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Pandemic: Beginnings: A Post-Apocalyptic Medical Thriller Fiction Series (The Pandemic Series Book 1)

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THE PANDEMIC SERIES • BOOK ONE



Synopsis

They attack with impunity, and without prejudice. Their goal - to destroy you, from within. A merciless enemy, just one-billionth our size. WELCOME TO THE NEXT GLOBAL WARA new dystopian, post-apocalyptic fiction series from author Bobby Akart (The Blackout Series, The Boston Brahmin series and the Prepping for Tomorrow series). The events depicted in The Pandemic Series are fictional. They are, however, based upon historical fact.

BEGINNINGS: Terrorists kidnap and blackmail a young French scientist in Western Africa. The outbreak of an ancient disease kills everyone in a village located in a remote jungle of Guatemala. U.S. government operatives uncover a secret biological laboratory in Trinidad. An isolated death at the hands of this killer virus is discovered in Greece. Is there a connection, or are these simply a string of coincidences? Dr. Mackenzie Hagan, a highly-educated, well-respected epidemiologist at the CDC-Atlanta, is called to Guatemala. As the daughter of a retired Commanding General of the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Mac often says infectious disease is in her blood. While no infectious disease outbreak is routine, this particular hot zone in Guatemala has its own set of complications - including a mysterious operative sent there by the Department of Defense. Events unfold and Mac is sent around the world investigating new cases involving this same, rare disease. Nathan Hunter, a covert operative within an off-the-books project for the DOD, tracks down terrorists before they strike. As Hunter unravels a villainous plot with tentacles spanning the globe, his investigative path crosses with Mac's. Was it fate, or something else? Mac and Hunter work together to analyze the disease and to identify the source. But they soon learn that the biggest challenge they'll face is right at home - a government bureaucracy unwilling to sound the alarm to protect the nation. As the disease spreads and the crisis escalates, an army lurks in the shadows - one blessed by Allah, and prepared to wage the Final Jihad. This series will be frighteningly realistic. It is not intended to scare the wits out of you, but it might just scare the wits into you. Remember, it could take just one cough, one kiss, or one touch to change not only your life, but the lives of everyone around you -- forever. This is an ingenious, inventive thriller about the threats we face from a global pandemic, and the use of infectious diseases by terrorists as they wage jihad around the world. Drawing on his unique talent to place the reader in a post-apocalyptic world, Bobby Akart delivers an explosive page-turner that has you wondering - will there be a last patient? Note: The Pandemic Series does not contain strong language. It is intended to entertain and inform audiences of all ages, including teen and young adults. Although some scenes depict the realistic threat our nation faces from a worldwide pandemic, and the societal collapse which will

result in the aftermath, it does not contain graphic scenes typical of other books in the post-apocalyptic genre. I believe more of our young people need to lead a preparedness lifestyle. Studies show that our millennials do not have any of the basic survival skills. By writing this series free of vulgarities and gratuitous sexual innuendo, I've intended it to be suitable for everyone. Thanks.

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SPECIAL DEDICATION

Finally, the Pandemic series is dedicated to the disease detectives, the shoe-leather epidemiologists of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service, who work tirelessly to keep these deadly infectious diseases from killing us all. Thank you!

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[View larger](#) Meet Dr. Mackenzie Hagan Dr. Hagan began her career in public service as a

disease detective, an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, at the CDC. Her successes in fighting the West Africa Ebola outbreak elevated Dr. Hagan to her current position at the CDC where she currently serves as the Associate Director for the Office of Infectious Diseases. Mac has dedicated her life to chasing and stopping enemies that are one-billionth our size. As the daughter of the retired Commanding General of the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Dr. Hagan often says infectious disease is in her blood. In *Beginnings*, Mac, as her friends know her, finds herself fighting the most brutal enemy the World has ever faced while at the same time navigating the shark-infested waters of Washington politics.

[View larger](#) **Meet Nathan Hunter, Threat Reduction Specialist** Nathan Hunter served in The United States Army as a Master Sergeant, 1st SFO Delta, also known as Delta Force in Fort Bragg, NC. He was recruited by the DOD and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency as a bioterror specialist. Hunter is part of a covert operation tracking a terrorist cell throughout Latin America. While conducting an operation in Trinidad, Hunter stumbles upon a bioterror lab.. A chance meeting with Mac results in the two of them pursuing two different enemies - one kills with impunity and the other kills with a religious fervor. In *Beginnings*, their pursuits lead them to faraway places while both enemies march closer to home.

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[View larger](#) **Author Bobby Akart Discusses The Pandemic Series** Q: My wife read *Pandemic: Beginnings* and now she refuses to leave the house. Thanks a lot. A: Hey, don't blame me. My promise to readers was not scare the wits out of them, but rather to scare the wits into them. Listen, there's a reason that Microsoft founder Bill Gates warns that the threat of a global pandemic coupled with bioterrorism is the greatest threat to our existence on this lovely planet. Q: No, we get it. The science portrayed in *Pandemic: Beginnings* is real, and if you place it in the hands of radical terrorists - well, you know. A: Yes, I do. I wrote *The Pandemic Series* to raise awareness to the threat we face but to also provide readers a glimpse into a post-apocalyptic world in which an incredible number of people die. Q: In your *Boston Brahmin* series, you wrote about a devastating cyber attack and the resulting collapse of society. The *Blackout Series* deals with a massive solar storm that generates an EMP which collapses the power grid. You've now set your sights on infectious diseases. Was there something in particular that piqued your interest about this subject? A: The journey toward writing *The Pandemic Series* began in earnest in late February 2016. After

the excitement of my upcoming television interview with media icon George Noory wore off, my attention turned to the risks associated with a cross-country flight. I hadn't flown in many years and with the interview scheduled for late February, in Denver, my mind began to race. Would there be four feet of snow on the ground? Will ice form on the plane's wings? Then I considered the possibility of an EMP or cyber attack. How would I get home if the grid went down? I thought about all the research I had performed online for my novels. Would I be flagged by the TSA as a domestic terrorist? I got past this trepidation, cleared the TSA checkpoint and settled into my seat on the plane - when it started. The coughs, hacks, and sneezes. The stale air being circulated throughout the cabin. Nearly two hundred people crammed into their seats like unborn baby chicks in their shells. As we prepared for takeoff, the flight attendant went through her pre-flight demonstrations. The life vest, exit rows, and then - the air masks. As she stretched the rubber band to demonstrate placing the cup over her nose and mouth, she suddenly sneezed into it. She instinctively used the device to cover the sneeze. Without giving it a second thought, she set the breathing device on the empty seat next to her, ready for the next pre-departure demonstration.

After witnessing that, I was compelled to post this on my Facebook page before I put away my iPhone: Know this! My next book will be about a pandemic! Q: Oh yes, now people will stop flying on airplanes. So, this is when you started focusing on The Pandemic Series. A: Right away in fact. After we taped the television program, I had a day to tour the area. I drove down to the CDC facilities in Fort Collins and met some incredible folks who were kind enough to speak with me on short notice. During my conversations with several career research scientists, I learned there are several reasons why we are at the greatest risk ever for a global pandemic: 1. Growing populations and increased urbanization, 2. Encroaching into and disturbing new environments, 3. The proliferation of global air travel, 4. Political conflicts, and 5. Fewer medical personnel in outbreak regions - distant from developed nations. But, I'd like to add two more. The first is perspective. Ebola brought the realities of borderless outbreaks to the conversation, especially with the availability of information via the internet. Developed nations view emerging infectious diseases differently than countries who don't have the financial resources to combat outbreaks. In the United States, we rely upon our vaccine availability so much that we refuse to accept the realities of a pandemic and often see emerging diseases as a third world problem. There are clusters of outbreaks occurring all the time, all over the world. They begin in faraway places, but they're certainly capable of striking close to home. Q: But isn't it true that panic-induced fear can be just as dangerous as the disease itself? I mean, are you being alarmist, or even a fear monger? A: Excellent, my favorite label. I've been called a lot of things, but fear monger bothers me the

least. Listen, I write novels to encourage people to lead a self-reliant, preparedness lifestyle. I also believe fear is a great motivator. But this leads me to the other reason the world is at risk and that's media-induced irrational fear. It's one thing to provide a reader in a work of fiction some very real scenarios based upon historical fact. However, in the real world, Ebola taught us a couple of things. Initially, there was a lack of acknowledgement that a disease in West Africa could venture across the pond. Ebola proved that diseases have no boundaries. When the first patients arrived for treatment, the media scared the bejesus out of folks in the United States. That was fearmongering for the purpose of drawing viewers to their network. Q: If you can, leave your readers with one last thought. A: Sure, this series will be frighteningly realistic. It's not my intention to scare you, but I would like my readers to raise their level of awareness to the very realistic threat we face from infectious diseases. It could take just one cough, one kiss, or one touch to change not only your life, but the lives of everyone around you - forever. Please, enjoy -

Pandemic: Beginnings. Post-Apocalyptic Series by Bestselling Author Bobby Akart The Boston Brahmin Series The Blackout Series The Pandemic Series

I felt the cold hands of death clutching my throat as I read this amazing novel. This story is very well developed and the research behind it is impeccable. I have been a great fan of Mr. Akart's work ever since the Boston Brahmin series was written, but this is undoubtedly his best work to date. While being entertaining and packed with suspense, this book educates with regards to events that are very probable to happen in the near future. The absence of strong language and gratuitous sexual situations make this novel an excellent read for mature teens and young adults as well as the adult reader. I pray to God that the events described within remain just a well developed story and never become a prophetic future history.

A masterfully written story which covers an immense amount of territory - including multiple countries all over the world and thorough research by the author. For me, it was like a washing machine on steroids as it starts out gently on the wash cycle...But, by the time the reader reaches the last page, the spin cycle has gone into overdrive. WOW, is all I can say. Nathan Hunter was a Master Sergeant in the Delta Forces but is now a member of Project Artemis. His specialty is that of a Bioterrorist Specialist. Mackenzie Hagan has worked her way up through the ladder rungs of the Center for Disease Control. She now is the Associate Director in the Office of Infectious Diseases. Do they have anything in common or are they workaholics? The Prologue begins in Western Africa and sets the scene for the frenetic scenes to follow throughout the remainder of this excellent book..

If this doesn't get your heart pumping into overdrive, I fear nothing will. I was immediately taken in by the intense action in this remote place with DR Alexis. Little did I know at that time that remote places would play such a significant role in the remainder of the story...In addition to the tremendous amount of research involved, I really liked the addition of historical tidbits interwoven into the book. One example was the background of The Rose Garden at the White House. One more would be the differences between an outbreak, endemic and a pandemic. For me, these details allow the reader to take some deep breaths along the way... and they are much needed breaks from the action. Take a pandemic that is spreading like a forest fire, toss in politics (Who would think? Kidding!), and one can visualize the panic that is about to occur all over the world. Buckle your seat belts as the s**t is about to really hit the fan! Pre-ordering the next one in this series now....Most highly recommended. .

Bobby Akart's Beginings, Book One in the Pandemic Series, is a book you won't be able to put down once you start. With fantastic character development and a breakneck plot. Mr. Akart's writing skills shine throughout the book leaving you fearful of what's on the next page. As with all of Mr. Akart's books they are scarily believable to be screamed from newspaper headlines and breaking news on television. Read it for satisfying enjoyment and use it as a primer on how to survive a future that hasn't happened... again. I recommend this book and HIGHLY recommend all of Mr. Akart's books.

I have been in a reading slump most of this year but this book has cured that slump. I listen & read books and for most of 2017 I have struggled to finish reading or listening to any book I've purchased (in fact, I have only finished 1 or 4 audiobooks this year). The audiobook quality has been lagging with narrators reading at breakneck speed with no pauses and most Kindle books are full of grammar and spelling errors that are distracting. So when I saw this, I recognized the Bobby Eckert's name immediately and decided to purchase all 4 books at once. I loved the Boston Brahmain series which were smart, educational and wonderfully crafted books. After the purchase, I wondered if I had been smart to commit to all 4 books but once I started reading. . I am beyond hooked on this. I love the characters, I love the background. I could see ISIS doing exactly what is in this book. We don't think enough about biological weapons and we forget that these enemies are cunning, patient and ruthless. At one point we are reminded that 8 or 9 years lapsed between the two attacks on the World Trade Center. So what is waiting 15 or 20 years? This holy war has been going on for centuries! I am only 1/2 way through the first book and I'm deliberately slowing myself down because I have a few more weeks before the next book is released. I wish these were in audiobook format

like the BB Series (that narrator was good, BTW) because I only have 1 hour per day that I can actually listen with undivided attention.

Wow! I love Bobby's books and I was a bit nervous for this series to come out because we really don't know who or what is out there waiting. This was an amazing book and I can't wait for the rest of the series, even though the very thought terrifies me. Mac & Hunter are great characters and you get plenty involved in the supporting characters as well. It amazes me to think just how easily something like this could happen and be on us before we even realized it. I was never a germaphobe before but this might make me one. The book, situation, and characters are well-developed and develop steadily. You find yourself wanting more info faster and terrified to learn more at the same time. I always knew in the back of my mind something like this was possible, but I never imagined just how easily it could happen and just how unprepared we are for it. Can't wait to see what the rest of the series holds for us.

Very thoroughly researched and real. In fact I don't think I'll leave the house without a gallon of hand sanitizer on my belt. Additionally I've extended my personal space bubble:)The main characters were awesome. And the plot seemed like it was front page news not fiction. Great job Bobby. Looking forward to the next installment.

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