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The apocalypse has ended for Adrian Ring and the world's rebuilding has begun.

But have all the stories of the world's death been told? What of the plane filled with innocents and the criminal who is about to start a tidal wave of undeath that will wash it from the skies?

What of the young man in Manhattan going mad with hunger and fear?

What of the veterinarian who tried to save her clients, and their animals, one by one?

What of the drunk lunatic who wanted to destroy himself so badly he craved the undead horde and the absolution they gave him?

And the long awaited conclusion to Eddie Smith's story of his convoy heading north from Texas to Adrian at Bastion?

Unhappy Endings tells these darkest of stories and more, all set in the world of Chris Philbrook's Adrian's Undead Diary, the best-selling post-apocalyptic zombie epic.

With stories by;

Chris Philbrook

Alan MacRaffen

Joe Tremblay

J.C. Fiske

And more...

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From Reader Review Unhappy Endings for online ebook

Stephanie says

I wish I could give it 3.5 stars. There were a few stories that I loved and I'd give a solid 5 stars, but there were also some stories I struggled to even finish and would only give 2 stars.

I suppose there are only so many ways to talk about "that day" so some of the stories were predictable and something any zombie genre fan has already read a version of before. The end result of some of the stories was simply because the main character was incredibly stupid. It was just hard to swallow. On the flip side of that, there were a few authors that went the complete other direction trying to go for the biggest shock value, which seemed obvious that's what they were going for so it wasn't all that surprising.

Honestly though, kudos for these authors putting this out there. It's impossibly hard to live up to the original, which I absolutely loved. The stories I enjoyed the most were "I know, I counted", "Rose", "Virginia Republic", "And then there was this time" "The only thing that matters" and of course all of "Eddie's" stories.

It's good filler if you miss the world of Adrian and need something to fill time with waiting for Chris Philbrook to release some more AUD. :)

Chris Philbrook says

As the editor and author of four stories in this bad boy, I'm clearly biased, but I do like to write a review for my titles here on Goodreads, if only to talk about them from my viewpoint.

I love this book. I love it because it's the words and ideas of others yet set in the world of my creation. It's akin to watching someone else cook in your kitchen, using ingredients you bought but making something different and still wonderful.

It's a helluva ride.

I hope all the stories inside Unhappy Endings entertain you. There's certainly a lot of them.

All the best to the authors inside it, and the readers who read it.

Clint Walker Jr says

Excellent read.

Christopher MacDonald says

Great Addition

Whether your new to Adrian's Undead Diary or a long time follower you'll enjoy Unhappy Endings. Whether it's Chris's Eddie Smith stories bridging the gap between Cassie and his next series or one of the many other stories printed within, you'll be entertained.

So many good stories. I know. I counted.

R.K. Cowles says

After adding books to owned books[shelf goodreads provides] I lost ratings and review. Will attempt to add the review. Books won on goodreads giveaways that is missing review due to this are books I have enjoyed. On a later date I will attempt to remember what I have written about them and will rewrite them.

Thia says

Stand alone short stories.

If you love "first day" and "outbreak" zombie stories you will love this collection from various writers with Philbrookian taste. One note, some of the stories and characters are left a bit open ended so if that bothers you - you've been warned. A couple of them are not for the faint of heart either - these are serious zombie stories. No sex - thank heavens, plenty of gore, and you don't have to have read Philbrook's other works to enjoy this one. I would certainly buy the next collection. Immensely enjoyable!

Tracy says

Disappointingly, I accidentally deleted the original review I posted for this book a few days back. Even so, I felt compelled to rewrite this one since I think it is well above par, and a standout for the many zombie/horror/thriller fans.

Now, on with the review. . .

Absolutely blown away! Yep, this sentiment sums up how I felt right out of the gate, as I started listening to the collaborative genius of the several talented authors and/or collaborators, whose short stories appear in Unhappy Endings, Volume 1 of the series Tales from the World of Adrian's Undead Diary (AUD for short). The combined effort of this team of writers served to shine a bright spotlight on the creative talents of each individual. . . the final product, a collaborative anomaly.

The stories written for this volume took sheer terror, excitement, and intrigue to whole new heights, with (clearly) a no holds barred approach to achieving shock value. After I would finish with one short story, and catching my breath from the ride, I would think to myself: "There is absolutely no way the next one can possibly be more mind-bending than this" Yet, Surprise! Each and every time I was proven wrong. Every single one was equally shocking and spectacular. The amount of sheer ingenuity put into this one book is unprecedented.

There were certainly several stories which stood out to me on a personal level for one reason or the other. In particular, one of the stories centered around Zombies on a passenger plane. Not the first time this scenario

has been done, yet this story took to the concept to dimensions I have never encountered in print, on TV or movie screens. Just WOW! The ending of this short story was not at all what I was expecting, and without a doubt, definitely not for the faint of heart. In summary, it is a super charged head-spinning, adrenaline rush of a ride/flight!

Another story centered around a sweet, loyal family dog named Duke. This one had a profound impact on me, and will not soon be forgotten. Simply fantastic!

After first completing the Adrian's Undead Diary (AUD) series, I highly recommend not only Unhappy Endings, as a followup, but the whole "Tales from the World of AUD Series" for all the diehard Zombie/thriller/horror enthusiasts. When you do pick this one up, get ready to be propelled into who new realms of Zombie spectacularity!

Author/Creator, Mr. Chris Philbrook always delivers, and I am so, so, so glad I discovered his work.

Narrator, Mr. James Anderson Foster, always reigns supreme, and such a natural.

Happy listening and/or reading!

Garrick says

I just changed my rating from 4 to 5 stars. The more I thought about the concept and how Philbrook put it together, the more I loved it.

I suppose these stories all started as fanfic. But this is no ordinary fanfic. It's elevated. The writing is uneven at times, to paraphrase Philbrook, some have great stories to tell, and others are great storytellers. Some are both.

The best, in my opinion, take an element or scene from AUD and "turn the camera around" or reverse the point of view...revealing just **who** that old lady in the supermarket can aisle is, for example.

I'm glad that Philbrook has declared this volume of events canon. I look forward to re-reading the entire series, probably starting in January 2016.

Nannette says

My original Unhappy Endings audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

Unhappy Endings edited by Chris Philbrook is a collection of sixteen short stories (one story has four parts) which all take place in the universe of Adrian's Undead Diary (AUD) series created by Mr. Philbrook. If you haven't read the series I strongly suggest you do before reading Unhappy Endings. Several of the stories have direct enough references to AUD that they contain subtle spoilers within. There is a forward where the author explains how this collection came into being. I purchased Unhappy Endings because I have enjoyed

Mr. Philbrook's other titles so much.

The story with four parts, Eddie Smith, is written by Chris Philbrook, author of AUD. The other authors include Christopher MacDonald, Steve Gonzales, Joe Tremblay, Lee Smallwood, Tracy Wilson, Sherry Knight, Shane Hershey, Alan MacRaffen, Josh Green, Dennis Pekkala, A. Ben Carpenter, Wendie Haegle, Rob Roche, J. C. Fiske, and Krista Blasevick Pullin

In the Arms of the Dead by Christopher McDonald is just creepy, really creepy. I cannot shake the visual of Alan walking along smiling with Emily trailing after him. Rose by Wendi Haegle reminded me of Stephen King. It was very easy for me to see Rose inhabiting one of Mr. King's stories. Amy's Daycare by Sherry Knight just plain broke my heart. This is one that you have to read the AUD series before the full impact of the story hits home. All the stories are good and all involve some aspect of the zombie apocalypse. The best way to describe it is the lens the reader saw events through in AUD, is widened significantly in this collection. We meet characters who while not directly intersecting with Adrian's story still affect events in the larger universe.

James Foster does an excellent job narrating the audiobook. He narrated all eight of the AUD audiobooks so this is familiar territory for him. He brings emotion and lack of emotion, which frankly can be scarier, to the character's voices. Mr. Foster has no problem with any voice, male, female, adult or child. His voice is always clear and his volume remains consistent. The production values are great.

I hope Mr. Philbrook considers another collection like this one. There are still so many untold stories from the AUD universe. Having the different authors participate gives the collection a different feel. It is a new perspective on the familiar universe but with new stories and characters. I really enjoyed it.

Story (Plot) 5

Performance 5

Production Quality 5

Attention Holding 5

Audiobook provided for review by the audiobookreviewer.com

Dennis Pekkala says

Being one of the authors within Unhappy Ending I may be a bit biased in that I loved the book, but look at it this way, I only contributed a small part of an overall good book to read. It is always interesting to see various peoples take on a much larger story, what they focus on, the horror, the desperation, or the comedy of the situation. All in all many hours were spent enjoying the ride these stories took me on.

It also speaks volumes that these stories were even given the chance of reaching a larger audience, because at least for myself I write because of the enjoyment rather than for a living, though that may change sometime down the road if things work out.

Thank you Chris, fellow authors, and the readers who stopped by.

-Dennis

Randy Harmelink says

It was fun to get into the world of Adrian's Undead Diary, even though most stories had more to do with zombies than AUD. In most, the reference to the spiritual aspect of the story was little more than a nod.

As usual with anthologies, some stories are far better than others. But, overall, worth the time.

Sean Hammond says

This is a collection of stories told with the world Chris Philbrook created in the Adrian's Undead Diary series as the backdrop. Fans, both published authors and unpublished fanatics, have contributed to tell other stories from "that day" and the fallout thereafter. As a result, some stories may not be as well written as you are used to, but that doesn't mean it isn't a good story anyway. Chris has even brought a new character into the fold that I have a feeling we may see more of he and his group in the future.

To be clear, these stories are not about Adrian or his group directly. He certainly gets his share of honorable mentions and some of the survivors are headed toward Bastion but if you are expecting more of Adrian or Abby's writings, you're going to have to wait until the next AUD book arrives. Leaving a less than favorable review because you didn't understand this fact is not cool.

While there isn't a bad story in the collection, some are out-frickin-standing and will resonate long after you finish them. Some of my favorites were, "In the Arms of the Dead", "Amy's Daycare" and "Thirty Thousand Feet". Add zombies to those titles and you at have a vague idea of where these are headed. Everywhere from emotional roller coasters to dark, sick and twisted genius.

I very much enjoyed reading this collection and think you will too. Chris never fails to disappoint, especially when Adrian is involved. You don't necessarily need to be familial with Adrian and his story to understand the stories contained here, but it doesn't hurt. If haven't read AUD, you're really missing out so pick that up too.

Carl Phillips says

Nice to revisit the universe but the non-Philbrook stories were a bit hit and miss.

Rich Wresneski says

I'll admit it: I AM A JUNKIE. I am a junkie of the Adrian's Undead Diary zombiverse.

How so?

I lost productivity at work when I 1st discovered AUD and ripped through what had been posted.

I lost sleep reading Midnight.

I felt like I lost a family member reading The Failed Coward.

I felt lost when I finished Cassie.

I lost my mind that some of the AUD Fan Fiction stories on the site were never finished, much like I felt the story wasn't...

Unhappy Endings is a fresh needle in the hot spoon of AUD. This book expands on the short stories that I enjoyed on the site, unveils some new fan fiction from people that should be writing more, and hints at the transition to a rebirth of the AUD story.

A hat tip to some of my favorites stories by the contributing authors: The Only Thing That Matters, Thirty Thousand Feet, Amy's Daycare, Storm Crow 602, No F**ks on Timmy

I'm looking forward to the next book before I need methodone...
