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Prescient: Delphi Chronicles Book One



Synopsis

What if I told you you'd be dead in a year? Sounds crazy, right? Because nobody can see the future. Nobody but me. You'd think time-travel would be a useful gift for cheating on tests and winning the lottery. Stuff like that. I might have enjoyed my ability...if I hadn't discovered earth will soon turn into a wasteland. Bodies rotting in the streets. Wilderness eating away at my hometown. A shadow organization rounding up children. Bands of warring tribes fighting each other. And the modifieds - the zombie-like remains of what used to be the human race. Oh and the boy I have a crush on? It's his father who will destroy everything if I don't do something to stop it. No one can save the world... except me. Because for me, it hasn't even happened yet. For me, it might never happen. The only thing is, the more time I spend in the future, the less I want to erase it. Even if I can prevent what's coming, I'll have to sacrifice the one person I can't bear to lose. This is Book One of the Delphi Chronicles - a dystopian post-apocalyptic survival story based on the Oracle of Delphi. Fans of The Maze Runner and Divergent will enjoy this zombie-infested time travel adventure based on Greek mythology. "A Netflix series-worthy tale that doesn't let up - this crazy ride is full of twists and turns while remaining understandable and relatable. I can't wait for book two!" - Review "Smart, thorough and entertaining. The storyline driven characters draw you in and you don't want it to end." - Review ***UPDATED IN 2017 - Part one of this book was published earlier, it's been revised to include part two and is a complete novel.***

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Customer Reviews

I found Prescient a few days ago while searching for cyberpunk dystopian novels. While the novel wasn't quite what I was searching for at the time, it caught my eye and I decided to check it out. I'm glad I did. Ended up finishing the novel in one, maybe two days. In Prescient, teenager Alicia unintentionally travels twenty years into the future to discover civilization has gone to hell. One thing leads to another, and she discovers something happens at some point shortly after her present that leads to this future. With her best friend, high school crush, and her friend's boyfriend, Alicia begins her trek in trying to stop this future from ever happening. I was a bit worried at the start with the sexual references and drug usage references. "Great. Another author trying to be edgy. Sigh." was my thought and I thought maybe I wouldn't like the characters much. I supposed I feared the characters would just read as if the author was trying to be, instead of it just being natural. If that makes sense. Fortunately, it passed quick enough and found the novel enjoyable. Slight possible spoilers ahead, so you were warned. One thing I did like about the time travel in this book is maybe a personal preference. One I call the "Bill and Ted Effect". It seems, for young Alicia's POV, everything in the future has already taken place. Her future actions have already happened. By this, I mean iterations of her have already traveled through back and forth through time before the Alicia we follow and has future versions of herself have set certain things up. I haven't seen that aspect in time travel stories used much and I liked it. My biggest disappointment is that this story ends on a cliffhanger. I'm not sure if the author plans on making this a series, or the next book will be the whole shindig, but I was disappointed to see this story came out almost a year ago and the next chapter has yet to be released (that I've seen). I was ready to see how this all goes now! Hopefully, it will come eventually though. In the mean time, I would recommend for fans of time travel and bleak futures fiction.

This portion is just a taste of an entire book, the author mentions that in the end. He would like to give readers a taste of what the book is and then get some feedback before the rest is completed.

He even let me know that when he contacted me asking me to review this portion of the book and yet, like everyone else, I am already feeling impatient for the rest! This was a great beginning and a perfect premise for an entire book. A high school aged girl living in the current time period stumbles upon an ability to see the future which sounds like a great ability, right? It might be, expect that instead of seeing herself and following whatever future pursuits she might have envisioned for herself she is dropped into a time when the world seems to have ended. And then given that glimpse she is pulled right back out. Can she do it again? And if she can, can she stop whatever happened from happening again and change the future? This was an excellent book.

I get so annoyed reading a really great story and just as it gets to the good part, it's over. But with D.S. Murphy, it's almost become a game for me to read his books and see which one has the best cliffhanger. Prescient was no different. Yeah...it's kind of a typical YA book with a girl who sees herself as second best (or not even that highly ranked) who's got a crush on Mister Popular. And yeah, it's kind of got the typical post apocalyptic "zombie" thing going on. Here's what sets it apart, at least in my opinion. The main character isn't perfectly imperfect. She experiments with some drugs and has a unique effect from doing so and struggles with that. The zombies aren't really zombies, but you don't quite find out what exactly they are before the cliffhanger. What we do know is it isn't the result of a virus gone bad. It's the result of something more common that most people don't consider. To me, that's what makes it terrifying. I don't like to post spoilers in my reviews so I'm just going to end this one by saying: Read. This. Book. Murphy has a way of writing that makes the wait for the rest of the story worth it.

Imagine being a slight teen loner.... Going to a party with your best friend and taking one hit on a bong to fit in.... One minute you're in the present, next thing you know you seem to be in the same place with one exception. Nobody else is in the room with you.... The party seems to have vanished, and nothing is the same. Upon waking you learn something horrible has happened that wiped out most of the world. Skeletons are still randomly in yards, cars and the streets..... And strange humanoid beasts attack anything that moves. What caused all this horrific carnage? Most importantly, how the heck did I end up here? Upon landing back in the present everyone is freaking out.... In the following days... Talking things over with your BFF you learn the guy you've been crushing on for years (the same guy whose house the party was at) is part of all this. The mystery deepens.... Is his dad the reason for this horrible future? How can I change things? Is it when real or am I going nuts?.... This and much more happen in this nail biting book! Run, don't walk to read this

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