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From the Author of the Amazon Best-selling Fantasy series *Legends of Agora*.

Seven years have passed since the Culling of 2033 which killed most of the world's population. Vampires, werewolves, and demons have begun to emerge from the shadows, and they are hungry. Boston, one of the last vestiges of humanity, is protected by a spell shield created by the Wizard Council. The shield is the only thing keeping the city safe.

Having studied the Craft for two years at Harvard Witchcraft and Wizardry, Orion Rezner embarks on his final rite of passage. But his first mission outside the city walls forces him to make choices he wasn't prepared for. Narrowly avoiding possession by an ancient demon, he learns of a plot to destroy the spell shield and expose its survivors to the horrors outside.

Suspected by the wizard council of having been compromised by the encounter, Orion is unable to convince them of the danger. With the help of his closest friends and ghostly mentor, Orion sets out on a desperate quest to thwart the demon's plan any way he can--before it's too late to save the city.

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Marie says

Wonderful

"Grunt of Approval" well as you can see I read the entire book! I enjoyed it and cannot wait to download the next book. I read it in less than two evening! Go Rez!!!

Stephen White says

A Wizard, a monkey named Dude, and the ghost of Ben Franklin walk into a bar. Sounds kind of like the beginning of a really bad joke, But it's not. It's The Orion Rezner Chronicles: Afterworld. If you're looking for a book that will hold you enthralled for page one. Then look no further this tale of action, peril, intrigue, and just the right amount of humor. Michael James Ploof has a style of writing that makes you want to be a part of the story more than any book I've ever read. You feel the characters pain, you experience there joy. They are so imperfectly perfect that you feel that you have known them your whole life. I stand fully behind the 5 star rating on this book. I have, and will continue, to push a copy of this book into every reader's hand that I see. I cannot wait to see where Orion and Dude end up.

Tala Gilbert says

Ok best book ever!!

Michael Ploof never fails to entertain. He is officially my favorite author and I cannot wait for his next book. Orion Rezner is one of his most flamboyant and fun characters with an attitude. Along with his sidekicks Dude (a highly intelligent chimpanzee) and Mushiro, his Japanese best bud, I spent most of the book laughing so hard I had tears running and the other half on the edge of my seat wondering if they would make it out alive. You have wizards, witches and a really nasty demon who only wanted one thing...the ghost of Benjamin Franklin. Great twist!! I highly recommend this book and all of Michael's other endeavors. he is an awesome writer. Patiently waiting for the next one.

Toria Bedell says

After a slow start this book tuned out good. Orion is a smart ass and he struggles a little with what is happening after the culling. With the mix of demons, witches, and wizards this book is a good read for a mature audience.

Kayleigh Robertson says

Great read

I couldn't put this down!! Excellent story and very believable from the start. I can imagine the world becoming like this one day lol

Susan Barton says

This original and entertaining fantasy novel by Michael James Ploof opens with a long passage explaining the backstory - the event known as "the culling", which has wiped out ninety-nine per cent of humanity and left a world crawling with supernatural beings - demons, vampires, werewolves, etc.

The reader is then plunged into the middle of an exorcism by a wizard and a cleric, and I half expected someone to roll a twelve-sided dice and cast a spell to increase strength, speed and stamina. In fact, the wizard duly casts just such a spell, admittedly without the need of a dice.

Thankfully, despite the initial prolonged explication and the threat of this turning into a dungeons and dragons session, the book actually turns out to be a skillfully executed and humorous tale. Orion Rezner, the protagonist, who tells the story in the first person, has a distinctive narrative voice, which reminded me a little of Kinky Friedman's eponymous private eye: never laugh-out-loud but always reliably witty and likeable.

The fantasy world of post-culling Boston and its environs are worked out and described in fine detail while maintaining the fast pace and action of the story, and many interesting and memorable characters are introduced (a monkey sidekick and the ghost of Benjamin Franklin to name but two).

It's clear the author is setting things up for a series, or at least a sequel, but *Afterworld: Orion Rezner Chronicles*, by Michael James Ploof, works perfectly well as a standalone. I believe fans of the fantasy genre will find this intelligent, cheerful and imaginative novel thoroughly enjoyable.

Review by Neil McFarlane for <http://ebookreviewgal.com>.

eBook Review Gal received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Sadie Forsythe says

Ummmm, it was Ok I suppose. I wasn't all that impressed, but I didn't hate it either. I think my issue stems from the fact that I'm not sure where the book falls genre-wise, therefore I can't decide if my expectations were skewed or not.

This is post-apocalyptic. An orchestrated mega-virus seems to have wiped out most of the world's population and a large chunk of the remaining humanity are stigmatised and seem to live in some *Mad Max* rendition of future Earth. It's set in 2041 (or there abouts), but all the pop references are from the 1980s and 90s, making it feel contemporary even as it's futuristic. So, Sci-fi maybe? But then there are witches, wizards and priestly mystics performing exorcisms. (Apparently there are vampires, werewolves, unicorns and so on, too, but you don't see any.) So, fantasy or even urban fantasy maybe? Then there is the monkey named Dude and a

disturbing number of fart jokes/references. Are we then in a humorous novel? The main character is at least in his mid-twenties. (He has a college degree and a 2-year apprenticeship.) But he speaks like a frat boy, slash, surfer. Seriously, it was all "wayyy," "Hell to the yeah." Plus the book is full of *Harry Potter* like magic. So, is it YA? NA? They curse, so maybe even adult? I have no idea.

So, not knowing how to categorise and therefore think about this novel is a problem. But so is the fact that it just feels very random. We catch up with Orion on the day he takes his final test to become a wizard. Then we follow him as he runs around and does a lot of essentially random stuff. In the grand scheme of the series it might all have a place, but in terms of this book, we aren't given enough background to understand his choices and situate them in an overarching plot-line. As a result, I never felt engaged with him or cared that much about him and what was happening.

This was exacerbated by the fact that he was just so dumb. I know that in his narrative some of that apparent stupidness was self-deprecation, (and some of it's actually pretty funny) but he did a lot of really unintelligent stuff, even when he should know better.

If I was a 16-year-old boy I might relate to Orion and like the book more than I did. The writing was fine and I don't remember much about the editing, which means nothing stood out to me as wrong. I think this is just a case of not quite the right reader. But as I didn't hate it either, I'll give it a grudging "grunt of approval."

Melanie says

I read this book because I like this author. The story was quite entertaining....a fun read. The only thing that bothered me was the fact that the main character fell for the same ruse three times....how dumb is that?

Keri Sayers says

Grunt of approval! I like originality and the blend of urb-fan and a dystopia future.

P.A. Wilson says

Post-apocalyptic books are hot right now and you'd think that the stories would get repetitive and predictable. Not so. There are hundreds if not thousands of reasons that the world will change, be destroyed, or invaded and as many ways humanity will react to it. In this series it's good old fashioned apocalypse caused by a virus. Demons walk the earth, magic is real and humans are split between the Elite and the rest of the remnants.

Orion is a newly minted wizard who has some difficulties with authority. Along with his genetically altered chimp, Dude, and his pet ghost, Ben, Orion has to find a way to protect Boston and avoid his new found enemy.

I found this book well balanced between horror and humor. I'm not a big fan of horror, but this one drew me along and I'll definitely read the next one in the series.

I recommend this to anyone who likes a fast moving high stakes story with a bit of hellfire.

Stephen says

In his first week as a wizard, Orion Rezner faces demons, witches, possessed mothers, and road warriors. Thank god beer survived the Apocalypse. Seven years have passed since the Culling of 2033 which killed most of the world's population. Vampires, werewolves, and demons have begun to emerge from the shadows, and they are hungry. Boston, one of the last vestiges of humanity, is protected by a spell shield created by the Wizard Council. The shield is the only thing keeping the city safe.

Well this is one of those books that you really love or hate. Well you probably guessed by my rating I hated it. I don't like anything to do with exorcism, which this had and being set in the near future is another minus for me. As for the writing, it was OK, I have read a lot better but at the same time I have read worse. I'll just leave it up to you. I hated this book and I am not going to recommend it to anyone. If you chose to read it, do so at your own peril.

John Cionfalo says

Interesting premise

Liked the premise. However I found the main character hard to relate to and sympathize with. It's one thing to be a character who has a edge and is an antihero, it's another to being just a self absorbed jerk

Denise says

I liked this better than any of the other books, I thought it was hilarious and it's the only book in its series. WHY!? We keep getting promised a second book but I've yet to be able to buy it on Amazon. So disappointed.

Belle says

"I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review".

Captivating! Such a unique post apocalypse twist that I couldn't put the book down! I'm pretty burned out on all the typical "end of the world" scenarios: aliens, weather, and now tons of zombies but this had to be the best take on it that I've ever experienced!! I wish I had more than 2 thumbs for Sam Adams surviving the apocalypse! A good book will do one of two things: make me laugh out loud or move me to tears. A great book does both! This is a great book!

Beth ~Just One More Chapter I Swear~~ says

~~~Not A Strong 4 Stars but Def. Worth More Than 3~~~

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. That being said, this book was a whole lot of fun! It promised a cornucopia of creatures including: Vampires, Werewolves, Shape Shifters, Ghosts, Witches/Warlocks, various survivors of the virus that wiped out 99% of the population named Witnesses, Elites and Cain along with Priests exhibiting extraordinary powers, Demons and last but certainly not least a bad a\$\$ snarky monkey named Dude. For the most part it delivers though we never get to meet the Vamps, Werewolves, Shape Shifters and Elites in book #1. Still this post apocalyptic book is action packed and chock full of references to 80's and 90's pop culture (both witty and dated) which could have easily backfired. There were some words left out here and there but the quick paced/easy flow made up for whatever editing problems I ran across. The character development and world building were good but nothing groundbreaking though it definitely provided an excellent foundation for what I believe will turn out to be a VERY entertaining series.

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