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The Last Kids On Earth



Synopsis

"Terrifyingly fun! Delivers big thrills and even bigger laughs."--Jeff Kinney, author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Walking Dead* in this very funny post-apocalyptic graphic novel for middle-grade readers. Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen year old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores. But Jack alone is no match for the hordes of Zombies and Winged Wretches and Vine Thingies, and especially not for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team: his dorky best friend, Quint; the reformed middle school bully, Dirk; Jack's loyal pet monster, Rover; and Jack's crush, June. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer! Can he do it? Told in a mixture of text and black-and-white illustration, this is the perfect book for any kid who's ever dreamed of starring in his or her own comic book or video game. And then grab the sequel, *The Last Kids on Earth and the Zombie Parade*, now a *New York Times* bestseller!

Book Information

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Series: *The Last Kids on Earth* (Book 1)

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Gr 3-6 • An apocalyptic monster attack has destroyed the town of Wakefield, leaving gigantic, slime-filled creatures in its wake. It appears that the entire population has been turned into zombies, except for 13-year-old Jack Sullivan. Jack is an abandoned foster kid trying to survive the catastrophe while living in a tricked-out tree house. In his daily fight for survival, which includes hand-to-hand combat using makeshift weapons, he locates two of his fellow students. One's a science geek, and the other's an oversize school bully. They unite to form a small army and set off to rescue a classmate they believe is trapped in their decimated school. The chapter book/graphic novel hybrid is fast moving and action packed. Loaded with outrageous devices such as a rolling ball of zombies, a revenge-filled creature with bad eyesight called BLARGH, and a monster-dog name Rover, this book provides loads of laughs. The characters are fully developed and honest in their adolescent interactions. Yet what sets this story apart from the typical gross-out fare is how these modern-day action heroes work through their emotions, which include love, loss, and extreme fear. Dynamic pencil sketches add to the hilarity. For readers looking to make the transition from chapter books to graphic novels, this is a foolproof initiation. VERDICT A gross-out good time with surprisingly nuanced character development. • Sada Mozer, Los Angeles Public Library

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"Middle-grade readers, particularly boys, will find Jack's pitch-perfect mix of humor, bravado, and self-professed geekiness impossible to resist. . . . The marriage of text and illustration serves as a perfect example of what an illustrated novel can and should be."--Kirkus Reviews, starred review
"Terrifically funny. . . . Snarky end-of-the-world fun."--*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review
"This book provides loads of laughs. . . . A gross-out good time with surprisingly nuanced character development."--*School Library Journal*, starred review
"The video-game-like plotting, gross-out humor, frequent pop-culture references, and quippy dialogue make this a great fit for reluctant readers. Recommend to *Wimpy Kid* fans looking for a horror-lite adventure."--*Booklist*
"Young zombie fans will rejoice in this new series that has all the oozing (by the zombies) and heroism (by the kids) that they could hope for."--*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

What I thought would be an adventure book for my son, has turned into a love of the zombie world.

With so many books and TV shows with zombies this was easy for him to get into. The kids in the book are smart and show a lot of bravery. There is a real super villain in the series, but most of the story is about the kids learning how to get along and survive the zombies. The book is very imaginative and has us wanting to read the next installment. Don't let the title worry you.

My kid liked this book a lot. It was read and finished the same day we got it. This is a great book to help a kid move from comic strips, picture books and graphic novels towards books that are mostly text. We have some other books by Max Brallier and are waiting for Galactic Hot Dogs 3.

Ã Â Thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan is a foster child who is surviving the monster apocalypse without adult help. He lives in a tree-house, plays video games and defeats monsters. We haven't finished the book yet, but this might be the best book in the universe for my dyslexic, zombie crazed, video-game-loving eight year old son. We gave it to him as a birthday gift along with Plants Vs. Zombies Garden Warfare for the X-Box One. He BEGS me to read to him from it every day. I read him 2 chapters per day and it's not enough. He talks about the characters as though they are real people. After I read it to him this first time, my plan it to have him read it to me. It is very engaging for him and has a lot of pictures to support the text. I am a second grade teacher and would say that this book is appropriate for most third or fourth grade students who read at grade level, or older students. It would be a challenging read for most second graders and some third graders. If you're sensitive to language like "stupid" being used in a children's book, you may cringe a little sometimes. The language, though, is not too bad and in my opinion well worth it considering how engaging the book is for my reluctant reader. I would recommend this book.

We read this in a kids' bookclub for 10-15 year olds and everyone LOVED it! When they rated all the books at the end of the years It was the 2nd favorite (behind Swindle by Gordon Korman).

I like it a lot and recommend it for people who like Monsters, Drama, and Action. This book is like Diary of a Wimpy kid and The Walking Dead mixed together and I almost never read books on my kindle(AKA:tablet) but this book was so fun that surprisingly, I was not glued to my kindle playing a game but a book. Seriously, a BOOK!?

My son was hesitant to read this. I knew he would like it. So i actually forced him to read it. And he ended up loving it! He now is about to finish the 2nd book which arrived only yesterday.

This book is by far one of my favorite books ever. The only thing I could change about it is that it needs to be a little longer (and Jack needs to be as cool as me, obviously!). Otherwise, it is just plain awesome. Add more cool weapons, armour, characters, monsters, pets (maybe a real dog or cat or other animal?), and more pictures. Love to see the sequel!

My son loved this book. I read other review and saw that Jeff Kinney recommended reading it if a kid likes the Diary of a Wimpy books. My son loves Jeff Kinney and his books. I took a shot and we can't wait for September for the next one.

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