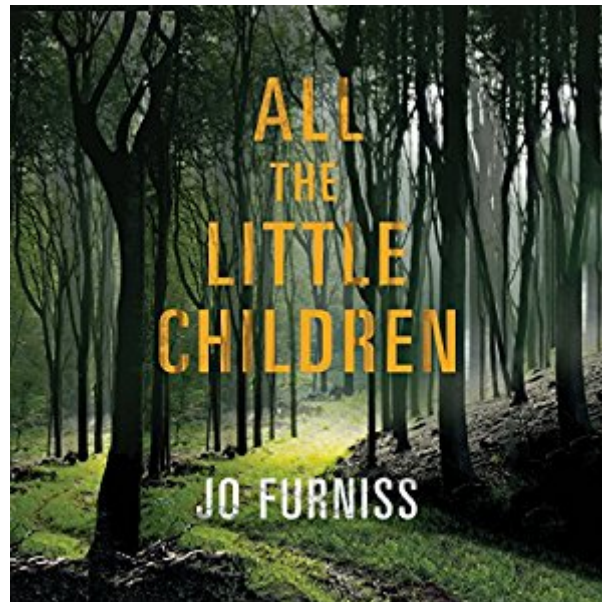


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All The Little Children



Synopsis

When a family camping trip takes a dark turn, how far will one mother go to keep her family safe? Struggling with working-mother guilt, Marlene Greene hopes a camping trip in the forest will provide quality time with her three young children - until they see fires in the distance, columns of smoke distorting the sweeping view. Overnight, all communication with the outside world is lost. Knowing something terrible has happened, Marlene suspects that the isolation of the remote campsite is all that's protecting her family. But the arrival of a lost boy reveals they are not alone in the woods, and as the unfolding disaster ravages the land, more youngsters seek refuge under her wing. The lives of her own children aren't the only ones at stake. When their sanctuary is threatened, Marlene faces the mother of all dilemmas: Should she save her own kids or try to save them all?

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Customer Reviews

There are some minor spoilers followingThis is the second time this year that I've picked a Kindle First book that gave no indication that it was part of a series. Had I known that, I probably would have picked something else. By the time the next book comes out, I'll have forgotten what happens in this one. The main character, Marlene the martyr, is hard to like. She's camping with her sister-in-law for the weekend with their kids, mostly to get away from her husband. He sounds like a total loser (doesn't have a job, won't help take care of the kids or the house), yet Marlene is the one who married him and chose to have three kids with him, so I didn't feel a lot of sympathy toward her.

She's a jerk to her S-I-L, and that combined with several annoying teenagers in the story gave me few people to root for. The closer the book got to the non-ending, the more ridiculous it became. Marlene driving the truck at the end was way too over the top. Governments hunting down civilians, putting people in internment camps, when the virus only started a week or so prior? That's all the time it takes for civilization to collapse?***SPOILER ALERT***Be warned, there are two child deaths and a dog death in this book.

I found myself initially saying "not another apocolypse/virus type plot" and hoped it would have originality. At first it didn't, but soon the plot took on it's own uniqueness and easily caught my attention and held it for the remainder. I didn't care much for Marlene but I rather felt sorry for her. I loved Billy and wanted to scoop him up, hug him tight and keep him safe! The introduction of the Wild Things was exciting and picked up the pace and I found myself wanting to skip ahead a few times! Then as the book comes to the end you can FEEL it starting to slow down. The author chose to leave an incredible amount of unanswered questions when the story ends abruptly with a not so cute cliché. I found myself left empty. Rather disappointed. No book should end in this manner unless there has been a plan for a sequel and unfortunately there is no such plan. Just one huge cliffhanger. I didn't care for the overly descriptive nature of the writing; it was too much at times and interfered with the emotions of the characters. Aside from that it's a decent read and kept my attention so I will give the author a 2nd try.

The story didn't grab me at first, but after a while I was unable to put it down. When terrorist attack Great Britain, a woman and her three children, along with her sister-in-law and niece are on a camping trip. The changes that she undergoes make her capable of trying to save her family, while realizing her priorities have greatly changed. I would have given 5 stars, but I was let down by the ending. Can only hope there will be a sequel, I have too many unanswered questions.....

The story of a man made and deliberately let loose plague which decimated England drew me in immediately. In the world of terrible terrorist attacks and natural disasters that we currently live in made this story believable and frightening.. The protagonist is a working mother, left on her own by her apparently useless husband, who has taken her three young children, her sister in law and her teenaged niece out on a camping trip when the rest of her world is wiped out. How they' cope with the lack of basic necessities, death and being hunted like contaminated animals kept me reading all night. As a mother myself, this story resonated.

I gave this four stars because it was a different storyline than I am accustomed to and the plot move along nicely-keeping me interested. The original characters were well defined although I found the characters introduced later to be confusing, likely because of the number. Very impressed with the turn at the end.

Amazing, poignant and terrifying story of how a mom copes when the world as she knows it ends abruptly. Marlene is a flawed, sometimes annoying, but very strong woman who does what she needs to do to protect her children. Fast moving story couldn't put it down!

I started reading this book prepared for a shorter story about a mother and her children. I was quickly hooked and could not stop reading. My only regret is that we don't know what happens after the story ends. I have so many questions that don't have answers.

Enjoyed the book. Characters fairly well developed. Clear theme. Plot a bit lumpy. One blurb said something like "female version of 'The Road'". Not even close but an enjoyable read.

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