thirds, and it paints a vivid and frightening image of the end of mankind's rule of the Earth.

Dan Barbier says

An intimate end of the world story in which mankind loses its humanity little by little. The principal character is a flawed man who tries his best to survive and rejoin his family and keep his humanity in a world gone mad because of its lost technology.

Harrowing at times and violent at other times. This one will stick with you.

John Holliday says

2nd book I have read by Dean Crawford, discovered him by accident. Really enjoyed reading Eden, plus it was my first book on my new Kindle. The end of the world is plausible and in Eden a pretty bleak prospect

is painted for humanity.....

Mara Teixeira says

I like the storyline and how the main characters are in conflict with self-preservation and cooperation with others has a group. What I didn't like was how the conclusion felt rushed and so many happen in so little time. Cody has the main character was very contradictory, but I did like how he gave up to inevitable circumstances of the loss of everything that used to make him feel human and his own humanity. That said, I did miss a proper closure to this book.

Steph says

Be warned. This isn't a book for the faint-hearted.

Cody Ryan, a family man with a dark secret, takes a last minute job to fill in for an injured team member on a scheduled research expedition to the Arctic Circle. What he doesn't know is that the team have been put together not only for the advertised research into the Arctic environment, but also to ensure a clash of personalities for a secondary covert research mission investigating the effect of isolated environments on teams as preparation for future landings on Mars.

In the first part of the book the team struggle to acclimatise in the remote and unforgiving Arctic conditions. When the team leader suspects that the secret Cody is trying to keep hidden involves a murder, tension comes to a head between the two. This, combined with the team fracturing into two groups and the rising distrust, and dislike, amongst team members adds to the conflict.

But when all personnel on the Army base nearby evacuate their posts without warning, the story takes an even more dramatic turn. Following a solar storm, the team are left with no means of communication, dwindling supplies and injured team members. With little choice they decide to battle the elements to get out of the Arctic and reunite with their families. It's only when they make contact with a ship that they realise the full impact of the situation, and at this point the story turns into a true post-apocalyptic thriller.

As the story takes on a global scale, each of the characters is forced to consider just how far they are willing to abandon their values, and their humanity, in order to get home. With echoes of the social disintegration issues explored in The Road, LOST and The Walking Dead, the answer certainly isn't always pleasant, but it does make for some gripping reading.

Personally, and as someone who hasn't read a great deal of post-apocalyptic thrillers, I found it a little difficult to suspend disbelief at times (I won't say why, no spoilers here!) but I still wanted to keep reading. The epic nature of the story reminded me of films like The Day After Tomorrow and the fabulous techno-thrillers of the late Michael Crichton.

A vivid, thought provoking and page-turner of a read.

Sarah says

How far would you go to protect your loved-ones when "civilisation" falls apart? MIT scientist Cody Ryan finds out in this fast paced post-apocalyptic thriller from Dean Crawford.

I purchased the book based on enjoying the first few books in the Ethan Warner series, and after reading about it on Dean Crawford's blog later, discovered this is a self-published novel by the author who is already a best-selling writer in the more traditional sense. There are a few times throughout the novel where this becomes apparent in the form of some typos, but in all other respects this thrilling tale is every bit as good as the EW books which were released by Simon & Schuster. In fact, I would go as far as to say this is my favourite Dean Crawford novel to date.

The story and character development are really interesting, the scenario fascinating - the first world is altered beyond recognition by an act of nature which wipes out all technology - and the changes to the main characters in the wake of the new world order is something I found both chilling and easy to believe. I will eagerly await the sequel.

Fans of The Walking Dead will probably love this book, as there are a number of similarities, despite different circumstances.

Christine Blachford says

This dystopian book takes place after a supreme electrical storm wipes out the infrastructure of humanity and leaves everyone vulnerable. A plucky bunch of scientists are studying at one of the poles, and thus escape the brutal nature of the storm, only to find themselves thrust into the horrific world of the survivors.

The story is great, although it takes a while to get going and is in two very distinct halves. The first part is very much about surviving against the odds when the rest of the world has forgotten you. The second half is where things ramp up and start getting brutal, as society unwinds itself. It's quite hard to reconcile one part with the other, particularly by the end you're left thinking this was not the same book you started.

Nevertheless, I quite liked it. None of the characters were particularly generous although our protagonist's desire for everyone to work together rather than be out for themselves was something to latch on to. A good read, and a good ending I thought!

Mark Boyd says

Crawford presents a realistic view of humanity in its most deplorable conditions, the ultimate test for survival. The book was fast paced and relatively free of grammatical errors or typos. I did find a couple of the back stories to be a bit of a deterrent to the pace of the story. Possibly could have been woven into the story a little better. I would recommend the book to those who enjoy a survivalist read.

Peter Fischer says

Brilliant, Absolutely Brilliant.

I have read books written by:

Dan Brown

James Patterson

David Baldacci

Stieg Larsson

J K Rowling's and her pseudo name Robert Galbraith

Kathy Reichs

to name only a few of extremely great writers, and I can honestly say, that Dean Crawford belongs amongst these writers.

Eden is unrelenting in action, twists, characters and everything else a great book should have.

All through this book I felt I was there, in the story, my heart racing through the various fast paced sections, so many throughout this book, I felt exhausted.

The research for this book must have been a huge task, with the end result, a magnificent book.

I cannot recommend this book enough, nobody who reads this book will be disappointed, I can guarantee that.

Carolyn says

Certainly an interesting idea and I like some of the character development but really....don't read this book unless you wanted to be reminded of the worst of human nature. It was pretty depressing and pretty gross in a lot of places.

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Amanda Markham says

It's a decent read, thus three stars. It's not as gory or as depressing as some reviewers are making out (don't EVER read 'The Road' by Cormac McCarthy if Eden grosses you out!), has some good character development and some interesting ideas. Pretty easy to tell it's written by a UK author rather than a US author, but I'm not revealing why.
