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Synopsis

They attack with impunity, and without prejudice. Their goal - to destroy you, from within. A merciless enemy, just one-billionth our size. Welcome to the next global war. A new dystopian, post-apocalyptic fiction series from author Bobby Akart (the Blackout Series, the Boston Brahmin series, and the Prepping for Tomorrow series). The events depicted in the Pandemic Series are fictional. They are, however, based upon historical fact. Beginnings: Terrorists kidnap and blackmail a young French scientist in Western Africa. The outbreak of an ancient disease kills everyone in a village located in a remote jungle of Guatemala. US government operatives uncover a secret biological laboratory in Trinidad. An isolated death at the hands of this killer virus is discovered in Greece. Is there a connection, or are these simply a string of coincidences? Dr. Mackenzie Hagan, a highly-educated, well-respected epidemiologist at the CDC-Atlanta, is called to Guatemala. As the daughter of a retired commanding general of the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Mac often says infectious disease is in her blood. While no infectious disease outbreak is routine, this particular hot zone in Guatemala has its own set of complications - including a mysterious operative sent there by the Department of Defense. Events unfold and Mac is sent around the world investigating new cases involving this same, rare disease. Nathan Hunter, a covert operative within an off-the-books project for the DOD, tracks down terrorists before they strike. As Hunter unravels a villainous plot with tentacles spanning the globe, his investigative path crosses with Mac's. Was it fate, or something else? Mac and Hunter work together to analyze the disease and to identify the source. But they soon learn that the biggest challenge they'll face is right at home.

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Customer Reviews

I felt the cold hands of death clutching my throat as I read this amazing novel. This story is very well developed and the research behind it is impeccable. I have been a great fan of Mr. Akart's work ever since the Boston Brahmin series was written, but this is undoubtedly his best work to date. While being entertaining and packed with suspense, this book educates with regards to events that are very probable to happen in the near future. The absence of strong language and gratuitous sexual situations make this novel an excellent read for mature teens and young adults as well as the adult reader. I pray to God that the events described within remain just a well developed story and never become a prophetic future history.

A masterfully written story which covers an immense amount of territory - including multiple countries all over the world and thorough research by the author. For me, it was like a washing machine on steroids as it starts out gently on the wash cycle...But, by the time the reader reaches the last page, the spin cycle has gone into overdrive. WOW, is all I can say. Nathan Hunter was a Master Sergeant in the Delta Forces but is now a member of Project Artemis. His specialty is that of a Bioterrorist Specialist. Mackenzie Hagan has worked her way up through the ladder rungs of the Center for Disease Control. She now is the Associate Director in the Office of Infectious Diseases. Do they have anything in common or are they workaholics? The Prologue begins in Western Africa and sets the scene for the frenetic scenes to follow throughout the remainder of this excellent book.. If this doesn't get your heart pumping into overdrive, I fear nothing will. I was immediately taken in by the intense action in this remote place with DR Alexis. Little did I know at that time that remote places would play such a significant role in the remainder of the story...In addition to the tremendous amount of research involved, I really liked the addition of historical tidbits interwoven into the book. One example was the background of The Rose Garden at the White House. One more would be the differences between an outbreak, endemic and a pandemic. For me, these details allow the reader to take some deep breaths along the way... and they are much needed breaks from the action. Take a pandemic that is spreading like a forest fire, toss in politics (Who would think? Kidding!), and one can visualize the panic that is about to occur all over the world. Buckle your seat belts as the s**t is about to really hit the fan! Pre-ordering the next one in this series now....Most highly recommended. .

Bobby Akart's Beginings, Book One in the Pandemic Series, is a book you won't be able to put down once you start. With fantastic character development and a breakneck plot. Mr. Akart's writing skills shine throughout the book leaving you fearful of what's on the next page. As with all of Mr. Akart's books they are scarily believable to be screamed from newspaper headlines and breaking news on television. Read it for satisfying enjoyment and use it as a primer on how to survive a future that hasn't happened... again. I recommend this book and HIGHLY recommend all of Mr. Akart's books.

I have been in a reading slump most of this year but this book has cured that slump. I listen & read books and for most of 2017 I have struggled to finish reading or listening to any book I've purchased (in fact, I have only finished 1 or 4 audiobooks this year). The audiobook quality has been lagging with narrators reading at breakneck speed with no pauses and most Kindle books are full of grammar and spelling errors that are distracting. So when I saw this, I recognized the Bobby Eckert's name immediately and decided to purchase all 4 books at once. I loved the Boston Brahmin series which were smart, educational and wonderfully crafted books. After the purchase, I wondered if I had been smart to commit to all 4 books but once I started reading. . . I am beyond hooked on this. I love the characters, I love the background. I could see ISIS doing exactly what is in this book. We don't think enough about biological weapons and we forget that these enemies are cunning, patient and ruthless. At one point we are reminded that 8 or 9 years lapsed between the two attacks on the World Trade Center. So what is waiting 15 or 20 years? This holy war has been going on for centuries! I am only 1/2 way through the first book and I'm deliberately slowing myself down because I have a few more weeks before the next book is released. I wish these were in audiobook format like the BB Series (that narrator was good, BTW) because I only have 1 hour per day that I can actually listen with undivided attention.

Wow! I love Bobby's books and I was a bit nervous for this series to come out because we really don't know who or what is out there waiting. This was an amazing book and I can't wait for the rest of the series, even though the very thought terrifies me. Mac & Hunter are great characters and you get plenty involved in the supporting characters as well. It amazes me to think just how easily something like this could happen and be on us before we even realized it. I was never a germaphobe before but this might make me one. The book, situation, and characters are well-developed and develop steadily. You find yourself wanting more info faster and terrified to learn more at the same time. I always knew in the back of my mind something like this was possible, but I

never imagined just how easily it could happen and just how unprepared we are for it. Can't wait to see what the rest of the series holds for us.

Very thoroughly researched and real. In fact I don't think I'll leave the house without a gallon of hand sanitizer on my belt. Additionally I've extended my personal space bubble:)The main characters were awesome. And the plot seemed like it was front page news not fiction. Great job Bobby. Looking forward to the next installment.

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