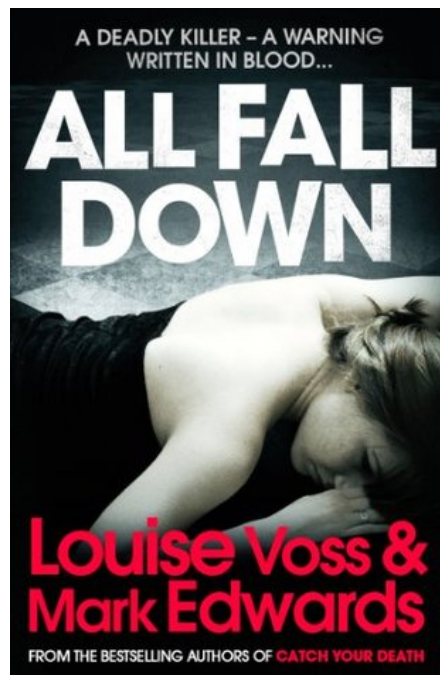




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Time to Die...

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Matt says

Voss and Edwards return to provide another Kate Maddox medical thriller. Two years after crossing paths with a crazed collection of virus-toting scientists, Maddox is back with her now-boyfriend Paul and son Jack. In this novel, a variation of the virus that killed Maddox's parents is back, flaring up on the outskirts of Los Angeles. A bomb is also detonated at a conference of some of the world's top virologists, leaving many to believe that someone wants this virus to spread without a cure. Maddox and Paul agree to head out to California to help, as long as Jack is able to stay in Texas with his father. They head out and begin looking into what has caused the rebirth of Watoto and who might be behind it. Maddox is sequestered at a secret lab, working with a small team to find a cure before it's too late. Paul, finding himself with a great deal of free time and in the vicinity of the man who cause his twin brother's death, begins an adventure of his own, equally as dangerous. Meanwhile, Jack embarks on an adventure of his own with a neighbour, bound to reunite with his mother and help out any way he can. At the heart of the virus' spreading is a collection of young women, The Sisters, whose central beliefs are based on religious conviction. Can Maddox crack the code of this new strain of Watoto in time and will Paul get the answers he seeks before he is another virus casualty? And how will the trek from Dallas to Los Angeles bring Jack into the larger story? All this and more await the reader as Edwards and Voss present a page-turner if ever there were one.

I was highly impressed with this, the second in the Kate Maddox series. With more action, thrills, and even science than the first, this novel pulls the reader in and keeps them on the edge of their seat until the final page turn. Edwards and Voss utilise a plot line that failed miserably for Edwards alone, a cult experience, but do so in such a way that the reader cannot help but want to know more. Personalising the virus for Maddox also helps pull the reader into the mix, as it is a battle to save the infected as well as a second chance for Maddox to address the virus that killed her family. The action never stops and while the language is a lot more salty than in past novels, it sells the product: the American culture and linguistic free spiritedness, very effectively.

Kudos, Mr. Edwards and Madam Voss for this wonderful sequel. I have been hooked on your writing for a while and cannot get enough of it. Keep writing and causing these spine-tingling moments.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Kim Nash says

Wow! What a thrilling read!

Dr Kate Maddox is a high profile virologist and when a number of her colleagues are murdered in a terrorist attack, she is called upon by a secret agent to go over to the US and help them to find a cure for this pandemic. Torn between staying to be with her son, and possibly saving the world, she makes her choice and decides that she'll send her son for a long holiday with his father in another part of the States to keep him protected from the virus that she has spent a lifetime trying to cure.

Only they hadn't told her the whole truth. While it was agreed originally for her partner to go with her, when they arrived in the US, they were separated and he decided to split from the secret agent and what they had in

store for him to do a little investigating of his own about how his brother, and Kate's former partner had been killed years earlier.

Meanwhile a group of tough, killer "ladies" (and I say the word ladies in the loosest sense of the word!) discovered that it was their destiny and that they were the chosen ones who got to decide that the world needed to be refreshed of it's inhabitants and they were hell bent on spreading this virus in the US then onto to the rest of the world. But first they wanted Kate to become one of them.

Can Kate find a cure for this disease before it wipes out the people that she loves dearly as well as the rest of the world? I'm not going to tell you the answer now am I!

This book got my heart thumping, my mind racing, and put me in a state where I was totally oblivious to the outside world while reading this book. It was thoroughly enjoyable, full of suspense and thrills it completely absorbed me. It was exciting, exhilarating, and my heart pounded most of the way through the book. There were times when I felt myself holding my breath and times where I wanted to shout at the main characters about what was going to happen and wanted to help them find a way out. It took a while for me to come back down to earth and realise that they couldn't actually hear me if I did!

Brilliantly written, with amazing characters, and an unbelievable yet believable plot, very gruesome in parts, yet moving in others, there were so many different qualities in this book which made it a totally superb read.

Thoroughly entertaining, and totally energetic, it certainly grabbed my attention and my imagination and you really had no idea until the very end how it was going to turn out. To tell the truth when I finished reading it, I felt completely exhausted as if I'd gone through every single one of the will ordeals myself and had to go and have a lie down!

Nikki-ann says

Kate Maddox returns in All Fall Down, the sequel to the number one bestseller, Catch Your Death. Kate, her partner Paul and young son Jack just want to lead normal lives, but that dream is shattered when a deadly virus sweeps through Los Angeles, threatening the entire world.

Kate, a leading expert on the Watoto virus, must head to the States to help find a cure, but it soon becomes clear there's a force that will do anything to stop a cure being found and she wishes she'd left Paul and Jack at home.

Sequels are like a band's second album, the bestseller is not always an easy act to follow. So have Voss & Edwards managed to pull it off? They certainly have!

Louise Voss and Mark Edwards are back with a vengeance. Nobody is safe in this sequel! The virus has a 99% death rate, the cultish baddies are mentally unhinged and the worrying thing about it all is that is one story that could so easily become frighteningly true!

There's plenty of action in this book and there's more than one variety of action in it, too! There's no let up in the pace as Kate and co race against the clock to stop the virus spreading across the world, especially as it gets closer to home.

This fast-paced thriller will have the reader gripped and will not let go until the very end – a bit like the virus the story revolves around! Admittedly, it's possibly not one you'd want to read if you're currently fighting a

viral infection or are a hypochondriac, but it's definitely one I'd recommend.

All Fall Can be read and enjoyed without having read Catch Your Death, but as with most series, I'd definitely recommending reading them both in order.

All Fall Down will have you on edge the moment anyone around you coughs or sneezes. Could it be the virus? You'd better hope it isn't!

Wes says

Can't praise this gripping thriller highly enough, it has to be the best read I've enjoyed in ages. The characters are strong the plot is compelling with as many twists and turns as you could wish for! I's a real page turner and well worth a read!!!! Makes me all the more eager for Mark and Louise's new book in the summer!!!!

I received this book free from the author in a Goodreads "first- reads" giveaway.

Tim says

Another gripping tale from Voss and Edwards. If I'm not very much mistaken they ventured a little more into the erotic at times in this book.

Lainy says

Time Taken To Read - 2 days

Blurb from Goodreads

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While Paul goes on the hunt for answers, Kate finds herself in a secret laboratory in the heart of California, desperately seeking a way to stop the contagion. But time is running out and soon it will be too late to save their loved ones, themselves, and the world...

My Review

Kate Maddox is a virologist and the world is about to need her. Terrorists have released a new strain of virus that spreads and kills quicker than its predecessor ever did. The terrorists means business and bomb a convention with top scientists and a specific target or two among them to stop any chance of a cure. Kate has to make a choice, to help the world and leave her family behind or stay with them and watch it collapse and die slowly. Time is running out and Kate finds herself targeted, under pressure and in a life threatening situations.

I really enjoyed this story from the start and it kicks off fairly swiftly with patient zero. We then are introduced to Kate and the story really goes from there when she is addressed to come and help deal with the situation. Paul is her boyfriend and plays a big part in the story too however he branches off searching out people relating to his brothers death. The story also breaks off into the terrorists and the main characters from there, building up a picture of how they work and why they are doing what they do. It sounds like a lot to take in but actually it isn't, they all slot into their parts and the story links in very quickly to each other.

The chapters are really short, which as you know I love, so as the story flips between them you can follow it easily and dip in and out as you have to. To be honest I could have read it in one sitting had time permitted. It has a great pace to it, really good story and you don't have to be virus savy or have a high IQ to follow the scientist viral stuff. There is some sex in the book but not a huge focus and you can skip by if without missing anything from the story. The idea behind what drives the terrorists is really interesting too and I enjoyed having a wee read up on that and learning something new from that side (sorry to be vague but I hate spoilers).

Even as you approach the big conclusion there are still more surprises and action to come. This is my first time reading these authors and it won't be my last. Kate Maddox has made an appearance in at least one previous book (I believe this would be the 3rd joint effort) and this can be read, as I did, as a stand alone. I will seek out their previous books as I did like the style of writing and quick pace, 4/5 for me.

Thanks so much to HarperCollins for sending me this ARC. You can get your own copy when this book comes out on the 14th of February 2013 (or you can get the ebook from Amazon.co.uk from the 20th of December 2012).

Andrew Wallace says

I enjoyed 'Killing Cupid' and 'Catch Your Death' by this duo and wondered where they would take the ballsy, tormented heroine of the latter, especially without the satisfyingly psychopathic Sampson, who was one of those characters happy to cut a swathe through the more annoying aspects (and people) of the modern age. I need not have worried. In his place V&E have come up with a gang of demonic virus-touting new-age lesbian/stalker/nut jobs. Oh, and they wear leather. In lesser hands this situation could have been clumsily exploitative; instead, you get a sense of the tensions, petty resentments and frustrated desires that drive this gang towards their apocalyptic goal. That their 'religion' is a selection of left-over bits of other belief systems that simply serve the whims of their beautiful, profoundly damaged leader makes this aspect of the novel chillingly contemporary.

Like Chrichton and Brown's novels, the book is very-well researched without the clever stuff getting in the way. However, for me it's a step change ahead because it delves more deeply into character. Kate Maddox is in the Scarpetta/Brennan mould of exceptionally able professional everywoman whose concerns merge world-saving with child-rearing and what to do about her boyfriend. In all of three of the books I've read by V&E the created world is believable and familiar, which makes the horrors perpetuated all the more thrillingly disturbing.

The book ends with hints of further revelations so I hope we meet Kate and more of her sick friends again soon.

June Jones says

Suspense with a virus set loose on the world, nail biting terror, and this could so easily happen today! Could read, would recommend.

Tamalyn says

it was really good, loved the storyline it had be on the edge of my seat all the way through x

R says

This is a sequel to the book Catch your Death. We catch up with Kate Maddox two years later and a virus is unleashed on unsuspecting Americans. What I liked about this book was that Kate seemed to be a little more rounded character wise- although still a little bit insane when it came to her son's welfare. What I didn't like about this book was the inclusion of a really graphic and totally unnecessary sex scene (or should i say chapter) for a secondary character of Angelica. I'm not against sex scenes by any means but this inclusion did absolutely nothing to move the plot forward and I just couldn't see the point. If you want to illustrate how evil or bad a person is then sure, show what they do, but I found that was just useless. I also got annoyed with both of the main characters in the book for acting so irrationally in situations that just jeopardized everything. I guess when you have a scientist at the helm of a story trying to help stop a virus you would think that they would be focused on saving humanity, not just their own close family and that is what is the book's failing. It passes as a good thriller (the body count is quite impressive) but again like the first book the description of what the virus actually does is missing. Where are the small subplots that illustrate the death and why everyone should be scared of this virus. It almost wrapped up too quickly. I gave it a three, but it's wasn't that satisfying. I do like the overall writing style so I will pick up their other work, but I don't think I'll read another virus one.

Suzanne says

All fall down is the sequel to Catch your death, which I read almost 2 years ago now. I've got quite the thing for killer viruses that have the potential to wipe out humanity so this book is right up my street! It follows virologist Dr Kate Maddox as she heads to America to help with finding a cure for a deadly virus which has been released into the general population by person/persons unknown. Her partner Paul and her son Jack tag along, but are separated and the chapters switch between the 3 characters.

It's fast paced, and is written in an easy to read style. I really like Kate's character but Paul tends to be quite impulsive, despite the best intentions. The 'baddies' are also really fascinating.

It can be read as a stand alone book, but I'd recommend reading 'Catch your Death' first if you haven't already.

I really hope there is another book that follows on, and I'm really looking forward to their new book 'Forward Slash' which is out in the summer.

Sonya Alford says

I previously read and reviewed 'Killing Cupid' and was absolutely delighted when 'All Fall Down' was sent to me. This is the sequel to 'Catch Your Death', a book I haven't actually read, but that didn't spoil it for me at all.

Two years ago Kate Maddox uncovered a terrifying conspiracy of rogue scientists. Now she just wants to be able to lead a normal and happy life with her partner Paul and son Jack. But her hopes are dashed when a face from the past turns up at one of her lectures, bringing with him some rather shocking news. It turns out that a new strain of the virus which originally killed Kate's parents has found its way to Los Angeles. The clock is ticking, a cure needs to be found as soon as possible before it's too late! Will Kate succeed?

I totally loved this book. Right from the start I found this to be a very gripping read. Each page, every single paragraph is full of thrills with lots of shocks and surprises throughout. There are some scary characters too. I certainly wouldn't want to get on the wrong side of Heather. A real page-turner, this is a thriller and a half. I got so involved in the story, so much so in fact that every time someone sneezed I actually thought they had got the virus!

Louise Voss and Mark Edwards are very talented. They work so well together and their writing is like magic. They are fast becoming favourite authors of mine.

Look out for their new book 'Forward Slash' which is due out in the summer.

Lindsay says

We first met talented virologist Dr Kate Maddox in 'Catch Your Death', and two years on from her narrow escape in that book, we meet her again here, now living with her partner Paul and her son Jack in the UK, and hoping for a normal life. However her peace is about to be shattered, as a man connected to that terrible episode from her past appears and informs her of the horrifying news that a suspected new strain of the killer virus that Kate's parents died from is now on the loose in Los Angeles. Then there is worse news as a bomb goes off in a hotel in America killing the top scientists that were meeting there and thereby reducing significantly the chances of a cure to the outbreak being found.

As one of the leading expert's in the world on the Watoto virus, Kate is called upon to travel to the USA immediately to a top secret laboratory in California to assist a special team in desperately trying to find a cure for the virus and help to stop it spreading any further. Reluctantly she takes Paul and Jack with her to the US, sending Jack off to stay with his father Vernon, whilst Paul embarks on his own determined if ill-advised pursuit of an enemy from the past, still intent on revenge for the death of his twin-brother.

This is another exciting, scary page-turner from the able pens of crime writers Voss and Edwards; it is packed with action, adventure, intrigue and terror. I was intrigued as to the outcome and liked the way the story moved between the different strands in alternate, short chapters, so that the tension in what was happening to Kate was maintained as we were taken to find out where Paul was, and then on to what was happening with the killers, keeping all parts of the story in play and ratcheting up the interest for the reader.

The threat of the deadly virus escaping into the wider world is ever-present and drives the urgency for Kate to discover a cure, and the authors keep the pace of the story and the action pounding along to reflect this. The truly frightening killers behind this release of the virus are certainly unusual and different to your average crime villain and they have their own strong cult-like beliefs driving their actions, aiming to start the world anew. There were parts of the story where I felt I had to suspend my disbelief a little, or found myself wondering if something would really have happened that way, and I was also a little apprehensive about the violence at times. These are minor quibbles overall though. I think if you've enjoyed the previous two novels by this author team then you should definitely read this one too. Although this isn't my personal favourite novel by them – that would be Killing Cupid – I would still recommend it as a fast and furious thriller with some very unusual killers and a tense, exciting plot throughout. You don't need to read Catch Your Death before reading All Fall Down, although I would recommend reading CYD simply because it's a very good read!

3.5 stars

Keith Walters says

Any fears I had that the ground-breaking and kindle-smashing writing duo of Voss & Edwards might drop the ball after the tremendous success of Killing Cupid and Catch Your Death were squashed quickly like a virus spreading mosquito within the opening pages of this new novel.

Opening with a powerful prologue which I found akin to Stephen King's The Stand, the scene is set for a new tale of the heroine from Catch Your Death, Kate Maddox, as she strives to battle a new and horrifying strain of a virus she has faced before. But this is anything but a retread of that previous book. With All Fall Down the writing team have upped the ante on every level with a juggernaut of a thriller, packing action into every page throughout its just over 450 page running time (and I do mean 'running' along with jumping, fighting, racing, shooting etc). Imagine that Outbreak movie from a few years back, turned into a road movie, with the action of Die Hard and you'd be about there.

Voss and Edwards manage to juggle multiple scenes of peril, splitting their main character from her partner, Paul, and son, Jack, and placing each one of them in their own adventure in parallel – all facing different dangers, all racing against the same clock.

It's a timely tale too, with ebook launch on 20th December, just one day before the Mayan prophecy advises we're all bound for oblivion, as the novel features a cult-like band who are set on a re-start of sorts to the world, believing they will be the only ones immune to the virus and who will do anything to stop anyone with the powers or knowledge to possibly prevent the spread or to find a cure.

With most of the UK currently experiencing symptoms of the annual winter virus at this very moment – it's also a novel that will have you taking note whenever someone near you on the tube sneezes – will give you that niggling doubt in your mind...

...but don't doubt for a moment that Voss and Edwards are clearly here to stay and, with such strong writing and stories, they have just unleashed a viral product for which I really hope there is no cure.

Dose yourself up

Jemma says

fabulous, gripping and sooo realistic.
