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Von Pat Frank

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Von Pat Frank : Alas, Babylon (Harper Perennial Olive Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alas, Babylon (Harper Perennial Olive Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is timelessVon RonAlthough it was published in 1959, this story of surviving a nuclear holocaust is timeless. Lots of good thought behind what the characters need to survive, and the clever way they meet those needs. While the

bombs then were a lot weaker than now, the story and problems still remain true. A great book for anyone interested in cold war era thought, survival, or just gripping fiction. It's definitely a must read for anyone interested in the sociological effects of a break down in society due to nuclear war.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Alas, BabylonVon Ein KundeTwo brothers growing up in Ft. Repose, Florida would often sneak down to the African American congregation to listen to the intense, hell-fire preacher. After every convicting statement he belted to his congregation he would follow them with "Alas, Babylon." From then on, Randy a former politician, and Mark a high ranking officer serving in military intelligence would use this phrase as a code. As an intense nuclear threat puts Mark Bragg and his family in trouble Mark sends his family to Ft. Repose, Florida for fear that one of the first targets will be the his intelligence base. Mark sent a telegram prior to the arrival of his family reading, "Urgent you meet me at Base Ops McCoy noon today. Helen and children are flying to Orlando tonight. Alas, Babylon." The story begins to unfold from there as the plot thickens and becomes more detailed and complex. The book is about the unthinkable happening; a nuclear strike and survival after the such a devastating event. A provocative story written by a great author, Pat Frank which is easy to follow and very interesting. His foresight into what could possibly happen is incredible. Even smallest details don't go unattended. Thrilling suspense that will keep the pages turning and your mind thinking. A book for anyone who enjoys an apocalyptic thriller, conspiracy plots, or just a plain old great book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. World War III and its AftermathVon Walter-Kwang ChangFrank, witnessing the development and spread of atomic weapons, explores the catastrophic consequences of a nuclear war between the United States of America and the then Union of Soviet Socialist Republic. His scenarios are not implausible. In the book, deterrence fails because Kremlin leaders believe that America's "window of vulnerability" would enable them to deliver a coup de grace. The Soviets, waiting for the opportune time to strike, find it in an international incident that occurs in a Third World country. Whether the United States of America during the 1950s was vulnerable to a first-strike is debatable, but this perception was genuine.The realism of Frank's book is not limited to nuclear warfare theory; it portrays post-nuclear holocaust America. Frank did his research; World War III devastates the United States, destroying metropolises and isolating less populated areas from each other and from the rest of the country. Literally overnight, people living in these areas such as Fort Repose in Florida exist in conditions similar to their ancestors of the Stone Age. The destruction of the metropolises, including Washington D.C., result in power outages, severance of communication with the rest of the country, an abysmal supply of food and water, and lawlessness. Unlike people of the Stone Age, survivors are also vulnerable to radiation.Despite these grim conditions, however, Frank believes in the civility of humans and argues that most people will preserve the spirit of national and local laws and will help and care for each other. There are many such instances in the book.Dan, Fort Repose's surviving doctor, selflessly travels throughout the area to treat an ever-increasing number of patients. On one occasion, he stopped for a woman alongside a road despite a strong suspicion of an ambush.Randy, one of the primary characters, graciously invites his relatives, friends, and neighbors to stay in his house despite his provisions being in short supply.Alas, Babylon was intended to force the American public and its leaders to dwell on the terrible consequences of a nuclear war. Although many Americans understood that the result would be unparalleled devastation, few thought about the possibility of being a survivor and the life-changing effects that World War III would bring.Frank's book remains relevant today. Although the Cold War has been over for a decade, vast amounts of nuclear weapons remain and it is not difficult to retarget them. Furthermore, more countries have acquired nuclear weapons and others are attempting to develop them. Alas, Babylon is a reminder of the terrifying power of atomic weapons, and thus should be read and discussed by the current and future generations.

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