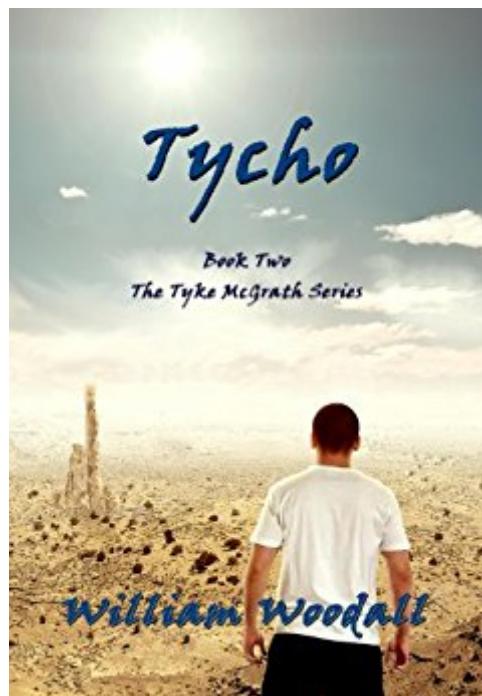


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Synopsis

In the year 2154, sixteen year old Tycho McGrath is an advanced genetics student at the prestigious John Brooke Academy for Math and Science in Tampa, Florida. Life seems fairly dull, until he accidentally discovers that in less than a week, a recently designed bacterium known as the Orion Strain will wipe out every human being on earth. In a desperate bid for survival, he flees to the partially-terraformed Moon in an experimental spacecraft, along with 31 other hastily gathered recruits, ranging from a Nobel Prize winner to a part-time drug dealer. But Tycho and the others soon discover that the Moon has its own dangers. Horrific storms, radiation poisoning, and mutant insects all lie in wait, and worst of all, the betrayal of one of their own.

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Customer Reviews

I'm no expert on how realistic the science aspects of this book might be, but it really doesn't matter. I enjoyed the whole mind-bending ride and never once reached a point where I couldn't suspend disbelief. While the dystopian qualities of the story are haunting, the futuristic world Woodall creates

is as fascinating as it is disturbing. Tycho's casual and conversational narrative of his experience draws the reader in like a new friend. Despite his increasingly bleak circumstances, Tycho's choices are honorable and hopeful, so you can't help rooting for him as he struggles to survive. He rises to each new challenge with a youthful resilience I'd love to believe would exist should the human race one day face such dire circumstances. I'll be reading more of William Woodall's books and recommend this one as appropriate for science fiction lovers of any age!

I thought this was an excellent adventure story. The author presents some interesting possibilities. Some things seemed improbable. I saw some plot gaps that may be explainable and weren't put in the book to keep it from being a dull treatise, or I may have simply overlooked the explanations. But all in all, I loved the respect for science and lack of technobabble (such as used in Star Trek) That idea that anybody would engineer a disease to kill all birds and mammals is all too believable. There are plenty of insane, brilliant people out there. The author did not dwell on the horror everybody would be feeling at losing EVERYBODY, perhaps reflecting the lack of emotional affect of many young men. The story is a clean read with no violence, but lots of action and tension. I can recommend this book to anybody who likes science-fiction without an emphasis on sex and gore. The price makes this an incredible deal for the amount of adventure you get. I already bought the second book because I am that interested in what happens next.

Do not let the "Book 2" sub-title run you off. This book works fine as a stand-alone novel. This is a great science fiction story told from the POV of a teenager who also happens to be a genius when it comes to things like DNA and such. Sure, happening to know people who have access to a spaceship might seem implausible but it makes sense in the circles he was in. I was surprised how much I enjoyed this story, except for the hundred times a sentence ended with "You know". Those were annoying. It also makes it sound like the story is being told verbally, not written down. I don't know if the author intended that or not. Overall this story is well-done.

Tycho is an interesting tale of biological threats to mankind. While similar to The Andromeda Strain and others it is told from the perspective of an exceptional young man making this a great read for any middle to high school grade child. There are mutant creatures and treachery that await them on the terraformed moon as well as planetary instability to keep the pace and excitement up. I recommend this book without reservation. You'll enjoy it.

4.5 stars. I enjoyed this story, especially when the conflict and action got going towards the end. I wasn't 100% sure of some of the science and would have liked things to have been a little more difficult for the protagonist sometimes, to up the drama, hence not 5*. But I'm intrigued to see what happens next and I think I'll read the sequel, which is always an indication of a good story well told.

The title character is intelligent and easy to like. The story catches you up and carries you on through and you don't want to put it down. The science info is not too hard to understand and doesn't weigh the story down. A great read in the tradition of my favorite author Robert A Heinlein and resembles his early novels such as *Have Spacesuit Will Travel* and *Tunnel In The Sky*. Can't wait to read the rest of the books in this series..

WW has written a very interesting novel with an unbelievable storyline. The end of humanity, with a few survivors, who manage to escape to the moon...An excellent read.....ER

Tycho was a good and interesting read, it kept my attention. The characters are believable, as well as the travels they take to find the few remaining survivors on earth after the epidemic.

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