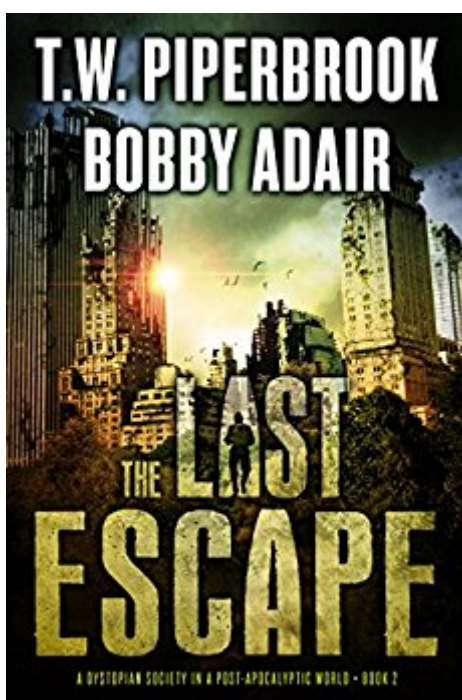


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Synopsis

They were dead. All of them. In the wake of a massacre, Ella, Bray, and William flee into the wild, hoping to escape the brutal vengeance of an unforgiving leader. In Brighton, political and economic tensions boil. Famine is approaching. The monsters are amassing. And a costly decision must be made, one that will threaten the lives of humanity's last survivors.

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Customer Reviews

Most middle entries in a series involve lots of setting the pieces up for the conclusion, and this is no different. More details of the society are fleshed out, and the picture the authors paint is very believable as the characters maneuver things into place. There's a good blend of action, political intrigue, and even a hint of romance. They do a great job bouncing between the different characters' point of view, although I would have enjoyed some more characterization for some of them. However many more books in the series there will be, the pieces are in play and I will be back for more!

This sequel is as good as book one in the series. Again we follow Bray, Ella and William as they find disaster in Davenport. Three survivors have escaped the slaughter and they track them having adventure and heartache as they travel. The world of the priest, soldier and scholar twists and turns as they try to survive the plots of each other. Please enjoy this book after reading book one in the series.

Much is happening with our little casts of characters in their separate experiences that seem to be coming together. It is well written and I look forward to the next one. I don't know if I was just busy with other things, like television, or what kept me so long reading this book, which really wasn't hard to get through at all. So I will blame it on life. This story is a good one, the authors two of my favorites, so I would recommend to anyone who likes dystopian or post apocalyptic reads.

In a barbaric future, there is an odd disease that's NOT a zombie virus that infects people. Twice a year the woman and children spin around naked in the middle of town one at a time, to prove they don't have that disease. A mom finds out her son has it and flees. The city's corrupt "elders" have a witch hunt sent out to find her, killing loads of innocent people, including the entire town she's fleeing to. A girl relative of hers escapes with a friend and she searches for the girl with the help of an unsavory guy who makes a living by scalping the NOT zombie things for the reward money. Ends in a cliffhanger both on her story and the story in the town she left.

When I began reading the first book in this series I thought I was going to be disappointed. I expected it to be more of a Sci-Fi story with Nano-Bots, Plasma Weapons Space Travel, etc.. While the story takes place at least 300 years in the future almost all technology has been lost when humanity is all but wiped out. Only 57 people appear to have survived some tragedy (an infection it seems) and they are compelled to focus on basic survival. With such a limited population most skills of the prior civilization are lost or quickly forgotten. These original 57 have grown over the 300 years to a population of possibly 50,000 spread over three larger communities and perhaps 25 smaller Towns and Villages. Their overall population should be much greater but there is a wind borne spore from infected "Demons" that gradually destroys the new host's body and mind turning them into Demons as well. These are different from the Zombies they seem similar to but these are not "Walking Dead" creatures. Neither the Demons nor infected humans return from the dead. A cruel form of superstitious religion has evolved that requires all women and children over the age of 17 to

be stripped in the Public Square twice a year to be thoroughly inspected to see if they've become infected. If they are, they are "Cleansed" through the purifying means of being burned at the stake. Men are exempt from these public inspections because, unlike women, the men have "Hard-Honest hearts and may be trusted to report any sign of the disease on themselves...or others. Because of their "Honesty" an infected man may elect to be spared being burned alive and choose the purifying Sword. Shortly before the next "Cleansing" ritual, a woman discovers her young son is infected and chooses to run away. The consequences of this are horrific and are meant to instill fear in anyone thinking of running. ALL her friends, neighbors, relatives and even another complete village where she was born are killed on the speculation they May have known what she was planning and failed to report it. Or, they may have helped her, knew where she Might go, or even Possibly help her in the future. This series chronicles her flight and the consequences to all she knew in any manner. We also observe the impact this type of overzealous leadership has on all members of the community; from the Ministers, Merchants, Soldiers, Farmers, Barren Women (who service all unmarried men of the community) as well as those "Illegals" who have attempted to avoid the regulations and rituals of the Towns. These Illegals struggle to survive in the wild in the normal "settler" ways we might imagine from early American History in addition to avoiding Soldiers attempting to bring them to justice (death) and the infected Demons who wish to eat them. Unrest is expanding at all levels and we see drastic measures being considered. In the face of a recently predicted severe famine, the aging Military Minister begins preparing to lead a hastily formed ill-trained militia on an expedition for the alleged purpose of killing all Demons. In reality, it is his desire to have the remaining populace be spared the famine by leading a sufficient number from the communities to their death on this quest and hopes to be remembered as a hero. He is realizing that his abilities as a man are failing and sees this quest as a means of avoiding an inevitable decline and loss of respect. At the start of this review I said I was afraid I would be disappointed because the story wasn't the Sci-Fi tale anticipated. I wasn't, but I was so wrong about not liking it...I loved it.

Review by "THE HOLEY ONE"

The 1st book of this series was free. It was an excellent book & as the author said there were 6 books to the series I bought all 6 after reading the 1st one. If I thought it was going to be a never ending series, though I thoroughly enjoyed the first one, I probably wouldn't have bought the rest. So, thank you. Loved all the characters, the plots, the scenery...so well written, felt as though I was in the throng. Could hardly put my kindle down, so eager to know what was going to happen next! This was a different genre from my norm & I was very content.

Great story! The dystopian future, believable cast society, with surprises and plot twists along the way. You'll definitely appreciate the pace and character development. The story is well grounded thought out. I just finished the 3rd book and look forward to the fourth, but have to get a smudge checked out... Kudos to Bobby Adair and T.W. Piperbrook for a great series!

A good read for me after finishing the Slow Burn series. An interesting departure from the here and now zombie world of those books. Humans who are alive but completely insane from the disease. The world we know and it's knowledge lost. Medieval way of life is normal for the uninfected humans, always worrying when they'll get infected and turn into monsters. Their horrific fate at the hands of the masters when they do show the slightest symptom causes them to live with the fear of medieval torturous death. Are the demons all that's left of the ancient humans?

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