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From Reader Review Prip'Yat: The Beast of Chernobyl for online ebook

David Dalton says

I picked this up back in Jan of 2013. Just now got to reading it. I really liked it. Gave me a Predator (1st movie) type of feel set in Chernobyl. Pretty good monster action. Are there any more related titles? If so, count me in. Very moody and isolated feel to it.

Michelle says

Loved this book! Fast-paced and interesting story. Makes you really think about nuclear energy in a different light. I loved the historical background. Great book for anyone interested in historical fiction or horror.

Angela Crawford says

From the book description:

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The beginning of this novel was really good. The story drew me in and made me want to know more. But then we got to the part with the beast,,, scary until it was described. After that point it just didn't work, sort of like the methods of fighting it. Then the end just kind of fizzled out without letting you know what happened. Disappointing book, 2.5 stars.

Linda Lipko says

Pripyat is a town that was built near the Ukraine nuclear power plant of Chernobyl. In the town, approximately 36 hours after reactor 4 at the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl spewed more radioactivity that released in the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, were evacuated by bus.

Believing they would return to their homes shortly after evacuation, all belongings were left. Today nature has taken over as trees grow through concrete, paint peels, a ferris wheel, registering high levels of radioactivity, and crumbled, unsafe buildings abound.

Written in a science fiction style. This is a tale of two undercover men assigned to enter the town and kill a

beast secretly reported to be roaming the area. In addition, two young boys who dare to enter the city because they are interested in the thrill of seeing the abandonment obtain more than they bargained or hoped to see.

Finding the beast who seems to thrive on consuming high levels of radioactivity, proves to be highly dangerous.

The writing is good, the story interesting, I read this in one sitting. Usually not my type of book, but it is good to periodically try something different.

chucklethescot says

Dimitri and Yuri have been fascinated by the strange tales of Prip'Yat, abandoned in the wake of the Chernobyl explosion. Rumours of hauntings and monsters intrigue the boys who decide on an overnight trip into the forbidden zone to explore for themselves rather than the official guided tours . The Ukraine government have become concerned about something strange happening in Prip'Yat and ask the Russian government for help. The Russians decide to send a two man special forces Spetsnaz team in that night to investigate and report back.

The boys are exploring an apartment building when they find a strange gel like substance which has been secreted by something but no footsteps to indicate anything human or animal. The freaked out boys leave the building but become convinced that they are being watched. Strange noises occur and they run for the nearby children's hospital with something in pursuit of them...

The men start exploring near the hospital and notice a shadow moving at speed and decide to follow it. Finding nothing, they then stumble across the same gel substance, which frightens Iosif as he recognises it but refuses to tell Lucas what is bothering him. Lucas knows his partner is hiding something important and realises that he knows what it is they are looking for in the dark town. What exactly are they chasing and who is the hunter and the hunted?

It is difficult to say more about this without giving away the best of the plot. There is a ton of tension as the two boys explore the town, gradually becoming scared by strange noises and shadows. By the time they hide in the basement of the children's hospital, they know that there is something true in the horror stories that they have heard because they can hear it searching for them. Now they have to find some way of getting out of the basement without it catching them. It is pretty creepy being with the boys in the basement as the creature closes in on them.

It is the same with the military men. They are well trained and unsure of exactly what the mission is until he sees the gel substance. Now he knows what they are looking for and he is scared, forced to break confidentiality to tell his partner what they are dealing with. They also become aware that the boys are in the area and now have two things to find. If the special forces guy is scared, you know that this monster is going to be something bad and hard to kill, and boy does it live up to expectations!

The monster is different from anything that I was expecting which added to my enjoyment of the book. I liked the use of Chernobyl and the radiation as important roles in the story, and the author tells a very gripping story to entice the reader into this shadowy world. It is well written and makes you care what happens to the characters. I very much enjoyed having two Russian military characters as heroes instead of the bad guys which happens in so many books. I liked seeing Russian and Ukrainian characters working

together as well.

There is just so much to like about this creepy horror thriller. It was my first book by the author and will certainly not be the last. I now look forward to reading his apocalypse books!

Gypsy Madden says

Even though I love the mystique surrounding the disaster of Chernobyl and the idea of a city frozen in time, and, yes, I'm a fan of monster movies, I was perhaps not the right audience for this book. I found myself skipping over all the parts with the two soldier guys and I usually grumble about the movies that have one token female (so imagine my opinion when this story didn't have any women in it. Couldn't have maybe made one of the soldiers female?). Actually the soldier parts didn't come off feeling real. It felt like the author had done his research by playing first-person shooter video games. It was very good on the technical names of things and switching from one piece of weaponry to another, but it didn't really include the feel and weight and texture of the equipment and emotion of the soldiers. And having reached the end, I still have no idea what an SVD is, other than being some sort of gun. There really weren't any twists or surprises to the plot and none of the characters had much depth to them (in fact, they all felt very interchangeable with the only differences between them being age and experience. Even the beast was rather dry since the only things it seemed capable of doing was hunting via animal instincts and killing), but then this story really isn't about depth, it's technically a monster movie, so the focus is mainly on tension and danger since there's not only the monster to worry about, but also the deadly radiation hotspots lurking everywhere, as well as the ghost town city looming around them (which the setting and atmosphere were beautifully brought to life). If you're a fan of movies like The Chernobyl Diaries and you like your shooter video games, this book would be right up your alley.

sergei says

i'd say it's a good read, especially considering the still quite enigmatic subject-matter of Pripjat and Chernobyl disaster... i would easily rated it with 4 stars, but i couldn't shake off some inconsistencies: 1) name Lucas - there's no way a Ru/Uk soldier would be called that - could be Luka (but not Lucas, which is a Western name, as opposed to Eastern tradition)
2) at one point a store is described and a shopping cart is mentioned - could not have been so back in the 80s in the Soviet world
i guess i could say i know what i'm talking about (in these two regards that is), since i was born in the USSR prior to Chernobyl disaster
other than that, i'd highly recommend this novella... although i would enjoy more mystery - which the author managed to pull off quite nicely in the first half of his piece

Linc Park says

One of the hallmarks of a bad story is when a character has to explain a major plot point. In this story it is made worse by the fact that it comes in the form of a diary. Regardless of the necessary exposition it provides, you still have to ask why a seasoned soldier on a deadly top secret mission is carrying a diary in the first place. It's hardly a secret mission if you are exposing everything in a diary!

*****Spoiler Alert*****

The diary comes into play after Iosif, the commander of the two men squad is killed by the beast. His partner, Lucas, has been entrusted with the diary. The diary explains that Iosif encountered the beast in an earlier mission where he and his men, armed to the teeth, with “enough fire power to take over a small country” attacked a Chinese nuclear facility. Did you get that! Here’s Iosif, a seasoned, no-nonsense soldier who lives in the Ukraine, a country that contain of the largest radioactive zone in the world, which was caused by a nuclear accident, and his experience tells him that it’s OK to attack a nuclear facility with weapons and explosives. After all, what’s the worst that could happen, right! It makes me think that author gets his ridiculous concept of how military missions are planned from playing the Call of Duty games. As a matter of fact Call of Duty does have a mission in the town of Prip’yat. I wonder...

Anyways, after the beast ends up killing everyone in the facility except Iosif and couple of his men, the diary establishes two major plot points; that Iosif has engaged this indestructible red eyed beast once before and that conventional weapons can’t kill it.

Now to the present where Iosif and Lucas are hunting this almost indestructible creature in Prip’Yat. Sticking with the ridiculous, the author establishes the fact that only Iosif knows what they are hunting and that Iosif deliberately keeps his partner in the dark. Did you get that foolishness; Iosif is sending his partner out to hunt a creature that he knows can’t be killed by conventional weapons.

Anyways, armed with his prior knowledge about this almost indestructible creature what does Iosif do when he spots this creature slipping into the abandoned hospital? Being a dumb character from an even dumber story, he naturally engages it with his sniper rifle which results in him being immediately torn apart by the creature.

This story is full of these ridiculous roll your eyes moments. How this creature is formed is on the same level of nonsense as that radioactive spider that bit Peter Parker and turned him into Spiderman. Speaking of Spiderman, this creature even has the ability to walk on walls like Spiderman.

The author even has problems deciding what this beast is suppose to look like as its description keeps changing. It’s black and shapeless in Prip’Yat but by the time it gets to the reactor it’s covered in hair. He can’t even decide how big and heavy it is because it makes very little noise when it walks over the debris strewn floors of the hospital but its powerful enough to use its weight to crash through ceilings. Everything in this story is arbitrary; the creature develops attributes at the will of the author.

As poorly conceived as this story is its still has its ultimate “jump the shark” moment. Throughout the story the author emphasises how the creature rips bodies apart to pieces. We find out later that it drags what’s left of the bodies back to its lair near Chernobyl reactor. When Lucas comes across this lair he’s hoping to find the “secret weapon” that’s in one of Iosif vest pocket. Guess what; although Iosif vest is totally ripped apart in pieces everywhere, the only piece of the vest that is still basically intact is the pocket that holds the “secret weapon”. And voila, another ludicrous plot point achieved. But wait, if you think about this, it begs this question, “Why didn’t Iosif just use the “secret weapon” (which can kill the beast) when he engaged it in the hospital instead of using his sniper rifle, (which can’t kill the beast)?”

This mind numbingly dumb story makes me think it was written by someone who does most of their research by playing action games like Call of Duty. Action games, like war games, are all about action, with less emphasis on a substantial plot and even less on character development. To me that’s how this story played out, it was all about dumb action played out by dumb characters with a weak tepid plot thrown in it to tie the story to the action. Like some of other reviewers, I wasn’t going to finish the story because it was so bad but

I did want to express my 99 cents worth of disappointment so I hung on till the end and believe me the story gets worse as you keep reading.

Empress Reece (Hooked on Books) says

4.5 stars...

I loved the use of Chernobyl as a setting and getting glimpses of what the city was like before and after the fallout. I wish the story would have expanded a little more though on some areas i.e. like what the "Beast of Chernobyl" actually is, how it came to be, why it was "taking" some and not others to its den and how it travelled from China to Chernobyl. Exactly why I've never been a huge fan of short stories and novellas. This one is worth checking out though.

November Is Nyarlathotep says

Review of PripYat: The Beast Chernobyl by Mike Krause

5 stars

“PripYat: The Beast Chernobyl” turned out to be so much more than I expected. I learned a lot about the Chernobyl explosion and its aftermath, including how it affected the nearest community, PripYat. I think everyone who supports the use of nuclear energy needs to read this. But the book is not a polemic: rather it is a sort of scientific paranormal, a very “possible” what if story.

Two adolescent boys who love to explore decide it’s safe to camp overnight in PripYat, mostly just to look around and also so they can say they’ve done it. Meanwhile, two soldiers of a very covert special operations team are sent in to PripYat to find—something. The younger of the two doesn’t know what and believes it is just a wild goose chase, but orders rule and so he goes on the mission with his partner, who knows more but isn’t telling.

What the two pairs find is not just each other, but something so horrible it must be experienced to be believed; but experiencing it means dying because of it. This is the kind of monstrous secret which kills, violently and implacably. Can it ever be halted?

Kathryn Barnett says

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PRIP 'YAT

This is a horror story for the modern world, and a darn good one.

Yuri and his cousin have been planning for years to go to Prip'yat the city outside of Chernobyl and look around. “They” say that there is still neat stuff to be found and it is safe if you take a geiger counter and

watch where you walk. Sounds like a real good adventure, right? Boy are they SO wrong.

If you like a good horror story with non-stop action this is the one for you. Monsters might walk at night, oh wait, are WE the monsters? Read it, you will enjoy it and might even find out the answer to the question. This is written by Mike Kraus who is the creator of the Final Dawn series, also a very well written series of books. He just keeps getting better and better.

Andrew says

This was a free ebook I cannot remember where I found however I decided to give it a go since I have found some truly amazing books this way.. I must admit I was quite surprised at how good it was - ok its not a ground breaking or trend setting book but its fast paced and tense and you really do want to read what happens next simply for the thrill of it. SO what can I say about this - well the title and description pretty much covers it, however the writing is tense, fast and interesting making it (at least in ebook terms) a page turner.

Mark Maguire says

I enjoyed the descriptions surrounding the Nuclear Fall-out zone and the process of navigating through the lethal, and decaying infrastructure. However, I found the storyline to be predictable and the conclusion to be a disappointment.

The book is ideal for those looking for a quick, non-committal read or those with a passing interest in the fallout caused by Chernobyl.

Claire Fun says

Ooh, creepy!

I really enjoyed this. It was generally well written , with believable characters, and was a fun, quick, and exciting scary romp in the dark. Setting it in Pripyat was a great idea - I've long been fascinated by the thought of this abandoned ghost town, and the writer has clearly done his homework and knows his subject. I've spent a lot of time on their version of Google street view 'walking around' pripyat and have followed all the tour photos from visitors, and this book covered all the main 'sights' and the feel of the place really well.

Basic plot is that two local-ish lads sneak off to explore the city the same night two Spetznat black ops style have been sent in to investigate reports of suspicious activity. Without spoilers, I'll just say that what they all find is not what they expected...

The plot was exciting and I felt the tenseness of the situation, the descriptions of walking round this dead city - mostly in the dark, no less - not knowing who or what was in here with you was deliciously creepy and the factual stuff - explaining what happened to Pripyat, both 'then' and since - didn't jar with or interrupt the story at all, and was very well done. Admittedly, it was all stuff I knew already, but then...let's be kind and say I'm a special case. Most people don't seem to have heard much about it other than the basics, so I'd imagine this book could spark interest in the place and hey, if it spurs a few more people on to help the

Chernobyl charities, then brilliant!

I mainly read it for the setting, but I would happily read more by this author, as I definitely like what he's done here. Great read and will stick with me.

Romulo Reyes says

This is what I usually refer to as bite-sized reading, checking in at 109 pages. A fun romp through the irradiated town of Prip'yat, this was a pretty typical horror/action tale with the exception of it taking place near Chernobyl. I liked the setting and it was well paced. The author also gives a decent amount of Chernobyl history so readers unfamiliar with the setting can quickly get accustomed to it. I like that not too many authors have used Chernobyl as a setting so that was neat. This probably would have made for a better movie than Chernobyl Diaries! Good job, Mr. Kraus!

I found this on Amazon for a decent price, less than \$10 or 346 Russian Rubles!
