



TEEN SERVICES
COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Last Kids on Earth and the Nightmare King By
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Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 4.5/5

Character List:

- **Jack Sullivan:** The main protagonist of the story, Jack is a normal teen in the normal world of the suburbs, just walking through life with only minor inconveniences, like being late to class, failing a test, and losing a bet. That all changed when Jack's life got turned upside down and was overtaken by the Zombie Apocalypse! Jack was now forced out of his comfort zone. But now in the third book in the series, he now has conquered the apocalypse with his new friends, humans and monsters!
- **June Del Toro:** Another one of the major characters, June is tougher than anyone thinks she is. In Jack's own words, she is the "Love Interest." In the Zombie Apocalypse, that had to be put on the back burner. June is kind of the glue that holds together this team. She may be the only reasonable one there but that doesn't matter. June's real goal in the Zombie Apocalypse is to find her family but she is not sure if that's possible.
- **Quint Baker:** Quint was Jack's best, and only, friend before the Zombie Apocalypse. Now he is the scientist and inventor of the crew. He creates gadgets for the team and weapons to help them fight evil. Quint tries to help the team from the backlines because he has a little fear of the zombies and monsters the team encounters but if he's called to fight he won't back down.
- **Dirk Savage:** Dirk was the bully in town. His favorite activities were terrorizing Jack and Quint and stealing their lunches. But now they had made a truce and he is now the brawn of this team. Just because he is tough doesn't mean he doesn't have a soft spot, considering that his goal is to grow garden for the team. Dirk and the team now have a really good chemistry going on.
- **Rover:** Rover is the adorable pet of the team, even though he is the size of an elephant, and he is the means of transportation for quick and easy access. Jack met Rover in the first book and they became friends instantly, despite Quint's disapproval, but he finally got around it.

Review:

This is the third book in the series. From previous books, Jack was a normal teenager who went to school. When the zombie apocalypse struck, everything changed. Jack was by himself and hiding in his treehouse. Occasionally he would go onto expeditions to take pictures of zombies. After meeting up with his friends, they take down the main antagonist,

Blarg. In the second book, they have to stop someone from summoning Rezzoch. After lots of struggling the group finally befriends most of the friendly monsters to help them stop Rezzoch. The third book starts when Jack and his friends are just having fun driving around in go-karts. All of a sudden, they find a radio in an abandoned building. The radio is a transmission from other humans saying they are looking for other survivors. This was a big deal since they were not sure that there were any survivors left. Everyone was anxious, except Jack. Jack thought that if they were to find other survivors that his friends would leave him to find their families (which is a bit selfish) and Jack didn't want this to happen. Jack did all he could to make it seem like everything was great but the crew all still pushed on to help find a better signal for the radio to work. But they all had bigger problems, like zombies which are a little problem now since it is the apocalypse. But something strange was happening. They noticed a lot more monsters like wringed wraiths which are basically zombie dragons and other large monsters in big quantities. Jack and the crew were a little worried but were a little more preoccupied at the moment with the radio. They also were aware that some evil monster that every monster hates called Rezzoch was trying to devour their world and that's how the zombies got here in the first place. The crew looks to their monster friends for advice and they deliver alarming news that shakes up the team and that may be their downfall since Jack already is on edge. This book may yet be the best book of the series.

A lot of hiccups and bumps throughout the story with funny dialogue and thought make it a fun yet intriguing read. The fact that it is a first person story makes it even better because now you can really feel what Jack is thinking throughout the entire story. The combination of comedy and a good story make this a must pick up for any reader. This book is just as good as the other books in the series and this one might be a little bit better since it has a more serious plot with lots of risky encounters. Sometimes it becomes a mess when a story tries to have comedy in it while still trying to have a good story for some of the older audiences. Even though this book has a lot of childish comedy, I feel like it is still an interesting and great read for people aged eleven through sixteen. The flow of the plot is really a great thing about the story. It has a lot of hiccups and plot twists along the storyline that make it really good at keeping the reader's attention throughout the whole story, which sometimes is difficult to do. Also the story does a good job of attaching us to the characters. The readers really care about the characters and what happens to them and people they care about. That really is a mark of a good book. The only thing that hurts this book for me is that there is a little too much comedy and not enough serious encounters to keep this a more thrilling read.