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Gregory wanders through a post-apocalyptic landscape with only one friend he truly trusts - his last link to a former life that he barely remembers. What will the future hold for him in this strange, amoral world?

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Shaun says

What a dark, interesting, and unique read. A post-apocalypse world is created by Prochnow which resembles the "Old West" days when you fought to find food, find water and survive with only what you could carry, unless you were fortunate enough to have a home that is still standing. Having a home is not much better, however, when you can't grow your own food and there are outlaws always on the move and gang leaders that control the necessities for life.

I would recommend this book to anyone that enjoys the post-apocalypse genre but also to anyone that just enjoys a good, dark story. The main character, Gregory, is well developed and you begin to care about him and his story more as you read. The first chapter grabs you and each subsequent chapter pulls you in more.

I received a signed copy through a Goodreads First Reads giveaway, and I'm glad I did, so I could be introduced to Gregory and Luke Prochnow's writing.

Rhonda Tolley says

Won a copy in a giveaway and this book absolutely terrified me. The author I went to for horror was Stephen King (of course lol) but his book have never given me nightmares. This book gave me nightmares for 2 nights!! The book is wonderfully descriptive, but not so much as to be just a filler for the story. Its like you get sucked in and experience everything that Gregory does. It details how quickly and horribly humanity can get lost in the chaos of the mind, how frail we actually are and what could very realistically be the end of humanity as we know it. Great book and even though its a shorter story, that doesn't mean it lacks in anything. Must read if you love PA fiction. Just make sure you have someone near you... or at least leave a nightlight on after finishing ;)

Jennifer Disario says

This novella is a post-apocalypse, old time wild west read. I love the post-apocalypse genre but had never read one with a western theme and wasn't sure how I'd like it but I ended up loving it. It was a quick one but had the feel of a long novel. Nothing missing from characterization to description. A dark book that looks inside the minds of people after the worst happens to them. Strongly suggest this! *Received via First Reads program but in no way does this reflect on my review*

Kyle West says

Alright...I started to read this today and read it all in one sitting. In one sentence, I loved this novella and heartily recommend it for a spin on the post-apocalyptic genre that I'm surprised we haven't seen yet: the western.

A boy tries to survive in a post-apocalyptic Texas that has reverted to the Wild West. In this world, people use teeth as currency, outlaws control all of the supplies and keep slaves, and people are addicted to "white

liquor," a drug that wastes them from the inside out.

The world Prochnow has created is dark and real and outside the normal realm you see in PA fiction. Main character Gregory is forced on an open-ended adventure when he is offered a pair of binoculars - in exchange for hunting and killing a man. Gregory accepts and soon finds himself in all kinds of trouble.

The book is dark - Gregory is not your typical hero. In fact, you get the sense that he is a kid just trying to survive in a harsh world and he is willing to do harsh things to survive. I often found myself reminded of "The Road," though this novella is more narrative in form.

The book's novella length makes it great to read in one sitting. All in all, it was a good read and I recommend it to fans of the genre.

Dawson says

This was an interesting novella. You don't really learn about what caused the apocalypse. At first that irritated me. But I realized that we were really seeing this from point of view of the protagonist Gregory. Whose world is truncated and "small". While there are story elements that make me go "how" or "why" overall the various pieces tie together a world that is horrific and confusing.

But there is another thread of normalcy in the book. That normalcy in many ways amplifies just how strange and terrible the rest is.

I will not give any spoilers but I found the ending to be highly satisfactory and it made up for any other shortcomings.
