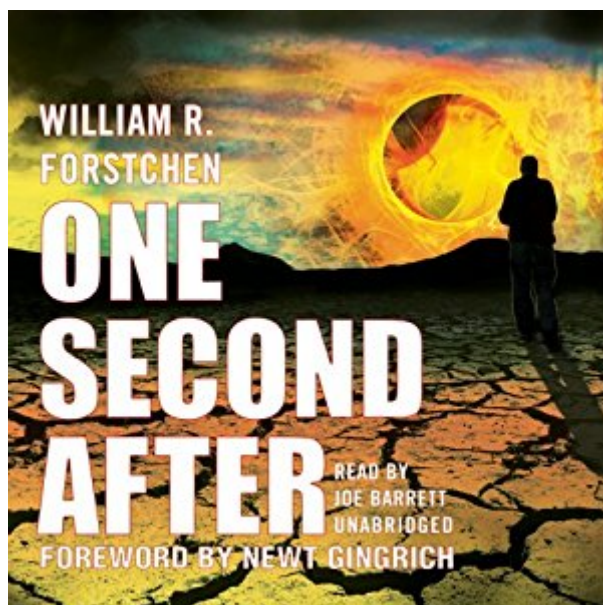


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One Second After



Synopsis

In the tradition of *On the Beach*, *Fail Safe*, and *Testament*, *One Second After*, set in a typical American town, is a dire warning of what might be our future and our end. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

A friend suggested I read this book as we were talking about *V for Vendetta* and she said read *One Second After*. The idea of the book is a frightening reality of what can happen in today's society with so much reliance on computers and electronics, and the division and fighting that takes place when it is all removed. Think of no running water, lakes get polluted, disease, no sanitary waste removal...on and on. It's a healthy reminder to keep "old school" items on hand, just in case. I loved the beginning, became a bit slow towards the end - as you get the purpose of the book early on.

I love a good post-apocalyptic story, and this is a really good one. There's nothing in this book that couldn't happen in the real world. The only "fictional" part of the story is the fact that an EMP strike hasn't yet happened on American soil. And, of course, the actions of the fictional characters who have to deal with the world collapsing around them. There's no magic and nothing about the collapse goes unexplained - this is no *SM Stirling* book (which isn't a complaint against *SM Stirling's* books, but those rely heavily on the unexplained). So start stockpiling your non-perishables. The end may be coming sooner than you think!

One Second After is a suspenseful "what-if" read about a very believable scenario, the aftermath of an EMP taking out everything electrical in the United States. The main character is well-rounded and developed enough for the reader to care about him and his family. Though it is easy enough to guess that he will survive it and (spoiler alert) one of his young family members will not. So, in that aspect it is on the predictable side. Lots of minor characters die and some of them seem like they're there for no other purpose than to die. But at the same time, it does illustrate how fragile life would be if the entire country lost power (and couldn't get it back quickly). The writing was good, flowed well, and was easy to understand. A number of characters in the book have similar names though, which can make the reader hesitate a bit to figure out just which person is which. At times, some of the characters seemed to lack common sense when trying to "rough-it" without electricity. Yes, life would be extremely difficult without it, but our ancestors did it (only a couple of generations ago) and much knowledge could be garnered from older people and resources such as libraries if this was a real-world occurrence (resources which aren't really tapped in the book). Overall, it's a good read and makes one ask "what-if" while considering that having a few candles on hand and more than a few days worth of food is always a good idea.

This book is a life-changer. Everyone seems to be talking these days about the alleged attempt to set off an EMP bomb recently over America. The threat is real and quite probable that one such attempt could succeed. America needs to protect its infrastructure from an EMP event. We are completely vulnerable. 90% of Americans would die within a year if such an event happened. knowing this, reading this book was spellbinding. Usually I mark and note pages of a book for a review, to make it interesting and to provide more information. No so this time. This book is imprinted in my mind like a movie, almost an event that already happened. Picture all the electricity going out instantly. Stranded cars clog the freeway. Hospitals have no life support. water cannot be pumped to your home, nor gas from the service station. You can only burn so much furniture in the cold winter. Grocery stores are gutted. Eventually people are eating their pets, and armed gangs go from town to town. Food is reserved for the stronger teenagers, who need the calories to bury the dead by shovels. In the book, China offers to send several hundred thousand soldiers to the west coast to help the starving, but without communication, nobody really knows what is happening. It's an absolute nightmare. I wish for every American to have and read this book, and to demand steps are taken to protect us. Just one EMP bomb makes the open border look like peanuts.

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