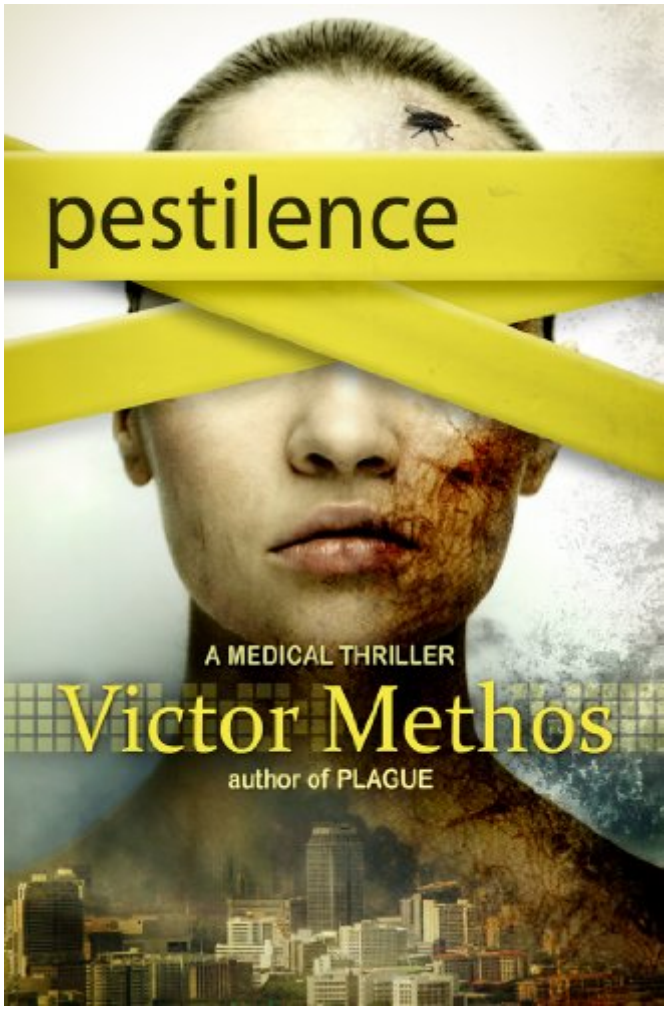
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Synopsis

A RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK...The most lethal virus in history has begun its spread to the mainland United States. Fast-spreading and with the ability to take over the host's immune system, the pathogen seems unstoppable.A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL...Dr. Samantha Bower of the Centers for Disease Control has encountered the virus before and it nearly cost her her life. Now, with the disease spreading among the civilian population at an incredible pace, the military has stepped in and declared martial law. Dr. Bower's own sister is caught in the middle when she is apprehended in the quarantine zone. Samantha must fight not only the worst nature has to offer, but her own government as well if she wishes to save her family. A LOOMING THREAT...A mysterious man is killing those that could stop the virus. Leaving a trail of bodies in his wake, his motivations are unclear. And he has chosen a new target: Samantha Bower.

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Customer Reviews

It's an honor to be the first to write a review for this book. I've been a lifelong reader and an editor/writer for many years, and I'd tell anyone interested in writing a great action thriller to use this as a guide! It has it all: gripping, fast-paced plot with whiplash action, realistic characters you learn

to love or hate, and an ending that leaves your toes hanging off the proverbial cliff after you've skidded to a stop. A super writing style and professional editing round it out. I stayed up way past my bedtime and read it straight through. This is about a medical apocalypse that scared the heck out of me. If I ever see anyone with a nosebleed again, I'll scream and run the other way! Can't wait for the third book to come out...Thanks to the author for the best freebie I've read in a very long time. I know what his game plan is...get you hooked so you read all his other stuff...works for me. I'm looking forward to enjoying other books by him...But I better rest up first!!

I borrowed the first novel in this series, appropriately called 'Plague', under PRIME and enjoyed it enough to get this second part. The first one was pretty good - although a little dry in places - but this second part of the trilogy really pumps up the action and storyline. In this installment, not only is there a new and frightening kind of plague, the one introduced in the previous volume, to contend with (the attempts at containment being less than total) but a conspiracy as well that threatens not only the medical personnel involved but maybe the entire world as well. I really enjoyed it and can't wait for the final part. Just a small note to mention that some of the descriptions about the effects of this plague are quite graphic, which was fine for me, I found it realistic and it increased the tension, but may put some of the more squeamish among you off.

I was not generous in my review of the 1st book in the trilogy, Plague, because the book left you hanging without satisfactory explanations to a myriad of characters or ending even in a "to be continued" novel. However, the second book at least provides some substance to both the chacters and the plot to both entertain the reader and provide answers to the questions, therefore I liked the read. Of course, it still leaves you having to buy book # 3 to reach the end of the author's thoughts and the conclusion. I think my biggest gripe is that so many writers are perfecting the Peter Jackson (The Hobbitt) model of the trilogy which I abhor. Instead of telling a story that ends in a single novel, they "soak" the reader with these multi sequels rather than write one book with a beginning, a middle and an end. My thought is this is done, not to enhance the author's skill or the reader's interest or even to more fully develop the storyline but just to force the reader to invest both time and, especially money, buying the sequels to reach the conclusion. I hate to say this but I'm moving on from these "forced" multi sequel novels as the writing is substandard at best. A good author should be able to write "his topic" in one book. Where are the "James Mitchners "Leon Uris" "Zane Greys" "Cormac McCarthys" Michael Creightons and "Larry McMurtry's"..... Even Lonesome Dove was a complete novel when written.

This author has a way with words to say the least. He makes it both interesting, dreadful and fascinating all at the same time. It's like, you know something lurks on the next page but you aren't sure you want to see what it is all along battling your emotions because you must see what it is, you have to know what is happening next! Kept my attention from book 1 to book 2. These are fantastic books that are masterpieces. Terrifyingly real at times where you think, where can I get a bio hazard suit that is every kind of virus proof and better than a bullet proof vest.

A disappointment after book one but clearly superior to what follows in book three. You get more of the same medical imagery, which gets stale after a while. The larger plot and some of the new characters simply become more and more implausible. The idea of a Medical Thriller is very appealing and potentially a way to engage and inform an audience about plausible risks and scenarios. Well Victor accomplishes that in Volume One Plague but repeats himself and exaggerates some of the action to the point where it becomes fantasy or something you would expect to find in a comic book or bad horror film. Over the last half or Pestilence I felt progressively like I was wasting my time because what was on the page was hard to believe or find credible. The good news is that Victor doesn't fill up too many pages or put too many words on a page. I think Victor has employed a clever technigue to turn one mediocre to bad novel into one very good story, a tolerable one and disgusting zombie fantasy in vol.3

A deadly and virulent virus as never seen is spreading and uncontained in California. Dr Samantha Bower, who works for the CDC is trying to develop a vaccine but time is running out. No one understands this new strain of the pox virus. It mutates at a speed similar to the flu virus but it is almost 100 percent lethal. Not only that but the physical manifestations of its progression in the human body is so gruesome that you are left sick to your stomach.The fear that it evokes in the reader is palpable because its occurrence is in the realm of probability. With today's fear of bio-terrorism, flu pandemics, we realize just how vulnerable and unprepared we are. Not only that but the government is not there to protect you , on the contrary.It is a scary rendition of what could be and the plot is your scariest nightmare. I gave it 4 stars because I feel the author could have developed the psychological and sociological effects of this terrible virus. He had the room to delve in the behavior of the masses when faced with certain death. I found the book too short or was it because I was totally engrossed in the matter.The ending is abrupt and leaves you hanging on the edge of your seat.....we know there has to be a sequel.....which I will most certainly read.

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