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Decimated by nuclear war, humanity stands at the precipice of extinction. The rich and powerful take to the oceans and skies on floating utopias, escaping destruction and forcing everyone else to fend off mutated creatures that roam the world.

At the turn of the third millennium, earth's remaining survivors glimpse hope when a brilliant scientist invents nanotechnology, and mankind finally has a chance to push back against the walls of their radioactive prisons.

No longer enslaved within the safe zone, Jared embraces the new technology. He plunges deep into the twisted, scarred wastelands and unwittingly binds himself to a being of great power. But a discovery breeds doubt and fear; the nanomachines surging inside his body are killing him!

Faced with this new reality, Jared must become an apex predator to survive. He must surpass human limitations to defeat those in power and bring justice to any deserving.

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GaiusPrimus says

A really entertaining take on the apocalyptic LitRPG

I would rate this book along the same level as Tao Wong's System Apocalypse or Xander Boyce's Red Mage.

It's really well written and it does an awesome job of worldbuilding and character development, setting the stage for future books.

I've seen it a while ago on RRL and the blurb alone almost made me break my "no more unfinished stories on RRL" rule.

Pick it up.

Arthur Hayes says

Wonderful

I really enjoyed this book and I am really excited to see where this author goes! Thanks for the great book Richard.

Chris Forquer says

I love books about the apocalypse and when you add in dragons you have the perfect mix!

Melissa Jane says

What a fun, fantastic story! A future nuclear wasteland full of mutated monsters, an elite technologically advanced society that preys on the downtrodden people left to survive with little support, nanites that enables the survival of the toxins found everywhere and best of all dragons. There is an element of LitRPG that is well written and skillfully woven within the story without overcoming the adventures and turning the book into a game with the sole purpose to level up.

A masterful mix of fantasy, LitRPG, apocalyptic future and advanced technologies. Plus, when the story ended, I wanted more.

Highly recommended and looking forward to book two.

Frances Law says

Post Apocalyptic LitRPG

Radioactive Evolution portrays a world where humans have had a final war leaving the Earth a shattered, radioactive waste. Certain sections of humanity had built sky cities which must utilise a form of antigravity to float as they do. A scientist working for them, developed nanotech that could be injected into these humans who were left behind on the devastated land and keep them alive. They also removed the necessity of eating and drinking since the nanites absorbed energy from the surrounding radiation. Most humans have formed into colonies and have set up a trade system with the cities. The colonists need booster injections every two years to stay alive. One such colonist is Jared who, having lost both of his parents, has decided to go out on his own to forge his own path. He has just reached the abandoned city of New York where he must find more booster injections soon or return to his colony. He finds the injections but he also finds much more and is soon running for his life.

If you are prepared to suspend belief, the story is quite enjoyable. There's certainly a lot of action and the introduction of a dragon, Scarlet, who bonds with Jared brings in the ability to expand the nanites range of protections and improvements to the members of the bond. The author has not made the mistake, that many LitRPG writers do, of trudging through lists of available upgrades and those actually chosen.

As I said previously, you have to be able to suspend belief for I really doubt that any civilisation that has the ability to manufacture self contained, floating cities would totally destroy the Earth in a nuclear war. Mother Nature is far more resilient than we puny humans realise. That doesn't change the fact that this is a good first book. We now have to wait and find out if and when book two will materialise. Hopefully not in the too distant future.

John O says

Dragons return

I enjoyed this book immensely. What more could one want.... DRAGONS!! Plus litrpg mechanics for a upgrade system. The world is post apocalyptic and survival is difficult. The MC must upgrade himself and throw off the yoke of tyranny, as he leads the survivors to deliver justice in the new world.

N.N. Light says

So so good! A must read!

My Rating: 5 stars

Reviewed by: Mrs. N

John-Torleif Harris says

From the blurb for this book, I wasn't expecting LitRPG - I thought it would be more of a Sci-Fi horror with

dragons. But the reality was so very much better than my expectations. This was probably the best LitRPG that I've read yet.

I loved the fact that Jared didn't need to enter a virtual world to begin his adventures, but all of the components of leveling up existed all around him and simply needed to be unlocked. I loved how Scarlet has the knowledge of her mother, but still needs to gain both the wisdom to use that knowledge to it's fullest potential, as well as the strength to combat the foes that they face.

I was captivated from the beginning with Jared's thought processes and his adventures learning the truth of the world around him. I can't wait to read more about Jared, Scarlet, the dragons and the Protectors!

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Cleo A. Hanson says

Excellent story of most of humanity becoming indifferent to the rest of the world.

I think most people would love to bond with an intelligent being. In this book man bonds with Dragon and strives to make the world a better place.

Cats of Ulthar says

Review of RADIOACTIVE EVOLUTION

By Richard Hummel

An exciting adventure awaits readers of this epic urban fantasy mixed with futuristic science fiction. If you love questing, video games, historic fantasy, post-apocalyptic narratives, or Dystopiana, you're bound to glory over this fast-paced, heartrending novel of a world after nuclear destruction, a world of mutations from radioactive poisoning, of an upper-class society that lives on floating airborne islands, disdaining the 99% (or the few who remain). Richard Hummel's writing is all-engrossing and will challenge your intellect as well as your emotions. Best of all: the introduction of a truly unexpected, mythological, life form. I loved it!

Liz (Quirky Cat) says

I received a copy of Gilded Wolves through NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Richard Hummel's debut novel, Radioactive Evolution is nothing like anything else I've read. It's a LitRPG, something I didn't even know excised before now. It's also a true sci-fi novel. It also throws in a dash of dystopian and action-adventure for good measure.

A LitRPG is short for Literary Role Playing Game. And it pretty much is exactly what it sounds like. It combines the conventions of science fiction and fantasy novels with the structures of role playing games. Sometimes the combinations are obvious, while other times it can be a bit more subtle.

(view spoiler)

For more reviews, check out Quirky Cat's Fat Stacks

Rob Billiau says

A deeper entry into the GameLit Gevre

This was a great read with what felt like a deeper take on GameLit. With strong descriptions and world building you'll be brought into this wasteland the world has become, to journey with Jared and his bonded dragon Scarlet. The growth of the characters hints at huge things to come that is going to be exciting to witness! This feels like the beginning of an epic journey.

Kelley says

One of the best apocalypse books I have read (and I've read a lot). Love the litrpg base and the mythology dragon.

Angie-lee says

A post-apocalyptic tale of epic proportions 390 pages to be exact, yet you barely notice the length as the storyline is so good, giving total movie/ video game vibes throughout.

Think nuclear wars, radiation, booster shots to survive, all set in a scarred desolate backdrop then the injection that dragons are real.

This was a really exciting action filled tale where the world building though frightening was excellent the vivid imagery of radiation, total wastelands, destruction etc is easily felt through the fast paced descriptive writing style.

The characters are well developed and complex with an immense depth relatable and you are compelled to follow the journey needing to know what happens next.

This is the first book in the series and it has shaped a world and storyline I am eager to see develop and evolve with so much action and suspense I am excited for book 2 and the adventure it will hold.

I highly recommend this one for everyone to read.

Many thanks to Independent Book Publishing Association and Netgalley for an advanced readers copy in exchange for an honest, free and unbiased review.

(All opinions are my own I have not been paid for this review)

Cheryl says

Super post-apocalyptic fantasy tale that reads like a video game

This is a lengthy book at 390 pages, which I appreciated because I was having a lot of fun reading it.

Jared Cartwright is an explorer on an Earth that was decimated by nuclear wars. He left his home colony two

years ago to explore and salvage.

To survive the radiation that was released on the planet, a scientist invented booster shots of nanites to counteract the effects of the radiation but humans need the booster shots periodically.

While exploring New York City Jared happens across an unhatched egg that changes his life completely when it does hatch shortly after.

This was such a fun read. Monsters and memories of Anne McCafferty books kept popping up in the book.

There were some issues with editing which is why I downgraded this a bit but don't miss this book just because of that.

The author does an excellent job with developing the characters and his world building was easy but scary to visualize.

Oh, and this is the first book of a series and I hope we don't have to wait too long for the next book.

I received this book from the Independent Book Publishers Association through Net Galley in the hopes that I would read it and leave an unbiased review.
