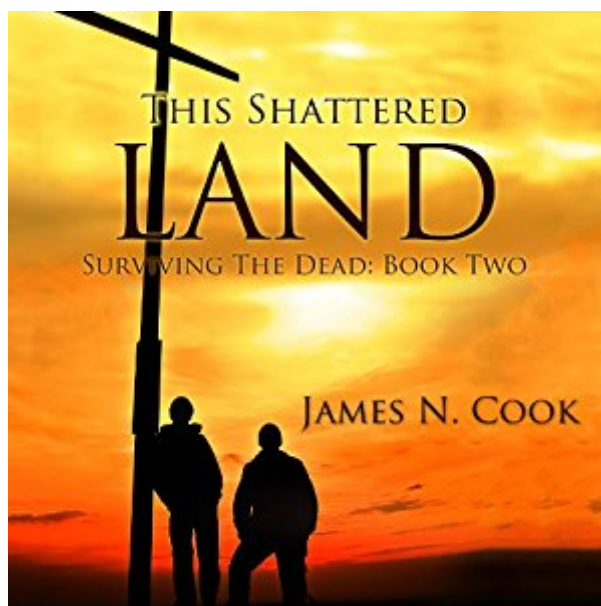


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# This Shattered Land: Surviving The Dead, Volume 2



## Synopsis

Eric Riordan doesn't look for trouble, but trouble has a way of finding him. Two years have passed since the Outbreak, and after joining forces with his friend Gabriel, he has managed to stay alive by fleeing to the peaks of the Appalachian Mountains. With supplies running low, and enemies gathering, the two survivors are forced to begin their journey west to Colorado. Along the way they will find unexpected allies, reunite with old friends, and make deadly new enemies. As difficult as life has been, the most dangerous times lie ahead. Nothing is ever easy at the end of the world.

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## Customer Reviews

When I discovered I could type "zombie" into my Kindle and find hundreds of books, I was happy. I love to read all kinds of books but apocalypse books are my lunch time reading pleasures. When I started reading "No Easy Hope", I couldn't save it just to read during lunch. I couldn't put it down. I was thrilled to learn that the author had another book coming out in a few days. When "This Shattered Land" was published, I downloaded it immediately and read it in one evening. If you are a zombie book fan or just a fan of a well written book, this is a must read series. It is quite different from your typical zombie stories. It is more like the "Walking Dead" TV series but without all the righteousness. When the main characters come across bad guys, dead or alive, they only have to deal with them once! Very enjoyable.

After reading James Cooks NO EASY HOPE I was truly impressed. I didn't think he could top that

one going into this book. I was VERY wrong. Eric and Gabe are back with some new characters. The author has upped the ante. This story takes you a lot deeper into the minds and hearts of the characters. I really got to know and really care about these characters. I don't know much about this author other than what I read in the ebook. But I do know this guy can write. His writing style is so smooth, it seems like the words just flow like they are all connected together like music. But it still has plenty of action, in fact more than the first. Oh and did I mention there were times this story scared the hell out of me, and times my eyes were wet. What more can I say, I started out thinking I was just gonna read an attempt at a sequel, what I got was the perfect blend of ingredients for one hell of a story; a very well constructed, thought out story, and I do mean down to the very last detail. Things that even most die-hard zombie fans wouldn't think of, I know I didn't!! PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS STORY UP!! IT DEMANDS TO BE READ!! The only thing that bothers me is that I grabbed this as soon as it came out and I'm gonna have to wait a while for the third!! Trust me by the time you get to the end you will too, and if you were like me hours will seem like minutes reading this story!! TAKE A BOW JAMES COOK I WILL END THIS BY SAYING... DAMN, WHAT A STORY ON A SIDE NOTE: Let me also say that I read z-poc stories regularly, and I consider SHATTERED LAND one of the ones I won't ever forget

I found the first book *Surviving the Dead* a reasonable read and good value for the price -- the same is true with this second book in the series. I noted in the first book review that the zombie storyline isn't anywhere near original (how can it be?), the plot, character development and action is average to good. The author does nothing unique or innovative with the zombie aspect -- if anything, they are major annoyances and fairly easily dispatched by anyone in good shape. In this sequel, the two friends Eric and Gabriel, having successfully created a relatively safe outpost for themselves, elect to make their way to Colorado to find other groups of survivors to help take back civilization. Thus, the action and adventure is very similar to that found in the first book -- zombies surprise them, they set up a plan and execute it. Move to next surprise attack. However, in this book, the author does shift the viewpoint from Eric to Gabriel and you get some insight into Gabriel's character. Another negative is the editing. I know this is self-published and it is a good value for the money but a little more quality would be helpful here. Missing or inappropriate word usage is the main issue. All in all, it's a decent read for the price, if you like this genre.

It was near a year since I read the first book, so many of the returning characters and references were lost on me (I really had no idea who Steve the special forces guy was, and only vaguely

remember anything about Stacy). The two main male characters, Eric and Gabe, have a massive bromance, and that seems to be the main plotline of the book. I really didn't understand why the author needed to change the point of view back and forth between Eric and Gabe's 'journals'. The story would have been more cohesive if he just kept it as one point of view. Yes, it did help to gain two smaller story arcs when the group split up for a bit (another point that really made NO sense whatsoever), but the book could've done without it. Gabe's 'journals' seemed to center around one point: he's so big, tall, strong, tough, fast, silent, perfect shot, so haunted by the past, can't function with people, etc. etc. etc.....yeah, we get it. You're Rambo. Here's a cookie. That part got REAL old REAL fast. Not to mention the reminder of Eric being such a stunning ladies man, able to bed a female within 2 days of meeting her....another tired old line. I actually liked the part of Gabe eying up Sarah better....as that is really more believable than Eric being a relentless stud. The action is good, other than Gabe being the ultimate Rambo as always. There is again a bit too much of the 'we have the most money and best equipment around' attitude. And them finding a crate of brand new M6s just laying in a pawn shop....really? I agree with another reviewer....the story is now getting to be more like Jericho, and even more like season 2 of Walking Dead. I would rather have the story continue to Colorado, and not stop off at the town, which just so happens to be in need of a Rambo. Yes, I'll get the 3rd book and see if they ever do make it to CO. It's still a fun read, but stuffed well into the mid-range of quality.

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