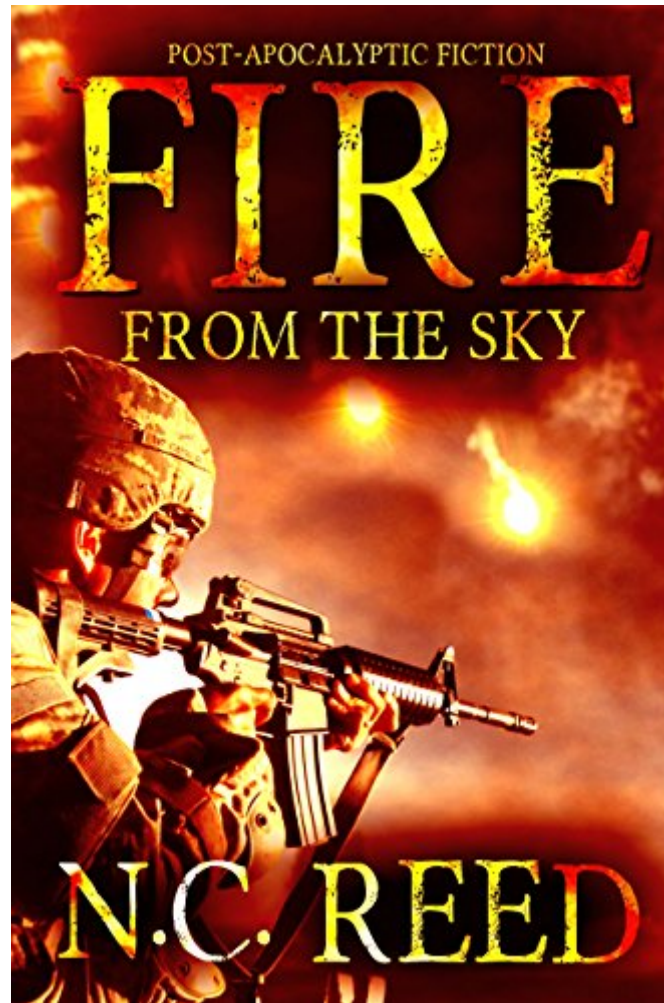




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Synopsis

Post-Apocalyptic Fiction by N.C. Reed

Clayton Sanders left home the minute he had his high school diploma in hand. He waited that long only because the Army wouldn't accept him without one. Now, ten years later, he's home. Home with no warning, no advance notice, no anything after being gone ten years with almost no contact with his family. Home carrying a secret that is burning him up from the inside. A secret that has pushed him to the brink, forcing him to become a criminal in order to be where his family needs him to be, even though they don't realize it yet. Because Clayton knows something they don't. Something that hasn't happened, but will. Something that will burn everything it touches. And change the face of the world forever.

PROLOGUE

They didn't have real names. Well, they had them of course. They just didn't use them. Not here. They were known by names their comrades had chosen. Names that suited their personalities. Names that only mattered to them. The men of CTG 31 were the kind of men that didn't exist in the modern, civilized world. There was no place for them in an enlightened society. Except when that society needed them. They were the kind of men who visited dark places in the middle of the night, doing violence to those who preyed on the weak and the helpless. Rough men, yes, but honorable. They had a code of their own, these men, and they lived by it as if it were a writ from a Higher Authority. No one broke that code, that set of unwritten rules that kept them from sliding over the edge. Kept them from becoming like those they hunted. Like those they were pursuing right now.

“We're about twenty, maybe twenty-five minutes behind, Boss-man”

The man known as Boss-man stopped, hand raised in a fist. Those following halted and spread out without being told.

“Status?”

Boss-man asked tersely. He was angry. They were all angry. Something they had to guard against in their business. Keeping things strict and orderly helped.

“Still on the trail for now,”

the scout replied.

“Continue,”

Boss-man ordered and waved his hand forward. The squad of men behind him began moving again. They were in a hurry today. Before dawn a group of terrorists had attacked a small village that the squad had befriended. Or that had befriended them. The men of CTG 31 weren't sure which was the case. They did know that the people of the small village known as Home had become their friends. The village had become a place where they could relax, even if only slightly, and be people for just a few hours at a time. A place of sanity in a world that had lost its own. And that place had been violated. People they knew had been killed. Children they had grown to care for taken, herded toward a fate that no one in their group wanted to consider. Someone had to pay for that. Someone would pay for that. Dearly. They had been in pursuit for hours, running the entire way. Hard men who pushed themselves to be harder still, banking that toughness against a day like today. A day of reckoning. Had the attackers known the

kind of men they were offending, it's entirely possible they would not have committed the atrocity. They were not brave men, these thugs known as terrorists. By nature terrorists were cowards, using fear and intimidation to force their will upon those too weak to resist them. But they hadn't known, and so they had attacked a place that was sacred to this squad of hard, violent men. And in so doing had assured that they, themselves, would not see another day on this mortal plane. Time meant nothing as they ran. There was only the objective and nothing else. A dozen pairs of eyes roamed the country around them, missing nothing as they moved. Twice the one called Boss-man had raised a hand, the men behind once more spreading out and taking position. The halts lasted mere seconds as he communicated with their scouts or eyed some anomaly that had attracted his attention. Then they were moving again.

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Customer Reviews

One damned fine read. Spoiler Alert. This one starts with Clayton Sanders returning home. A home he hasn't been to in a decade. A home that was in Calhoun County, Tennessee. His family ranch was close to the small town of Jordan about twenty miles from Peabody a much larger town thats

the Calhoun County seat. Sanders was a black ops operator with the Army. He and his team, CTG 31, have been all over the world, Iraq, Afghanistan and were currently in Africa. They had befriended a village. A village that was hit by men who killed anyone they could and took all the kids with them when they left. Sanders knew that his Army handlers wouldn't approve of he and his team going after the kids. His team volunteered to a man and so they went after the kids without authority. Once they found them, they killed the enemy and returned the kids to the village. One of the elders told Clay that he needed to go home. The elder was the village shaman. He told him fire from the sky was coming. He also took him to a cave that had drawings. Drawings Sanders to be premonitions of 9-11 and other disasters. Some of those cave drawings were thousands of years old. Sanders and his team decided home they would go. They were all discharged on a general by their handlers after they saved the kids without authority.. Something the Army would have never allowed. Before they left they hit a warlord and killed he and his men. They found a fortune in gold, silver and gems. They split it twelve ways and then headed for home. Clay and his team were thinking that fire in the sky meant nuclear war. How wrong they were. Once Sanders got home after getting a ride with a trucker who had served. Clay went to the local diner. Lorries, which served the best cheeseburger he'd ever eaten. While there three black men came in and tried to shake down the owner, Doug, for protection money, The waitress, a woman Clay knew from his high school years, Amy Walters walked right into the middle of things. One of the men grabbed her and Clay knocked the piss out of him and the two with him. One of them had a knife and tried to stab Clay, a highly trained Clay who used the man, his hand and knife to stab his attacker to death with his own knife. Once the police arrived and Clay and the witnesses were questioned. Clay was released and finally headed for the Sanders Ranch which was home. Deputy Greg Halloway another old friend gives him a ride and also gives him the low down on what's been happening for the past ten years. Clays Father Gordon and his Mother Angela were more than glad to see him. Of course Clay can't tell them why he was really home because none of them would have believed him. None of them would believe Clay took the word of an African Shaman and gave up his career to get home. Clays Grandfather, Leon, who everyone calls Old Man, knew something was up and finally got Clay to tell him just what that something was. Leon had been many things in his eighty-two years and some of those things were less than legal. Leon has loads of money and he and Clay started buying what they would need to survive the fire in the sky. So begins one damned fine read. Waiting for number two. This one has Clay, Leon, Angela his mother, a mother who will try to set Clay up with a "good" girl from a "good" family, a Clay who ain't playing that game, Gordon his father, Jake Sidell, his daughter and German Shepherd Bruce, a Jake who will become their

mechanic and be invited to the farm, The Troy ranch which Clay buys on his first day back and begins to set up for the rest of his team who he knows is coming, a Clay who is already buying what they will need and storing at Troy, a Clay who is selling the gold he has for paper money and spending it while he can, a Clay who knows the paper money won't be worth squat once the fire in the sky hits, Greg Holloway and old friend who's an Deputy in Jordan, Marla Jones and old friend of Pa's, Amy Walker and her daughter, Clay's brother Robert and wife Patricia, Robert owns his own radio and computer business, Patricia is a certified Nurse Practitioner, their daughter Abigail who works as a fire fighter for the Forestry department, his son Gordy who's a senior in high school, his sister Alicia who's a complainer, Robert Alicia's husband who's a heavy equipment operator and a man with more brains than his wife, their genius twins Deuce and Leanne, two fifteen year olds that Clay will depend on to get things right, a Clay who is instrumental at planting time, the Sanders farm that has chickens, Black Angus cattle and horses, a Clay who has his own home built on the family property, a nice A frame with a cellar, a Leon who introduces Clay to some of his own business interests, a business interest called The Kitty Kat Club which is a club that Pa owns, Brick the bouncer another person who will be invited to the farm, a woman named Lainie Harper, a woman who runs the club for Pa, a woman Pa helped out of a bad situation, a woman who strips when needed, a woman Clay will take as his own, the rest of his team that arrives and Clay Sanders doing his best to prepare everyone, save who he can and stay alive. Five Stars and then some.

Good book, at times reads like 'shopping for shtf', "...we went to this store and picked up these items then this store to get these items and then this store...". Extensive lists of things to buy for the apocalypse don't always translate to great literature. The main characters all had hundreds of thousands of dollars (or millions) to spend on prepping, even if the source of their income is explained it took a little suspense away from the story. No worrying how they're gonna survive with that much cash/gold/jewels. Clay the Special Forces stud who was warned by the witch doctor of the vision, the hot stripper with the heart of gold, cranky g-pa 'moonshine mobster', the genius twins who figure out the vision (CME) to the minute, all the ex-Spec Ops friends who show up before the event with all the legal/illegal hardware. I guess if I had to imagine what I would like to have around me when it all goes down this would be my wishlist. Oh and not much happened until the end. And still it was a good book and I look forward to Book 2. I like that Clay is quick to the trigger when he needs to be, that not all his family immediately buys in on the expected, his relationship with the stripper/club owner isn't all roses. I anticipate more action in Book 2 and maybe a little bit more trouble on the horizon for the Sanders clan (but not too much misery).

This book had everything. It moved me to tears, laughing and pride. This might be book one but I want books two, three and four. Only read a third of free sample, read it in 1 night.. I could not put it down as it drew me in and captured me giving me highs and lows. Just buy it

I've read a lot of PAW fiction, & this is definitely one of the best. While it's a how-to book, it's so well written I didn't skip over any of it. I love the family saga setting & can't wait for the next one

I enjoyed this book and it was a fun read. With that said this is a pepper's fantasy book. What I mean, is this is over the top good fortune for prepping: Forwarning of a dooms day senerio, family and friends with all the skills needed, and an unlimited amount of money to buy everything you need.... Sometimes 2x over because you have so much money that you forgot you had already bought it... lol. A few things I didn't really care for: the hint that beating women was OK even if they are an annoying family member. I also didn't care for the over the top depiction of incompetence of the President in this book, and I'm a Republican lol. I would hope no matter who was in office or their party they wouldn't be that inept at leading our country.

I really enjoyed this book. It is a great first step in an interesting story arc. Just a heads up, it's mostly a story about getting all the prep work done for the end of the word. I hope the author can get the next episode published soon. The character development was great, as this author excels at this. Finished the book in one day; started the first reread the next day.

Author did a good job on the character development. I enjoyed the dialogue/banter between the characters. Story line was well developed.... to the point I became a tad depressed at the fact I would be first in line for the growing body count due to not being even slightly prepared for an event like this.I am looking forward to the next book in the series

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading this book. As it turned out I didn't put it down till I was finished and had a hunger for what happens next. Characters were interesting and believable. All I can say it was a good read and I am patiently waiting for the next one in the series.

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