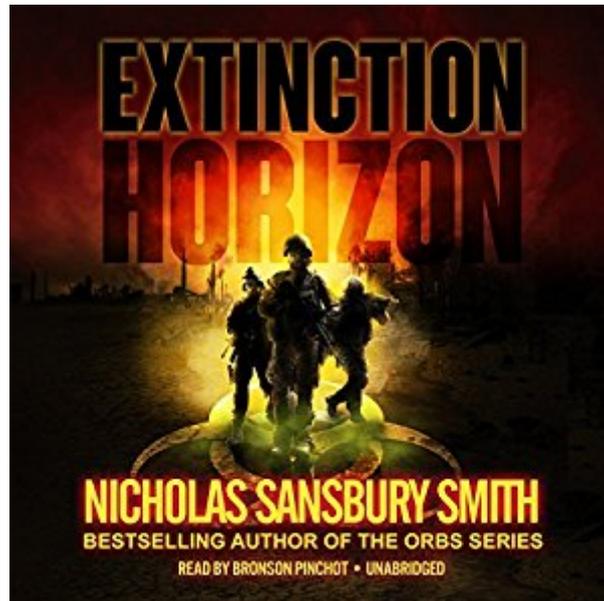


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# Extinction Horizon: The Extinction Cycle, Book 1



## Synopsis

The worst of nature and the worst of science will bring the human race to the brink of extinction. Master Sergeant Reed Beckham has led his Delta Force Team, codenamed Ghost, through every kind of hell imaginable and never lost a man. When a top-secret Medical Corps research facility goes dark, Team Ghost is called in to face their deadliest enemy yet - a variant strain of Ebola that turns men into monsters. After barely escaping with his life, Beckham returns to Fort Bragg in the midst of a new type of war. The virus is already spreading. As cities fall, Team Ghost is ordered to keep CDC virologist Dr. Kate Lovato alive long enough to find a cure. What she uncovers will change everything. Total extinction is just on the horizon, but will the cure be worse than the virus?

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## Customer Reviews

One of the most impressive books I've read in a while. It's hard to identify whether it's a zombie apocalypse book, or a medical thriller or a military action thriller. It's all of these and more. Mr. Smith has managed to write a very well researched, very well thought out and detailed book about something so terrifying that it reads like a Stephen King book, yet has the depth of a Michael Crichton novel. He has done something most zombie genre don't do, and that is deal with the details of how and why the situation occurred in the first place, and that is a welcome change. Much of the story mingles science with military intervention, as well as the struggle that a small group of survivors (scientist and military) have in dealing with the virus, and it's effects. We see them come to terms with the death of family, friends and co-workers, the unknown disposition of family members,

and the overwhelming sense that mankind is on the brink of total destruction, possibly an extinction level event. "The perfect storm", a mixture of the worst of man with the worst of nature, is how the author terms it. The details of the book are gruesome. The horror and terror of the possibility that something this deadly could happen to mankind is real, thus the reading of this book caused cold chills, and an ache in my gut as it moved along at a lightening pace. Mr. Smith is an excellent writer. Very realistic in his characterizations and narration of events, and he leaves no stone unturned. Unafraid to address the ugly side of man, he leaves us wondering if all is well within our own world. Great book. A must read. Just remember, it's terror beyond belief. Don't read unless you've got a strong disposition!

I haven't read that many Zombie types of books but this one is excellent. It is well written and the character development is very well done. I am shocked that this book hasn't been made into a movie or a TV series, it is that good. I loved the storyline and how it developed. It is one of those books that you cannot put down because it is so good. It is full of science and action and great characters. I liked the book so much that I purchased all of the first five books. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series. I got this book as part of the Extinction Series Box Set. It is a good way to save money and get a great book. I hope the next 2 books in this box set are as good as this one was. I rated this at 5 stars. I gotta go and read the next book, I'm hooked!

This is one of the few books where I had to put it down and walk away just to ease the tension that was building in side of me. My honest opinion on first seeing this book on was Ebola and Zombies would never work, bloody hell was I wrong. From first page to the last this story never lets go, Nicholas Smith wrote a story that is up there with the best of them. Okay they are not Zombies as we would expect them to be but something even more evil and terrifying, the description by the author is truly some thing that would make even the most hardened soldier quake in his boots, so for you and me we would just stand there and s\*\*\* are selves. The virus first tried out during the Vietnam war was classed as a failure, the idea was to make a super soldier who felt no fear and could withstand injuries like no other. Fast forward to present day and in a secret lab somewhere in the U.S. The virus escaped. A team of special soldiers where sent in to find out what had happened and why the lab had gone quite. From then on its just scare after scare after scare. Well done Nicholas Smith for writing a story that had me scared, worried and terrified all at the same time. I urge you to buy this book and enjoy a very entertaining few days. Then tell me you didn't like it.

Wowzer, what a thrill ride this book is! Part military thriller, part scientific thriller, part "zombie" chew-em-up, part very scary in-your-face monster tale. This book is one scary story, partly because it partially deals with the Ebola virus - and that makes the story very current since, in real life, the Ebola virus has made it to the U.S. This story raises a lot of "what if" questions. The book starts out during the Vietnam war and some of the U.S. soldiers were injected with VX-99, an experimental drug that ends up transforming them into "criminally insane soldiers." Fast forward 47 years and VX-99 combines with the Ebola virus with truly terrifying results. Doctor Kate Lovato, a virologist with the CDC has been working on curing the Ebola virus, or Slate Wiper as it's called by the scientific community. Now she is called into action on this new threat to all of mankind. She is protected by Master Sergeant Reed Beckham, leading the Delta Force Operator Team codenamed Team Ghost. Both characters are believable, along with other members of Team Ghost and other members of the scientific community. Well researched, the book is super exciting yet rings all too true sounding. Author Smith, who also is writing the ORBS series, has truly outdone himself this time. The zombies, or monsters, or whatever you want to call them are fully described and too believably spooky. I feel like some sort of fan girl, popping off with praise for EXTINCTION HORIZON but I feel that it's worth it. I can hardly wait for book two of the EXTINCTION CYCLE series. This installment ended at a good place without a horrible cliffhanger. Book two EXTINCTION EDGE is due out March 2015. Book three EXTINCTION AGE is then due out Fall 2015. NOTE: I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review and that is what I've given.

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