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FORGET EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT ZOMBIES.

In under 10 minutes, 99.9% of the world's population will be dead... or changed. Conversion is instant. Headshots just make them angry. And they're getting smarter.

Ken Strickland has made it through the first moments. But his family is still out there.

Can he survive? Can he find them? Or will he become one more of the creatures that now rule our world?

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THE COLONY: GENESIS is the first volume of an apocalyptic series by #1 bestselling novelist Michaelbrent Collings.

## **Genesis Details**

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## From Reader Review Genesis for online ebook

### **Craig Daniels says**

Interesting read, although I wish the author spent a little less time lingering and meandering. Also, the cliffhanger aspect of the first novel was a "gotcha", but I still purchased the entire set, since the storyline was entertaining.

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### **Christine Bishop says**

#### **Good Zombie Read!**

If you need a good zombie fix then this book will do it. These are not traditional zombies their fast, their smart, they seem to move in groups, and head wounds don't kill them it just makes them mad. This book is the 1st of seven and ends in a cliffhanger. 4 stars!

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### **Rusty says**

Fun read, seat of your pants zombie story all the way through to the giant cliffhanger at the end. I definitely want to see how the story ends. Loses a point for not being super original and because I was put off by Ken's view of being a teacher as a horrible life choice that he was forced in to.

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### **Leo says**

Wow, what an awesome book. Fast paced, action packed... Very different view on a zomby apocalypse.

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### **Debbie Lawrie says**

So far it is everything you come to expect from a zombie apocalypse story. I feel a little let down by the predictable path this is leading us down, however, I will continue to the next installment in the hope it brings something different to the table.

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### **Phillip Clark says**

Fun litte read, looking forward to getting into the rest of the series.

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## **The Behrg says**

I like my zombies with a side of insects ...

Michaelbrent Collings has certainly created his own signature style when it comes to the genre of horror. Fast, shotgun writing with action on every page and a cliff hanger on every other. What I most appreciate about his approach is that he pushes things one step farther than you might expect, leaving one final twist ending you didn't see coming or tacking on another layer to a story where other (lazier) authors might have stopped short.

The Colony falls into this second category, a zombie story but not quite "just another zombie story." These zombies are fast, and they're learning. They're also connected somehow, which has yet to be explained. Add freak plagues of bugs and other baddies and you're not quite certain what's going on. The pace of this story took me a little while to get used to as the entire novel covers only a few miles and possibly few hours. Don't mistake that for meaning the story is slow; it's not. But if you're looking to dive deep into the culture and mythos of this particular zombie tale, be prepared to pony up for another book in the series.

This isn't a genre-bending revelation of a novel, but coming from someone who's been a little burned out on the zombie cliches, it's a quick and fun read and definitely packs enough punch to keep you going till the end.

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## **Misti says**

So this was book 3 from the Ultimate Undead Collection: The Zombie Apocalypse Best Sellers Boxed Set. This was certainly a very quick read with non-stop action from about the 1st page. I appreciated this since I don't like it when the Zombie action doesn't really get going until halfway through the story. I'm not too crazy about how short this was though; it's not exactly a complete book but part 1 of a 7-book series! I never would have bought it based on that if it hadn't been part of this collection. I also had an issue with how the city of Boise was portrayed and I would be very interested to know if the author actually lives there or had even visited before. The first survivor the main character meets up with is described as a quite strong older woman, so he assumes she must work on a farm since "a lot of women in the area work farms". And the 2nd survivor he finds is a cowboy, an actual cowboy. Having these 2 characters represent a very diverse and urban city like Boise just seemed quite ridiculous to me. And of course it ends with a cliffhanger to entice you to buy the next part of the series. Although I'm very curious what happens, I don't think I want to shell out the money for 6 more books to find out.

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## **David says**

Non-stop action on literally every page lol

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## **Kimberly says**

I have been following Michaelbrent Collings since I first picked up his novel The Haunted. Since then, I've

been devouring everything I can that he has written. It's an incredible treat to find an author so consistently "unique" in his story lines. That being said, I was a little hesitant at first at starting THE Colony: Genesis, only because of the fact that it is the first of a series. I groaned mentally, thinking of months/sometimes years of waiting for a storyline to be continued. When I realized that the second book in the series was ALREADY out--I jumped right in.

When I mentioned that Collings stories were consistently unique--I wasn't kidding. This novel is a testament to that statement. He takes the concept of zombies to a whole new level. I was so absorbed in this fast moving, breathtaking story, that I read it all in a single sitting. Of the origin of the zombies, very little is known (I expect we'll hear more about that in a later installment). What makes this story so engrossing is the characters, and the desperate urgency in which they are thrust in order to save their lives from this VERY sudden world-wide epidemic.

There wasn't a dull moment in the entire book--nor even a place to pause, and take a break! I'll be getting the second book VERY soon now! :)

Recommended!

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### **Amy says**

I've never read a zombie book before, except World War Z, which doesn't count. This book was fast paced and I couldn't put it down. 244 pages of a story that spans 6 hours of Ken Strickland's life. As a fan of horror it takes a lot to scare me. This book is the first in my adult life that scared me enough to keep me awake at night.

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### **A.R. says**

?OK, that was a quick reading. I got through the book for 3 and a half hours.

It's not a bad book but:

The whole thing shouldn't have taken more than three scenes to be completed. There is a lot of repetitive action and almost no dialog.

It goes like this: a guy witnesses the beginning of a zombie apocalypse, runs, meets 3 other people, cuts off his own fingers, gets to his home and finds his family gone. The end.

Now, if there were more about the characters or any hint of what had happened or why it had happened, it may have been a better story, but no. We learn nothing about the characters or the event.

Maybe it's just I, but books missing a story or character arcs are not good books.

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### **David Dalton says**

First off, I received this book free from the author. I responded to a posting on Goodreads for the 2nd Colony book: Renegades, and I ended up with both books I and II.

That said, I really did enjoy this thriller. If you have seen my reviews since March of this year, you know that I LOVE to read zombie books. However, even for me I now feel there are too many zombie books out there. I now have the luxury of picking and choosing which zombie books I WANT to read. When I saw the offer to read a zombie book for free from an author I had read before, I jumped at it.

But being free does not mean I would like the book. Earlier this year an author sent me a book to review. He compared himself to Matt Reilly (action-adventure). I could not finish the book. It was boring and confusing. I sent him back a reply and said no thanks. I did not review the book because I could not finish it. If I gave him a good review then other people would read that review and then they would think I was just blowing smoke.

But I have no qualms here about giving this book 5-stars. Action from almost the very first page. Our lead character Ken, a school teacher, is on the run from the word GO. And Michaelbrent has come up a totally new approach to zombies. Bugs, zombies that spit acid, coordinate together, communicate by making clicking noises, they stop and stare the sky and then resume killing, and all sorts of other strange things. As I said, different. Small parts of a couple of movies: World War Z and 28 Days Later, and a whole lot of NEW stuff.

For one thing, you can't outright kill these things. Headshots just make them MAD (like Mongo in Blazing Saddles). And I really like the band of character that Ken picks up in his quest to find his family (99.9% of the earth's population had turned immediately): Dorcas (older lady), Aaron (middle aged cowboy), Christopher (22 year son of the former governor, who is now a zombie. No blazing gun action, but lots of cliff-hangers and plenty of suspense.

200+ pages and I literally zipped thru it. It was difficult to find a place to stop and pause.

I had read another book by this author before: . I liked that book very much as well (4 stars?). I compared that story to the movie; Dark City. Where nothing is as it appears to be.

I finished this thriller during lunch at work and quickly resumed Renegades, where I left off at the 15% mark. I am now at the 31% mark and have to go back to work. These books are like Lays potato chips. Hard to stop reading just one book. What happens when I finish Renegades? Agggh!

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### **Stephanie Durrant says**

After reading Collings book Apparition I knew I would have to read everything he has written. I downloaded this one of Amazon and read it in hours I was so engrossed in it I could not put it down. Best Zombie (?) like book I have ever read. He goes in to such great detail that you really get drawn into the book and I could feel my heart races as the main characters run for there lives and try to stay ahead of everything that seems to be falling to pieces around them. I can't wait for the next installment. I could really see this turned in to a show or series just from how awesome the 1st book was.

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### **Dan Earl says**

### **Good Page Turner**

A great page Turner. Probably won't go down in the annals of history as one of the greatest novels of all time, but for what it is, it is great. Lots of good gorey fun. I started reading it casually and ended up finishing it in a couple of hours. The only reason why it didn't get a full five stars is the "and then he heard a scream" chapter endings got a bit tedious after 20 chapters. Definitely a great choice for a rainy afternoon.

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