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From *New York Times* bestselling author Ryan Winfield, a thrilling tale of friendship, betrayal, and adventure.

The journey continues...

After discovering the horrific truth behind the Park Service, fifteen-year old Aubrey Van Houten has overthrown its leader with the help of his best friend, Jimmy, and his girlfriend, Hannah. But their victory has left all three parentless and alone in a world where drones still hunt humans. And while the Park Service founder might be dead, he's far from gone. Now, Aubrey's quest to free his people will lead him even farther into a world where nothing is what it seems.

Destined to become a classic, *The Park Service* trilogy will inspire and delight readers of all ages.

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Melinda says

Oh Ryan, why did I say 6 months in between before the next book comes out in the trilogy??? I have no idea where he will be taking us, but holy Hannah it's been a good ride so far! I can't wait to see what will happen when Jimmy, Aubrey and the Professor get back... Hannah's going to have some explaining to do!!! I loved Finn for doing the right thing, I just never saw the Professor turning on them, and don't even get me started on Hannah, she's got it coming to her! All I can say is Ryan, you've done it again! I await book three! I hope I can make it till October!!!

April says

The second book in the series is just as engaging and dynamic as the first. There are so many levels to this story. Just when you think you have things figured out, there will be a sharp turn that takes it to a whole other place! warning, if you are an emotional sort, you will need tissues at one point, maybe two!

Once again was are all first person coming from Aubrey's POV. It is tough to really get a feel for other character's motivations without being told. It does add an element of surprise to the story, as you find out when he does. That aspect really keeps you on your toes.

Aubrey has always been likeable, if a touch of a know it all, and loyal to a fault. He is also far too trusting, by now you think some of the shine would have come off of him. So often he is stuck playing mediator between his friends. It is a tough place to be. I do really enjoy how tight he and Jimmy are and the connection they share. Hannah, is another story, I think she inherited more than a little of her father's sketchy ideals.

The journey they take in this book is fascinating because we see more of what has become of the Earth. How other species had evolved and some humans de-evolved. There are many surprises when they reach the Isle of Man. I wish we could have spent more time there and had more about the relationships that were formed. This would have been a great place to have some narrative from Jimmy. I suspect that would have made later events even more heartbreaking.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Michael Braun, who is wonderful. I really enjoy the distinction between the men's voices, he keeps them consistent throughout. His women's voices are light without trying to be overly feminine. He doesn't go to the whiny upper range, so many male narrators fall into that trap. He has a great pace throughout the read. He adds plenty of energy and emotion to the read. Really a terrific fit, he blend story and narration beautifully.

I am thoroughly enjoying this series and the rare male protagonist in a young adult read. While the story has romantic elements, they are not the driving force of the story. I really wish more YA would take that approach.

What is going to happen next! While we are not at a true cliffhanger, things are far from settled at the end. I can not wait to jump strait into the next book! Thank goodness the whole series is out and there is no waiting!

Disclosure - I received a copy of this audiobook in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts, opinions

and ratings are my own.

Shelly says

I have to say that I think I liked this second book of The Park Service Trilogy more than the first one! I have no doubt that the conclusion of this series will be even better.

I have to keep this relatively brief because there is really no way to reveal the full scope of my feelings without dropping major spoilers and you know how much I hate to do that. I will warn you that while I won't post spoilers for this book, there will be spoilers from book one.

This book takes these characters into places that I never expected both emotionally and logistically. The bulk of book one takes place on what appears to be a new planet. It's actually Earth 900 years in the future where the "Park Service" has all but destroyed humankind on the surface allowing it to return to an "eden-like" state. What humans managed to survive are continually hunted by drones programmed to kill them. Aubrey discovers all of this when he essentially escapes from the underground world where he grew up. Now Aubrey, Jimmy and Hannah are on a mission to de-program the drones so they can free the people underground without fear of them being hunted on the surface.

This book takes them halfway across the globe in search of what they need to free Aubrey's people. On The Isle of Man nothing is what it seems, but it's all so very interesting! It's like stepping back into medieval Ireland complete with a castle and tournament games. The imagery is so vivid that you feel like you are right there roaming the castle with Aubrey and competing in the tournament with Jimmy.

There are some definite "hold your breath" moments in this book. You hit a point where the action just keeps coming at you and then things take a turn that I totally wasn't expecting. I have to say that I have a whole new respect for Ryan Winfield after reading the last 1/4 of this book. I would imagine that it takes a lot out of a writer to put his characters through this, not to mention what they are sure to face in the next book.

There are some pretty tense moments between Aubrey and Jimmy in this book and it makes you wonder just what exactly is between these two. At times they are the best of friends, but there are times when they seem to be more although it's never quite clear. While it may not be intentional, there is definitely some tension between them. It will be interesting to see where this leads, if anywhere. It's clear that Aubrey has grown throughout the course of these books. He is truly well on his way to becoming the man he will need to be in order to lead his people once they are freed. He is starting to see people for what they really are instead of how they portray themselves to others.

Maybe humans are the problem. Some humans, anyway. At least a person can see a shark's teeth. They don't hide their intentions. And they don't kill because they can kill, they kill because they need to survive.

So, I loved this book! I had a couple minor issues with the first book, but there was nothing like that in this one. It's a great YA read and really I think my daughter is going to love this series if I can ever part with my Kindle Fire long enough to let her read it!

B says

Emotional and AWESOME READ! I read the Isle of Man in one, long, very intense sitting! Book two takes

Jimmy, Aubrey, and Junior on a most amazing, thrilling, scary, and surprising journey to try to stop the Park Service. Over land and sea, I was constantly surprised with what happened next. The way the scenery was described, I felt like I could see, smell, and hear everything as it happened. I loved how the relationship between the boys grew deeper and it not only made me realize in my own life what a true best friend should be, but the book's overall themes and showing humans from both good and bad sides made me question if sometimes I could see the Park Service's side of the coin more than I'd like to admit. There are so many layers of the writing and underlying subjects that make you question how you think and feel about life, about people, about religion. The end of this book was shocking and left me crying and angry and feeling like I wanted revenge for the characters! I cannot wait to see how the series ends and just hoping the final book will have another early release date so I can see what they do next! I absolutely LOVED it!

Dinky Hawk says

Wonderful second book in the trilogy!! I bought the Kindle version and will definitely buy the paperback version so I can have the set when the final book is released!! Ryan has written a future movie blockbuster!!

Maryellen says

If you're not reading this captivating YA trilogy, you're missing out! Book #2, ISLE OF MAN, finds Aubrey, Hannah, Jimmy and Junior (oh Junior) facing a world full of unknowns.

"Why does everything I think I know always turn out to be wrong?" asks a very confused Aubrey.

Mr. Winfield takes us on a spectacular adventure to the Isle of Man all in an effort to find the key to stopping the hunting drones from killing humans and to free the people of Halocene II. With his amazing ability to put the reader into the story I felt like I was riding along in the submarine (never a sub, never a ship) with Aubrey, Jimmy, Junior and Professor Moody seeing every sight, smelling every smell and feeling every sting of pain. Notably missing is Hannah from this trip as she stays behind with a character that you'll remember from the first book, Red. Hannah's motives are seemingly innocent. The Professor's willingness to help our heroes, Jimmy and Aubrey, seems genuine. You'll find yourself asking the same question that Aubrey asks: Why does everything I think I know always turn out to be wrong? The beginning of the book reels you in and starts the emotional ride with an ending so riveting that you're begging for October to come to find out what happens next. ☆☆☆☆☆

Nancy Silk says

"Fantastic Story and Adventure I Could Not Put Down"

I'm the 25th reviewer of this second story of "The Park Service." I certainly agree with ALL the previous reviewers who gave it FIVE stars! Woo hoo, great job, Author Ryan Winfield! This a continuing saga of Aubrey Van Houten who's nearly 16 years old and has escaped from the underground cavern in Holocene II where his train wrecks. He has discovered the outer world of earth is intact and thus there is no reason to have the people of Holocene II be held deep in the confines of caverns. He and his now friend, Jimmy (with his fox puppy, 'Junior'), have survived a major drone attack that took the lives of Jimmy's parents. And as

they travel they meet up with Hannah whose parents are killed in a massive flood. Her father being a scientist has worked with vaccines which can extend life to 1,000 years. Will these three teens opt to use this vaccine? They are camped near a lake and together form an agreement to return to Holocene and free the people. But Hannah fears the people may not believe them and will only believe the lies they've been fed for generations. As they stare out at the lake, they see a capsized boat floating and recover it. It's big enough for them to use in accessing the locks to take them back to the underground. And, so, the adventure begins. And what an adventure it is! Author Ryan Winfield has written his very best book so far. His creativity is amazing. His writing style is superb, the pace of the story is vigorous and suspenseful. I highly recommend this story to adventurers of all ages to take this thrill ride!

Sally Thibodeaux says

Loved it! I can't wait to see what happens to Hannah, I believe she's a lot older than she pretends to be. Maybe she has already taken a dose of serum. I believe that she wants to take over!! Poor Aubrey, I hope he gets to Free his people. I really can't wait for the last book. Thanks Ryan!!!!

Lori Myers says

Wow....Ryan has done it again. Another excellent book with characters so real (if I was an older teen, I would be so in love with Aubry and Jimmy!) and rich, vivid descriptions, plot twists and situations I never saw coming! Ryan also gifts us with some physics, anthropology, philosophy and religion...okay...I can throw astronomy in there too! If you read The Park Service you will not be disappointed- Ryan has a gift for taking the most tangled situations and distilling them down to a pure essence so we don't get bogged down with the details, but still have a full understanding of the situation. Ryan Winfield is, in my opinion, the best new author out there

Kara Miller says

Let me start by saying that I've been waiting so long for this book and it was well worth the wait! If I only had one word to describe this book, it would be FANTASTIC! Thank goodness I have a lot more than one word though ;)

So many times, sequels fall short of the first book. That is NOT the case here. If anything, book two is miles better than book one.

I was hooked from page one--and not because I'd been waiting so long for this, but because of the opening line: "I never meant to kill Hannah's family." (Is anyone else's jaw hanging open like mine is?) I absolutely love it when an opening line jumps off the page and punches you in the gut. What a way to come out swinging, Ryan. Nicely done.

And it only gets better.

This second installment of The Park Service Trilogy takes us on a roller coaster ride full of plot twists,

secrets, betrayals, and emotions. There was only one scene in the entire book that I guessed what was happening before it actually happened. (The scene in the cave with Aubrey & Hannah & the serum.) All the others--totally shocked. I did not see any of it coming, which just made it so much more enjoyable.

In the first book, Hannah's character was portrayed as a sweet, innocent, slightly naive girl who was Aubrey's potential love interest. I liked her, but I was a bit skeptical of her. Now I know why. Hannah did a complete 180 in this book, and by the end, I despised her. She's a lying, manipulative, sneaky little traitor who doesn't deserve Aubrey's affections. At this point, I'm not sure she's redeemable. She's going to have to do something really remarkable to change my opinion of her and even then I'm not sure I will be swayed--especially after that little stunt her and the professor pulled on the Isle of Man.

I'm still a little weirded out by the relationship between Aubrey and his best friend, Jimmy. There has never been any outward sexual attraction or any implication that there is any, but I can't help but feel as though it's brewing just under the surface. I get that they've been through a lot together, and that they've saved each others lives more than once, but...I don't know...I get the feeling there is a little something more than just friendship between these two. I could be completely wrong. Then again, I had a feeling about Hannah, which turned out to be spot on. Regardless of how this friendship plays out, I'll be happy as long as neither of them die.

As usual, Ryan's descriptions are vivid (still a bit too long for my liking in certain spots), often times gruesome, but always handled tactfully and in a way that wasn't offensive. I still have an issue with the whole animal theme in these books, but that is just my own personal hang-up. I don't think I'll ever get over it, but I'll tolerate it for the sake of these books because they really are that good.

And, O.M.G.! I was left speechless with this ending. All I can say is, "I can't believe they did that!"

I have very high expectations for the final book.

Tina says

Isle of Man is the second book of the Park Service Trilogy, written by Ryan Winfield. After reading book one I couldn't wait to get this sequel in my hands, and it was as great as I expected... or even more.

After the death of Hannah's parents, Aubrey, Jimmy and Hannah are alone in a world where drones still hunt humans. Aubrey is determined to free his people, who still live deep below ground level at Holocene II. His decision leads him into a world where nothing is what it seems...it leads him, Jimmy and Junior to an island in the Irish Sea, the Isle of Man...

Ryan Winfield has a breathtaking way to write. One minute you are considering to start reading and at the next minute you just can't stop anymore. Can an author write that way? Yes, he can. And Ryan surely is one of this gifted storytellers.

The storyline is fast-paced and powerful. Ryan's writing style is compelling and exciting. He describes actions, places and things with such clarity that you can see, smell, feel and hear them. He draws you into the

story and you can't break away.

Already in The Park Service I didn't like Hannah at all. And I'm so glad that my feelings haven't fooled me!(view spoiler)

Yes, I loved Jimmy in The Park Service. But in Isle of Man I loved him even more. Strong, beautiful, vulnerable, clever Jimmy, with the heart of gold and his love for Junior, the fox pup. I was so glad that Junior is still with the boys.

And how I loved the bantering between Jimmy and Aubrey.

Jimmy throws his wet arm around me.

"You jus' had to tell 'em they was wrong, didn't you?"

"You mad at me?"

"No," he says, smiling.

"Good. I don't like it when you're mad at me."

"But that sure was crazy close."

It was amazing to read how Aubrey bit by bit realizes who his true soul mate is.

"I'm on the mountain with Jimmy now. We're sitting on the glacier, looking at the rising moon. I can see the glint of wonder in his eye, his long lashes visible even in the moonlight. It's funny what images stick with you. Suddenly, I'm in the cove, learning to swim. I hear Jimmy laughing. He calls me buddy for the first time, and I recall how good it felt. Now, I'm standing at the shore after my trip down from the wrecked train, and I'm seeing Jimmy again for the first time, crouched on that rock, the orange sun oozing into the waves as if setting only for him. Now, I'm back underground, my father is rushing to the closing elevator, his words making it just in time: "I love you, Son." Tree simple words—I love you. I only said them once in my life. I said them to my father on his last day alive. I should have said them more. I should have said them to..."

It's impossible to tell what happens on the Isle of Man without placing huge spoilers. Brace yourself for a roller coaster ride that takes your breath away and lets your head spin.

If you are reading the ebook it may come the point that you'll consider throwing your reader against the wall. If you are reading the paperback just do it. It's surely relieving and the book wouldn't mind, but perhaps your neighbors? :D Or choose another way to relieve the tension:

The story excites, captivates and sets the stage for the next chapter in the journey. I am looking forward to the next installment – to see what Aubrey decides, to **hopefully** watch the love bloom between him and his one true love, how they both cope with their enemies and if they are able to free the people of Holocene II and not only them... the survival of the whole humankind is on the line...

Ryan, you have done a wonderful job with the second book of your Park Service Trilogy. I truly look forward to the third and last book State of Nature. There's only one thing I won't forgive you, never ever! (view spoiler) How will you ever make it up to your readers?

I highly recommend the Park Service Trilogy to all my GR friends as a „must read“. Sometimes the

seemingly unusual books are the best.

Dick says

Again, another good read from Ryan.

Although some of the action is slower than I am used to in Winfield's books, there was exposition needed and it took time to get that done.

Without letting any of the plot out, I can't help but say that Aubrey and Jimmey are moving closer and closer in my mind to being more than friends.

I am anxious for the release of the final book of the series.

Gina's Escape and Reality says

I was pleasantly surprised to find book two picked up right where book one left off. The reader is thrown right back into the action of the quest that Aubrey and his new friends are on.

At times, Aubrey seems a little wise beyond his years. There's no doubt having the responsibility of freeing an entire civilization as his burden to bear helped to shape the mental state he is in. Having been introduced to a whole new world and dealing with grief at such a young age has made him more responsible than the average teen his age. Somewhere in there, you can feel him trying balance and process all that he's learned all the while determining what he has to do next. The dilemmas they were faced with kept me wondering what I would do given the same situation. At the same time, I loved that the "typical teenage boy" came out of him at times. Whether it was trying to figure out his fast paced romance with Hannah or his jealousy over Jimmy being number one and not him we were reminded he's just a kid after all. These moments come up often and always put a smile on my face.

This installment of The Park Service Trilogy has just as much, maybe more adventure than the first book. The imagination and creativity, once again had me stunned as I read along. It was original and fun, the whole way through. I love that this series is appealing to teens, young-adults and the young at heart adult.

Teresa says

OMG!! I loved the opening book in this trilogy but this one truly pulled me in and took me on a journey with the characters. I experienced every thrill, every disappointment, every fright and every betrayal...which was rife in this episode. I truly loved this book. Cannot. Wait. For. Book. Three!!

I am obligated to say though that I am a bit depressed by reading these "futuristic" stories...The Hunger Games, the Insurgent trilogy, and now The Park Service. Is it possible that no matter what state we find our planet in, no matter what we've suffered through...that there will still be people concerned only with their

own ideas of what is best, their own superiority, their own survival? I hope not!

In any case, congratulations Ryan....absolutely excellent work...a true pleasure...an amazing adventure not to be missed!!!

Lori Horne says

Exciting Page Turner Part 2!!

When we left Aubrey, Jimmy and Hannah in Book One, The Park Service, they discovered the horrific evil realities behind The Park Service and were instrumental in the destruction of a key location as well as the demise of its creator and leader. After a momentary victory, this trio is now alone facing a world suffering from the continuing execution of the master plan and its consequences.

In Book Two, Isle of Man, Aubrey is determined, with the help of his friends, to crack the code with hope to cease further annihilation of what's left of the world population. Now knowing what is real and what pure fabrication was in his previous life, Aubrey's underlying wish is to free the people living in a web of deception from the world he came from.

Aubrey and his friends will experience a whole spectrum of emotion in this journey to seek answers. He will encounter characters that test his loyalties, trust, friendships and beliefs. Choices will need to be made that require him to dig deep into his heart and soul to determine the right path to take. He will need to decide who he can trust or believe in. Many obstacles will threaten to hinder any progress he makes along the way to find what he seeks.

As always, Ryan Winfield is brilliant in creating the imagery in this story, a true artist of the written word. The reader will be swept back into this world very quickly and will be immersed and involved completely until the last page. We feel the emotions of the characters and truly share the joys and laughter, the angst and fears, the emotional breakdowns and the terrors. This book is definitely a "must read". It will be a long and anxious wait for the release of the conclusion to the story in Book 3, State of Nature. Once again, Ryan, you totally rock!!!
