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Going Home: A Novel: The Survivalist Series, Book 1



Synopsis

If society collapsed, could you survive? When Morgan Carter's car breaks down 250 miles from his home, he figures his weekend plans are ruined. But things are about to get much, much worse: The country's power grid has collapsed. There is no electricity, no running water, no Internet, and no way to know when normalcy will be restored - if it ever will be. An avid survivalist, Morgan takes to the road with his prepper pack on his back. During the grueling trek from Tallahassee to his home in Lake County, chaos threatens his every step but Morgan is hell-bent on getting home to his wife and daughters - and he'll do whatever it takes to make that happen. Fans of James Wesley Rawles, William R. Forstchen's *One Second After*, and *The End* by G. Michael Hopf will revel in A. American's apocalyptic tale.

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Customer Reviews

I like A. American's style of writing; it makes me long for stronger family values, southern cooking, and adventure. Follow the story of Morgan Carter, an average guy that took a few steps to prepare himself for emergency's. He has to use his wits and everything he has learned to survive in the hell that was once our beautiful country. A man determined to get home to his family, along with a few friends he picks up along the way. Informative, thought-provoking, and a real page-turner, it has become one of my favorite books. I've read the entire series twice now, and it all started with this book.

This is a great book (series of books). I'm fortunate because I live in the area the story takes place in so I can relate to some of the references in the book a little easier. I've read all of them, up to 7 and I just started number 8. If you're looking for a manual on how to prepare for the ultimate disaster, this isn't the place. There are some great pointers you can get out of this, but the books seem to be more about action, drama, and telling a fictional story for enjoyment. Highly recommended, I haven't been able to put them down.

3 AND 1/2 STARS I heard this author interviewed on a podcast and was intrigued with the premise and his personal expertise in survival strategies and decided to give this book a try. Fortunately, I was pleasantly surprised. While the writing is very simple, the storytelling is engaging and the characters are fairly interesting and likable. The details involving gear were specific but not overly descriptive in a way that distracted from the story. For the most part, every action and character decision felt believable. I enjoyed the progressive danger the main character began to experience as each day without power increased the tension and likelihood of something bad happening. A few parts could have used a better editor to rework some repetitive words, but it was mostly a smooth read. My only other complaint was the shift in perspective when, halfway through the book, the author branches off from the protagonist Morgan Carter to other characters. It felt awkward at first, and although I enjoyed reading Carter more, the other side stories had some decent excitement as well. I'll be checking out the second book in the series, for sure.

Great book and had me hooked from chapter 1. Novel 1 has long chapters and some grammatical mistakes but since the content was intriguing, it didn't bother me much. I highly recommend to read, even if you aren't a survivalist. A American opens your eyes to what could really happen if there is a major failure with our electrical grid system and/or an EMP strike.

The main character MORGAN is working his way home and getting involved in a number of touchy to dangerous and eventually vicious encounters with people as civilization degrades further and further day after day. The thoughts he has are pretty typical for me anyway and for anyone that has thought through similar events of a collapsing civilization. It starts out pretty rough in the first 5 days after the EMP event and the situations he finds himself in are typical given that civilization is a thin veneer. Everyone would not experience all of these events but the author wants to show how he gages a proper reaction should be to a given hostility. Buy it and read at least the first 71 pages if you are interested in surviving what is coming to begin getting your mind set, you game face on. He

gives ideas what to use, what to bring to the fight, how unprepared the bulk of humanity really is and how they die along the way. The only problem I have with the author is all of the little personal thought, ideas mannerisms the characters have that are non essential and really slow the book down. I have read the whole series and some of it is just too slow and wordy.

I was a bit iffy about buying this one given the reviews. Clearly this is a good story if you ignore the stupid paranoia and gear stuff, but that's the thing, they're hard to ignore. It has the potential to be great. The story starts off with the main character, Morgan, breaking down on an Interstate highway outside of Tallahassee in Florida, USA and follows him as he tries to make his way home to Altoona Florida. Along the way he makes friends, encounters trouble and shoots people dead. As a non-American this was a difficult read. It took me a long time to realise that DHS did not stand for Department of Human Services like it does in Australia, but was for Department of Homeland Services. That wasn't explained till the protagonist was almost home. Also calling hippies Rainbow people was a bit unusual. So was the whole gear freak and gun culture stuff. I'm sure if you read other reviews you would have found people saying how annoying that is. I read that and was prepared for it, so I thought, but gee it was damn annoying! I lost track of what was what. I recall the devil dog thing was a backpack and the AK was a gun, but why couldn't the writer just call them a backpack or a gun? Or a big backpack or the automatic gun? Having said that, the story was a great read, quite believable to the point that Sarge and his mates were introduced. The whole premise that the Department of Homeland security were out to get people was just nuts. I thought I could hear banjos playing as that part of the plot was unfolding. Speaking of plot holes, in one part of the book it reads that Sarge and co went downstream, then it reads upriver and then it is clear he went downriver after all. Overall it is a great read until Morgan makes it home and then it just falls in a heap. It could have done with a bit of editing or just ending it when Morgan does make it home. From then on the story degrades and was not worth reading. Half of me want to say it was a great book. The other half of me want to point out that it is a weird glimpse into the weird sub culture of preppers, the ones that give the other preppers who just save a bit of spare food, a bad name. Not a brilliant book, but not terrible either, hence 3 out of 5. If you like "One second after" you should like this. Yes, I know this a very indecisive review, but well, so is the book.

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