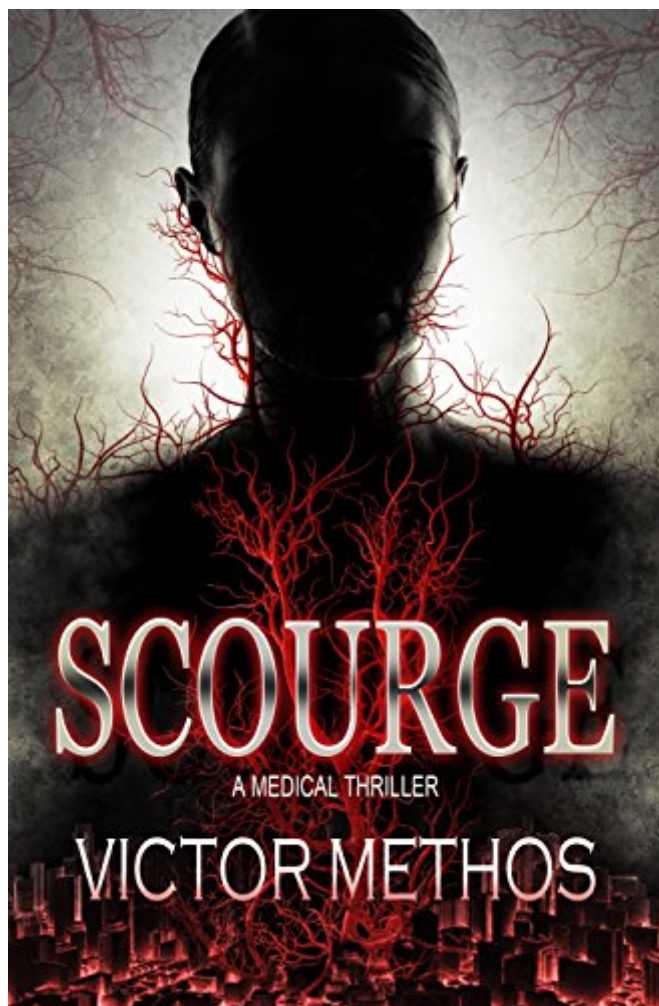


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Synopsis

THE END OF THE WORLD Dr. Samantha Bower witnessed the obliteration of human society. Entire continents decimated by a virus of unknown origins. Only a bleak world of ash and blood remains. One in which the survivors fundamentally change what it means to be human. Samantha now struggles to make sense of the devastation, and the horrific response of humanity to an extinction level event. Left with little else, she accepts help from a man once sent to kill her. He offers her hope: a small village in the Congolese jungle unaffected by the virus. A place called Shangri-La that he claims to have seen firsthand. A place where the deepest mysteries of man's arrogance over nature will finally be answered for her. The world a barbaric wasteland, she must place her trust in a man that is fundamentally untrustworthy. With no other options, she goes with him in search for Shangri-La, and will discover a truth she could never have imagined.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoy epidemic thrillers, especially when they are grounded in medical history and facts. So the first two in this series were diverting. But I was taken aback when it turned out this book, number 3 in the series, devolved into zombie land. It bills itself as a "Medical Thriller," but I think the medical

literature on zombies is pretty sparse. Very disappointing. Also, the author buried the narrative in feelings, scene-setting, recapitulation of plot points, all the things that Elmore Leonard advises writers not to do. I lost the plot about halfway through and gave up.

I have read the two previous books in this trilogy and found them to be page turners. I was looking forward to the third book but was also a bit sceptical. After all, how much more thrilling could it get? I was so engrossed in this book that I was literally unable to stop reading it. If my Kindle Fire ran out of juice I switched to my other Kindle to continue reading. I could not wait for the Fire to recharge. As a former English teacher and avid reader since the age of seven I encourage Victor Mathos to keep writing. I will keep buying and reading his books!

So disappointed in this book. It is the third in a series and I really enjoyed the first two. However the first two were about an 'agent x' virus pandemic. The third book morphed this virus into a zombie book. Yuck! Had I known that's where the author was going with the story I would not have started it. Two stars...1 because he wrote a book, the second because I actually finished it!!!

Kindle prime price of 99 Cents is too high. It is a misnomer to call this a Medical Thriller. It is Medical Fantasy and totally incredible zombie fiction at worst. The plot line takes forever to develop and much is totally unbelievable. The author fails to develop much sympathy for new characters and sustain interest in old ones. The books continues to employ significant spacing and only one page in five or six actually fills the page. With a new chapter every five or six pages there is another reason to end a page midway and start another in the same fashion. I give the author considerable credit from a commercial perspective. I purchased three books instead of one that could have easily accommodated all the words. I would have preferred this imagination to be used to develop new and more detailed imagery and maybe sympathetic or repulsive characters. My recommendation read Plague vol.1 and employ your imagination to speculate about how this could actually happen.....

Oh Victor Methos, you've let me down! I absolutely loved the first two books, a couldn't wait for the final book to be released. I expected to be sucked in just like I had with Plague and Pestilence, and initially I was. Then things got, well, weird. I won't give away spoilers, because I don't want to ruin it for other readers, but you should know that the other deviates pretty substantially in terms of genre. Books and movies which deal with plagues often straddle the line between science/action and flat out science fiction. I'm okay with periodic forays into a little science fiction, but when I'm reading

something that appears to be a medical thriller, and it turns into a science fiction novel, I get a little peeved. Initially I wanted to give this review two stars, but Methos does keep some of the science, which I appreciated. Unfortunately he also drowns the book in a conspiracy plot that goes way beyond simple biological warfare. The content of the third book likely appeals to a wider audience, and if you've read it or will read it, you'll understand. Scourge would have been a great novel, if it was a stand alone science fiction novel. As the final book in the Plague series, Scourge feels incredibly out of place.

Definitely peaked my interest. Really gives ideas about the human condition in relation to the government, medical professionals, criminals, anti-vaccine proponents, environmentalists and even small tribes in the jungles of South America among others. Reading it was a journey of information and how lack of information can affect us as a global community. I feel that reading this novel will reinforce the fact that we should always think for ourselves and question authority. Looking forward to reading the next two novels in the series!

I have read the trilogy. Thoroughly enjoyed the first two books. This last book was, putting it mildly, AWFUL. The author did a great job in the first two books - hard to believe that the same person wrote this last one. I couldn't even finish it.

I enjoyed the first two books of the trilogy because this scenario could really happen today, and I could also relate how the government reacts, or fails to react, during a major crisis. The third book started OK but soon turned into a Zombie free for all which ruined it for me. It took the enjoyment the first two books gave me completely away. Now it was just like any other Zombie blood and guts story. For Zombie lovers it will be the best of the three but for me I struggled through and finished with saying "why did I even finish the last book?"

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