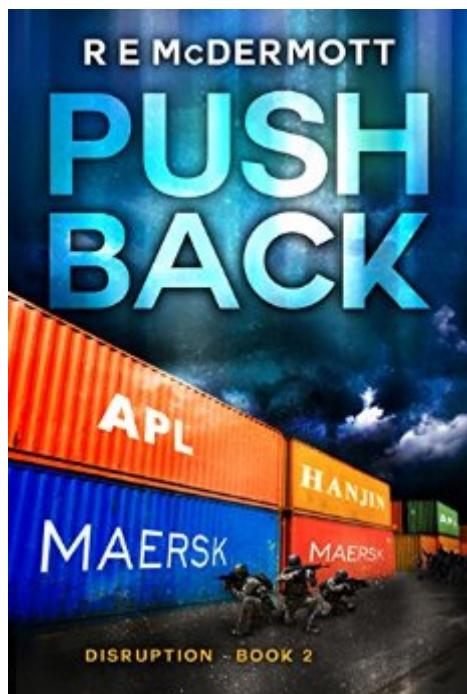


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Customer Reviews

Review The timing of the release of R. E. McDermott's latest novel, Push Back, could not be more relevant. Watching the recent international and national news during this 2016 summer of violence has suggested that a majority of those hurt in mass violence are innocents who are slaughtered by malevolent predators whose cruelty and lack of regard for life made them perfect engines of chaos and death. Push Back explores the idea of evil unleashed, along with the resilience and ingenuity of characters who resist overwhelming malice in a dystopian, not-too-distant future. McDermott's characters include the diabolically malicious and corrupt and the self-sacrificing and heroic. The action is fast-paced throughout most of the book; it is a page-turner. From the coasts of Texas and North Carolina, to the Appalachian Trail, readers careen through impossible situations one after the other. Sometimes the good guys win, and sometimes they lose. There are many twists and surprises within the novel. Push Back is a juggernaut through the frightening what-ifs of an apocalyptic United States of America. I found it thought-provoking and entertaining at the same time.

I seldom find the 2nd book in a series as good as the 1st. This one is as good if not better. I will interject that to understand this book you will have to read the 1st one, Under a Tell Tale Sky. If there is one thing I would say about this author is " He does his research ". All of his books I've read are believable due to facts and real life situations. Book 2 picks right up where 1 leaves off. The struggles and mind set of the characters is well developed on both the evil and good sides. It's action packed and suspenseful and not crammed with what I call " Filler ", useless dialog or overly descriptive explanations to add pages to a book. I can't wait for the conclusion in book 3.

For full disclosure, I received an advanced reading copy for review of this book. I have been a fan of R. E. McDermott since his first Tom Dugan book. Push Back is the second installment of his Disruption series and picks up right where book one (Under a Tell-Tale Sky) left off. The premise of the series is that a massive solar storm has knocked out the worlds electrical grids, communications, and satellites. No more cell phones, GPS, Internet, or electrical power (unless it comes from a generator). Thanks to a corrupt president and an even more corrupt government

agency (FEMA), the bad guys are now in charge. Add in a sprinkling of gang bangers and desperate people and you have the makings of a dystopian society. This book furthers the story of characters from book one and introduces a few new characters. As the title implies, characters are now figuring out how to survive in this new world and are starting to "push back." But, this is the real world and, it's not just the good guys who are pushing back. Just like book one of the series, the characters are well written and the scenarios believable. One of the things that the author does in the book is build up the excitement and then changes to another storyline. While some readers will find this infuriating, for me, it helps to move the story along and kept me from putting the book down. If you are looking for something new and different to read, do yourself a favor and pick up book one of this series (Under a Tell-Tale Sky) and give R. E. McDermott a try. I promise you won't be disappointed. Then, once you are caught up with this series, go and read the Tom Duggan books.

Outstanding! 5 stars! Highly recommend reading Book #1 first. The book starts out with a really good recap of Under A Tell-Tale Sky. Off and running from the get go! The action never quits. Although there is no slow down from the first book, in fact it speeds up, this one has a fair amount of humor in it. A summary of who the players are: A congressman and his son, on the run from FEMA (the bad guys) because he has evidence of misdeeds by the President; A bunch of gangbangers in NC being provisioned by FEMA to take out Fort Box, which has been fortified as a safe haven for those wanting to escape FEMA; The container ship Pecos Trader, with Captain Hughes and company, which has made it to Texas and is also offering a safe haven; Escaped cons in Texas, parading as law enforcement officers, intent on taking out the Pecos Trader and everyone in it; Tex and Wiggins, just trying to get home to NJ and ME, but have the same problem of dodging FEMA; And George. Way to go, George! There are a bunch of other characters you will remember from the first book and some new ones too. I liked how the author didn't just go back and forth between each plot line, but spent a lot of time on each one. In a crisis such as this, you would expect there to be givers and takers. This story has plenty of both! This is book two of a trilogy and I await the exciting conclusion. If you will be waiting too, I recommend you explore R.E. McDermott's Tom Duggan series. That will keep you entertained!

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