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Synopsis

THE DEADLIEST DISEASE IN HISTORY . . . A lethal pathogen appears on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. Dr. Samantha Bower of the Centers for Disease Control is handed the case and assigned to investigate its containment and origins. A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WHO ISN'T WHAT HE APPEARS TO BE . . . Dr. Bower finds a microorganism unlike any she has run across in her lifetime. The symptomology points her to the most destructive disease in human history. One man has offered her help. A man with insight into the disease who reveals nothing about himself or his past. THE WORLD ON THE EDGE OF A CLIFF . . . Dr. Bower discovers that there are forces at work she can't understand. All applying pressure to use the chaos of an epidemic to their advantage. But there is one thing she is certain of: humanity may soon be an endangered species . . .

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Customer Reviews

I don't suggest reading this when you have even the slightest feeling of illness! It was so good! For a while, I forgot that I was listening to an audio book and felt more like I was

watching a movie. The action was incredible, and the characters were easy to picture. I really liked this, and want to read more from this author. If you like post apocalyptic or medical thrillers at all, I highly suggest this one. I enjoyed the narration, she had a pleasant voice and spoke at a nice pace, though on occasion some of the pauses hit my ear wrong, though this was likely a problem on me rather than the reading. Bob says: 5 Platypires!

From the moment I began reading this book on my iPhone via Kindle, I couldn't stop. I read it doing laundry, making food, taking care of cleaning and more. I read it in one day and it was awesome! Such fine details enriching each character so much that they don't feel like characters in a book but like someone you know in your life. Descriptions of a virus can be graphic and you've got some gun action going on so I can't recommend a reading age other than 14 and up. Do you actually see what happens in a kids show today? Or at school? This is the best book I have read this year don't miss out!

This is an author and story that truly could use a professional editor, not just a copy editor, but one to help shape the book and assist in finishing touches. The author is skilled, and a good story-teller, but there are so many holes and inconsistencies, and the ending is incredibly weak. To me, this book had the feel of a second draft. Very readable, yet not complete. This particular story, with its premise, could easily have accommodated another 200 pages. The timeline is not only vague, but it seems the author hasn't really plotted a timeline out in his own notes, to work from. With a lot of fleshing out and work, solid editing and rewriting, filling in the holes, working on the ending, as well as some additional research; this author and his story have the potential to be a five star work. I would love to see this happen. I would even re-read an improved version. It was a three hour read for me, and I enjoyed it, overlooking the shortcomings. But I would so much like to see this theme expanded into a well researched, well written, tight novel that would take a weekend to enjoy!

Predictable and flat. I was drawn in by an interesting premise (I have always been interested in epidemiology), but disappointed by a predictable plot, clunky writing that veered from overly specific product placement, use of medical terminology without any possible explanation for the layman reader, glaring plot holes and a large, two-dimensional cast. I don't mind authors using medical terms if they provide context or explanation, but throwing out there in a lame attempt to add veracity to the work is obvious and serves more to jerk the reader out of the story. Though it started out with decent pacing, the book slowed almost interminably in the second third of the book and continued to

slag along without any real urgency. Overall, I stuck with it to the end but was very much disappointed by a lack of depth in the story with such a promising idea behind it.

What if something new crept out of the jungle, or hitch hiked along with an eco-tourist, and the world had no idea what it was or how to handle it. Dr. Samantha Bower of the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, received such a call. She was sent to Oahu, the largest of the Hawaiian Islands, to identify and contain an outbreak of a previously unidentified pathogen. Also on site is Duncan Adams of USAMRIID, United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infection Diseases. He is used to working with the most dangerous diseases, those categorised as Level 4, and this one is worse, far worse. While Sam and Duncan are fighting to identify this pathogen, there is another on the island who seems to have another agenda. Agent William (Billy) Donner aka Robert, appears to be helpful, but has an entirely different history than one might expect from an FBI agent. What else don't we know about this agent. As the medical crisis unfolds, we also become aware of the politics of disease control. Are the people of Hawaii being best served during this outbreak. As the human toll mounts the risk of the disease spreading beyond the island becomes very real. I was captivated by this story from the opening pages. I have been a fan of plague type stories since I read my first books about the black death in Europe. Whether they be fact or fiction, I can't get enough of this genre. Over the past decade, there have been many news stories about outbreaks, SARS, Swine Flu and currently, Ebola. With each ailment, the public has heard stories of victims, the old, the young, the healthy and those with chronic illnesses. This fictional account is no different. We read the stories of many people around the globe and are left to wonder whether their illness is related to the deadly one in Hawaii. If I didn't remind myself that this is fiction, I could have got carried away and linked it with the current Ebola outbreak.

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