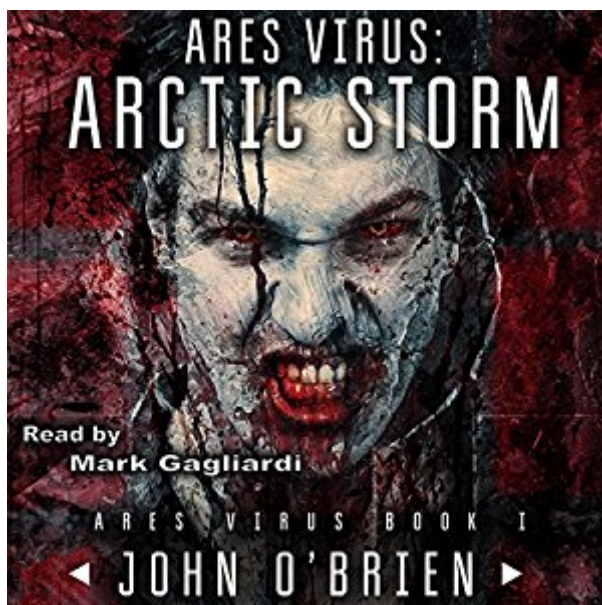


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ARES Virus: Arctic Storm



Synopsis

What would happen if a viral agent was released on American soil? How would local agencies react? How would the military respond? What if it was one of their own? Would they own it or attempt to cover it up? If a major operation was jeopardized because of the release, would that alter any of the decisions? A potent viral agent, created to destabilize a region for forces to move in and clean up, is accidentally spilled in a metropolis. Those infected serve only to afflict others through any means. As forces move in on the beleaguered city, Sergeant Brown has to make his way through roving bands of the infected in order to escape. Will the ring close before he can reach safe grounds or will he and others he finds be added to the final tally?

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Customer Reviews

It just never ends with John O'Brien, he once again amazes his fans with his excellent writing ability. You've read the synopsis so you know what the book is about, but with O'Brien's imagery, his in depth character development and story line- you are drawn into the book page after page. What I like most about this ARES was how O'Brien depicted the struggles of his characters, he managed to throw in some light humor and as I was reading, I could hear Sergeant Brown's gruff voice akin to Gunny Emory's (USMC Ret) as he led the cadets. It is no surprise that O'Brien has a following thousands of ZA readers, his work is outstanding and you'll find it in the pages of ARES Virus: Arctic Storm.

John has done it again! This one starts out on a beautiful day in Pineville. College kids having a good time skipping classes to enjoy the sunshine while our wonderful government sets the stage for disaster. As usual, the government has a major FUBAR situation and everything is out of control from that point on. This exhibiting and action packed adventure and Sgt. Brown will have to hanging onto your seat and longing for more. The truly scary part, is this is a plausible scenario in which we could easily find ourselves surrounded by "zombies"! Get it, read it, wait for the next installment. You won't regret it!! Thanks John. Your imagination and military knowledge as well as your service are appreciated. God bless!!

Confession time: I'm getting a little tired of zombie-type stories so I didn't jump right up and purchase this book. What I found, however, is Arctic Storm is more than a "zombie-type" book. I should have expected that since all of John O'Brien's books have so much more to offer than just infected people killing/eating survivors. The characters are well-developed (or are developing) and the side story of the powers behind the virus are what drive the plot. There are a lot of talented indie writers out there, but O'Brien's writing is exceptional—simply put, he is a natural storyteller and this comes through yet again with the first book in this series. I want to add that it's great to see O'Brien's subtle humor again; it's not over the top, nor does it distract from the story. It's just the right amount to flavor the story with his unique writing style. Readers who are already fans of this author won't be disappointed. Those who are new to his work are in for a treat. Now I'm off to get the next book in the series.

This brings the same level of intensity, creativity, sympathetic characters, and drive for survival which you have seen in John O'Brien's other books, although a rabies-type virus replaces the "zombie" threat to society. It is a good pace, and like his other books, will keep you occupied in a fantasy dystopia where others are struggling to survive in fiction. This is a 5 star book, however, I know some readers (like I was) are going to be disappointed with the way Mr. O'Brien ended this book 1. I can tell you that when you pick up his second book, you will have a better appreciation as to why this first book ended the way it did. My recommendation to you is to buy both books 1 and 2, and consider book 2 a continuing chapter, rather than book 1 as an end in itself. Based on that, I think you will agree it is a 5 star book. Don't just stop with book 1. Also consider how very hard it is to write a 300 page book with this level of complexity. Ask yourself, could you do it? I know how hard it is. While this may be a side note for some readers (not for me), I really appreciate Mr. O'Brien's introduction, which provides context on his views and respect for the U.S. military. We

need more statements like that today. While I served in a different way, I respect there are many very brave, conscientious individuals with integrity who work in the U.S. government. You don't hear that, but I know it is the truth. The day needs to come when even our escapist fiction respects that our greatest enemies are those who genuinely wish us harm. It is a challenge because one of the reasons WHY we seek escapist fiction is to shield our minds from the genuine threats we face in real life. We are used to certain formulas and even certain credible sources of threats. But I urge our creative minds in fiction to consider antagonists who are as realistic and genuine as the protagonists that we are rooting to survive.

He's back! John O'Brien teased us with a small story found in Middletown Apocalypse which I thoroughly enjoyed. He has now taken it and expanded on it. Unlike his last series this one begins innocently enough then it slams into you full force with Mr. Murphy along for the ride. Sgt Brown is a veteran soldier who transferred to Pineville University as an instructor looking to take it easy until retirement when the Virus is accidentally released on campus. After witnessing the assaults he quickly realizes a biological agent has been loosed and his first thought is to get as far away as possible. Unfortunately it is traveling fast getting ahead of him as more and more are infected. He winds up with two cadet students leading them out of the area knowing that containment protocols will come swiftly. There are harrowing moments as they make their way across campus and into the outlying areas running and fighting almost every step of the way. But escaping is only the beginning as Brown attempts to explain that getting out is only the beginning and not necessarily a good thing. They soon realize how true his words are as the military moves in and tightens the noose around the town. We are also given a small dose of what some families see and do as they too are caught up in the violence of the fast moving virus. Great beginning to a new series.

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