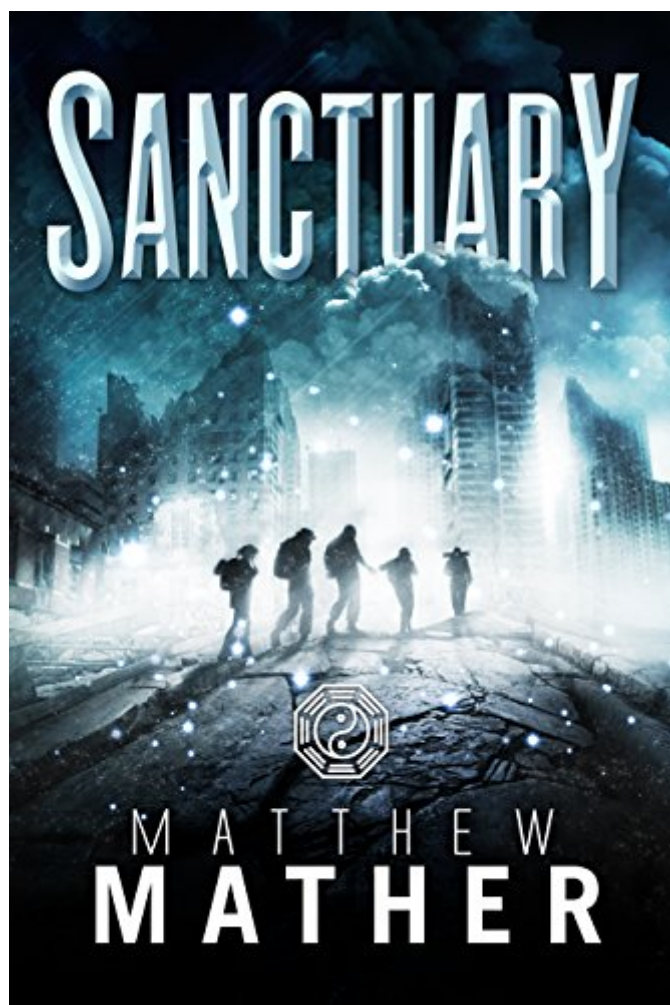


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A new world arises from the ashes of the old...But the fight for survival has only begun.In the Day of the Nomad, oceans flooded the continents, the earth split open and poured darkness into the skies. A mass extinction event as the Earth hadn't witnessed in more than two hundred and fifty million years, the planet flung into a radical new orbit around the Sun.Jessica Rollins survived, hidden away in a mountaintop in Italy, and has made radio contact with other survivor groups scattered around the wrecked globe--but the destruction is only just beginning. The key to humanity's survival may lie in a backpack she recovered from her father, in the data he collected more than thirty years before as Harvard's preeminent astrophysicist. Information he died trying to protect.His final words to her circle around and around in her head...survive, no matter what. But at what cost? And what is...Sanctuary?

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Customer Reviews

5 StarsI read the first book Nomad, and was instantly hooked. I was given the privilege of reading

Sanctuary before the release. Let me just say WOW! This one will keep you on the edge of your seat. Well written, action packed, with plenty of twists and turns to keep you at the edge of your seat and wanting more. I can't wait to see what Matthew Mather brings next. Looking forward to more great books. And to top the excellent writing off, I have found out that the black holes described in Nomad has a scientific basis. Recently gravitational waves were discovered, in almost exactly the way predicted in Nomad (when two colliding black holes were discovered). (Thank you for that great tidbit Matthew!) Here is a link if any of you are interested. [...]

The first book in this series was written in a captivating style that balanced mystery and thriller in the perfect blend to create a unique story. Unfortunately, this second book went a very different direction, leaving me regretting I didn't stop after the first. While I'm careful about trying not to have any spoilers in this review, please continue reading only if you are ok with high level summaries of why it is different and in my opinion not nearly as good as Nomad. First, the style changes dramatically. In the 1st book, the reader follows multiple characters in a carefully crafted collection of sub plots. Sanctuary however is essentially an extended fight scene and very linear in nature plot wise. While there are constant twists, there is no complexity to story, no detailed subplots, and nothing that makes unique like Nomad. By comparison, it's like a car chase movie that has 10 minutes of plot and 2 hours of chase / fight scenes. If you like that type of style, it's well done, but it's not what the first book was like, and a disappointment to me when I was expecting more. Second, the book becomes extremely contradictory, inconsistent, and unrealistic. Books don't need to be realistic with their plot / science in my opinion, however once they make a commitment to trying to be realistic in the start, they lose a lot for me when they stop later. The book switches facts constantly to suit whatever is currently needed for character at hand. Things go back and forth between being possible depending on what at the moment keeps the extended chase scene going. Like my first issue, it's a disappointment as the first book was not this way, and thus I was expecting the same from the second. Finally, one thing that personally really bothers me in books and movies equally is the "take back". To create drama, some irreversible act occurs, only a few pages later to magically be undone. This occurs all throughout Sanctuary, with large and small acts equally. At times, it's some miraculous event, while in other times the author simply ignores what occurred previously, taking a new tract without any explanation. I give this book 2 stars instead of only 1 as reserves 1 star for a definition of "I hate it". The author writes well, the first book in the series was excellent. While I strongly don't like this book and regret not stopping after the first, there is nothing in this book to hate. Without the expectations of the first book, it wouldn't be bad.

I quit reading it when they started building skis for the plane, skis made of plywood to take off and land on snow!. This after building skis for the car to drive on snow. Oh yeah the bad guys have snowmobiles and volkswagons with homemade skis to steer. More and more off the charts by the page... and this second book is not remotely scifi, just a wacky story about Jess who submerges under ice and drowns but of course is saved. You cannot make this up, it is terrible. I gave the first book four stars for the sci fi concept even though the wooden legged heroine was beginning to wear me out with unbelievable feats. But...she was mideast war vet trained in climbing? I should have known better.

Nomad and Sanctuary make a good pair, and Sanctuary is nice continuation of the story. There were a couple things that unfortunately pulled me out of the story - things most readers probably won't notice.Semi-spoilers... As a pilot and someone with quite a few hours in a Cessna 182RG, I wish Mather had done a bit more research into flying in general and this aircraft in particular. That bird is powered by a gasoline-fueled Lycoming engine which would have died soon after Jet-A hit it. (I see in Wikipedia that there was a diesel version created - which would run on jet fuel - but it was never certified.) During the takeoff run, our hero would have had to use her right leg pressing right rudder pretty firmly to keep it going somewhat straight. Once in the air, she'd have left it full throttle until she'd reached her target altitude. For her jump, well - I've jumped many times from the sister fixed-leg version of this, the 182. It's fine as a jump plane, the door not being a jump door would have been the biggest issue. And someone with jump experience would likely not have deployed immediately on exit. So, mostly these don't really affect the plot and might be just ignored, but, still...Otherwise, it's a good read. And it kept me mostly engaged. And it was great to follow up with the characters after Nomad.(If you want a story that really drives pilots nuts, watch "Die Hard 2" which is built entirely on a foundation of an air crisis that could never ever happen. You try to just give them a pass, then it keeps getting worse and worse until you start LOL.)

I have once again been entranced in Matthew Mather writing. Sanctuary begins a week after Nomad devastated the Earth. Jess, Giovanni, Hector, Leone, Raffa, and Lucca head south hoping for warmer weather and a place she can decode her dad's research. All they find is traitors, trouble, and freezing temperatures. I loved this book and I can't wait to start reading the next book in the series.

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