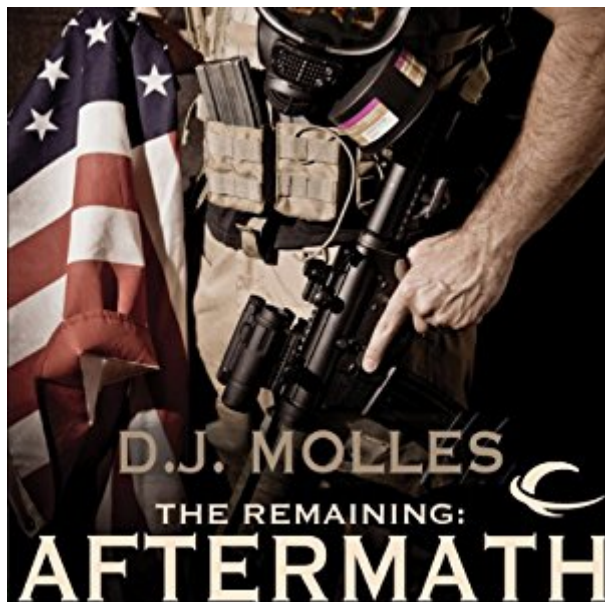


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# The Remaining: Aftermath



## Synopsis

Nothing has gone according to plan. To Captain Lee Harden, Project Hometown feels like a distant dream and the completion of his mission seems unattainable. Wounded and weaponless, he has stumbled upon a group of survivors that seems willing to help. But a tragedy in the group causes a deep rift to come to light and forces him into action. In the chaos of the world outside, Lee is pursued by a new threat: someone who will stop at nothing to get what he has. *The Remaining: Aftermath* is the second book in the best-selling *The Remaining* series.

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## Customer Reviews

D.J. Molles' first book reminded me of Jerry Ahern's Cold War pulp classic series...*The Survivalist*. *The Remaining* established a great premise of a network of SpecOps guys who man underground bunkers in the event a catastrophic event were to rip America apart. That conjured up images of air force officers manning missile silos. One of these operatives is Captain Lee Harden who eventually comes to the surface when communications winks out. And, yes indeed, America is not the same. In *Aftermath* I grew confused with Captain Lee Harden's mission and decision-making. This second outing in the series fell back on too much formula. It resembled *The Walking Dead* when there is too much talking and not enough zombies (or logic). What is growing very tired in the glut of post-apocalyptic novels is the exploration of tribalism between various survivor groups. In *Aftermath*, Harden mostly battles some living and breathing baddies and the plot did not really engage me. What is painfully missing from the narrative is more about the government program Harden belongs

to. Surely, if this was ever conceived than there would be more to it than one guy in each state hoarding supplies in various depots.

Lee Harden and his small group has made it to Camp Ryder, a place that is strung together by tall fences, wire and shipping containers. A ragtag band of survivors that exist day to day making scavenging runs but with no real concept of how to put together a fort that can actually keep the constant attacks from the infected. Their mistrust of him is understandable and even when he helps to repel an attack from the infected, he is still suspect, believing he might be working with Milo's gang. Abbey still has a hard time reconciling Lee killed her father after he had become infected, Sam is growing up fast and Angela looks to him for what ever safety and comfort he can give her. Lee knows there is something between them but still cannot put the acts or actions into words. He has a job to do, to help build humanity, give them a fighting chance at least until things stabilize. Of course with the Infected becoming bolder, some seeming a bit more intelligent than others and Milo's and his gang, Capt. Lee Harden has his job cut out for him as distrust is fed to them by Jerry, a salesman in every sense of the word. Lee organizes a group to help get the supplies desperately needed but finds several obstacles in the way including being held captive by a group in a hospital who plan on handing him over to Milo. Until the hospital is overrun by the infected. The final battle with Milo is epic and Lee realizes that he has his work cut out for him.

Honestly I am more of a Crime/Military book kinda guy. However, I also like zombie movies (I am Legend), TV shows (TWD) and podcasts (We're Alive). A friend of mine suggested this book series and I literally could not put it down. This has a creative premise and is not predictable at all. I initially just bought the first book and immediately downloaded the rest of them when I finished the first. The last book had not come out yet and I had a rough time waiting to see how this ended! Its like binge watching a series on Netflix and the final season isn't out yet. Once I was done I got my daughter hooked on this series as well. She is in the middle of it right now and I'm honestly having a tough time getting her to do homework and not read. Teenagers, who knew? Lastly, I am unsure of D.J.'s military or LE background but the majority of what he writes about is spot on when it comes to tactics, weapons systems and what its mentally like to go through traumatic events. I liked that he added information about all these things but he didn't over-do it like when I read a Tom Clancy book and by the end of it I can field strip and entire Nuclear Submarine. Clearly I would highly recommend this book

My husband downloaded this to his kindle and I started reading it. I was then hooked. I've moved on to reading the rest of the Remaining Series of books. The author is "very" detailed. Maybe a little too detailed for some folks but I don't mind. I just skip over some of the filler details. But overall I love the books. I can't wait to finish one and move on to the next. I think it's narrated third person limited but not 100% sure.

Holy cow man! I wasn't expecting either book to be good, let alone downwind of awesome! The military jargon was up to speed, the weaponry was accurate and the things that went down weren't predictable. I kept thinking, "this guy has some really crappy luck". Hard ass'd character with a nearly impossible task. Check! The will to get it done. Check! Plenty of "them" to get in the way.. Check! The only thing that bothered me with the books was the lack of comm and coordination between bunkers. How can you build sans coordination? OOps, while I think on it, you'd think they'd have thought to have armored vehicles too. Those are my only gripes really. I highly recommend the two books to anyone looking for survival horror or zombie books. I can't wait for the 3rd one to hit! Hoorah!

D.J. Molles has written one of the best Zompoc series that you will ever have the pleasure to read. The Remaining Series delivers some of the most gut clenching, and I might add heart wrenching writing that I have run across in quite a while. Molles was able to craft a great mix of dread induced 28 Days Later style zombie terror, with adrenalin infused, realistic military action. In this second book of the six book series (plus two novellas), an unarmed and severely wounded Captain Lee Harden finds a group of survivors who need him as much as he needs them. In the new nightmare wasteland of America, the infected are not the only predators Lee must deal with. My only regret about The Remaining Series is that I discovered it shortly after the first novel was written, instead of waiting until the series was completed. If I'd found it after Book Six was published, I could have ingested it all in one great binge of literary entertainment. Do yourself a big favor and buy all six novels plus the two novellas, take a week of vacation, and immerse yourself in the world of The Remaining. You'll be incredibly happy you did!

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