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Dear Stephen, I'm sorry I just don't like you in that way I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just never developed those kind of feelings for you, even after eleven hundred

pages I feel like we only moved forward in fits and stops, and we were just never able to sustain a kind of even handed development of the kind of chills and thrills a person really likes Shock someone enough times with snot running out of their nose, and it just becomes a little meaningless And there are only so many ways to view a dead body before one gets kind of numb instead of apprehensive Using the journal device to move things forward seems a little crude, when what we really need to do is talk I have to confess, I ve felt kind of uncomfortable watching you struggle with religion and spirituality You sparked my interest when you posited that this might be the battle between the age of reason and that of irrationalism, and the dark man was the last vestige of doomed rationalism I thought for a few minutes we were headed somewhere really special, but you didn t seem very confident, and the theme fell apart I will say there were a few surprises along the way, which I found pleasant I appreciate you avoiding the obvious character arcs, especially when it comes to redemption I was glad to meet most of your friends, especially Joe Leo, Stu and even Kojak Your military friends bored me out, though, especially Starkey I don t even get why you like spending any time with those guys Such a bunch of fossils I do have to say, I was really impressed with how you must have studied disease modelling and progression I almost felt like was there.Sometimes I get the feeling that you don t really see me as a person, just a baby maker You even have an extended soliloquy about it, as if I wasn t even here reading your words It bothers me, because you took the time to develop nuanced male relationships Larry, Stu, Lloyd , but the women were about reproducing or were cannon fodder Since you allowed technology to remain, I m not going to buy into your lowest most functional society mentality, no matter how many sociological theories you throw at me And then there s the elderly black woman as representation of all that s spiritual Perhaps even Mother Earth If I m rolling my eyes, it s because it s another aspect of compartmentalizing women as either maiden, matron or crone, and people of color as closer to God s being savage and all, as you so helpfully illustrate in your The Circle Closes afterward Honestly, it s kind of juvenile, and a little disappointing when I know you are capable of so much It s time for me to move on I m sure you ll find someone special eventually, Stephen, because you are such a really great guy And so unusual, too.With Three Stars,Your Friend Always.Cross posted at Want to catch the flu Read The Stand.I caught it twice in the month it took me to read this book Twice I m rarely sick so it s clearly a thing.Post apocalyptic book where most people die from a super flu That part was my favorite.It then becomes a battle between Good and Evil Some fantasy elements were included This part was still solid I liked how we got to follow the characters and get to know them I felt some similarities to Station Eleven so if you like The Stand I would give this one a shot too M O O N That spells Damn, what a great book I knew King had it in him, I am a fan of his brilliant 1977 haunted house thriller The Shining, but I did not expect this.The best post apocalyptic novel ever Maybe, that is a broad category teaming with great work from talented writers, but King s The Stand is an epic, genre defining work.My friend Michael has a profile statement, something to the effect of

finding our next 5 star rating I like that sentiment, and am excited by the opportunity that our next favorite book is out there waiting to be read a new best friend of an author to whom we've yet to be introduced Here's mine I'm late to the party, just reading this for the first time in 2015 I think I was always a little intimidated by the length It's a beast, and I was a glutton for punishment reading the 1990 extended version, weighing in at a heavyweight 1153 pages But it's a runaway train, grabbing the reader up and taking him or her where Stephen King wants to take you. Yes, it's a book about a devastating plague, but also so, so much King weaves in an allegory about the viruses amongst us There is also the spiritual quality of the book, King shows how we are sinners in the hands of an angry God, and that dreamers will survive and survivors can still dream. I could not help making a comparison with the Left Behind series, and associating Flagg to Nicholai Carpathia though King's characterization is far complex and well rounded, and like Milton's Satan, the most interesting character here is the villain This makes me appreciate his The Gunslinger series and I want to search out Flagg and read about him. This is also an American epic and in its context an American eulogy King shows us the good the bad and the ugly of what we are and what we can be An observant reader will see references to Ursula K LeGuin word for world is woods , to Jim Morrison, Edgar Allan Poe, Woody Guthrie, and hell even Rod McKuen. I know Mr King and have enjoyed many of his works and I have now been amazed by his finest. I'm not sure what I can say about this massive tome that hasn't been said before, but I came, I read, and I conquered I also really enjoyed it along the way, which says a lot due to my struggle with committing to massive books Does anyone know if there will be a new book to screen adaptation of this one in the near future, or if the old mini series is worth the time Anyway, I'm satisfied and a tiny bit relieved to be finished 3 Thanks to everyone who pushed me to make 2019 the year I picked up The Stand and for all the people who cheered me on along the way. I loved this book I read the uncut version years back when I lived in the States, maybe in 2002 I loved everything about it except the ending I'm a big fan of Stephen King and have 23 of his books on my shelf Stephen King can only write a good ending to a book by chance That said, the first 95% of his books is generally so good that I can forgive the ending. One of the things I like best about King's writing is the way he breathes life into characters and every day settings For a horror writer this is crucial You have to make everything utterly believable so that when the monster comes and the stakes are raised the reader feels it's all real and cares about what's at stake The short story, The Body, on which the film Stand By Me is based is a great example of King's genius at making complicated, flawed, awkward, real characters. Anyway, The Stand, is not typical King as the main core of it is an apocalypse, and the supernatural horror element is rather secondary and low key for most of the story The apocalypse is a believable one, a flu pandemic with a mortality rate so high that only a tiny fraction of the population survives King tears the world down in terrifying slow motion and playing on our fears of pandemics it is at once horrifying, touching, and fascinating King is great at slowly pulling everyday

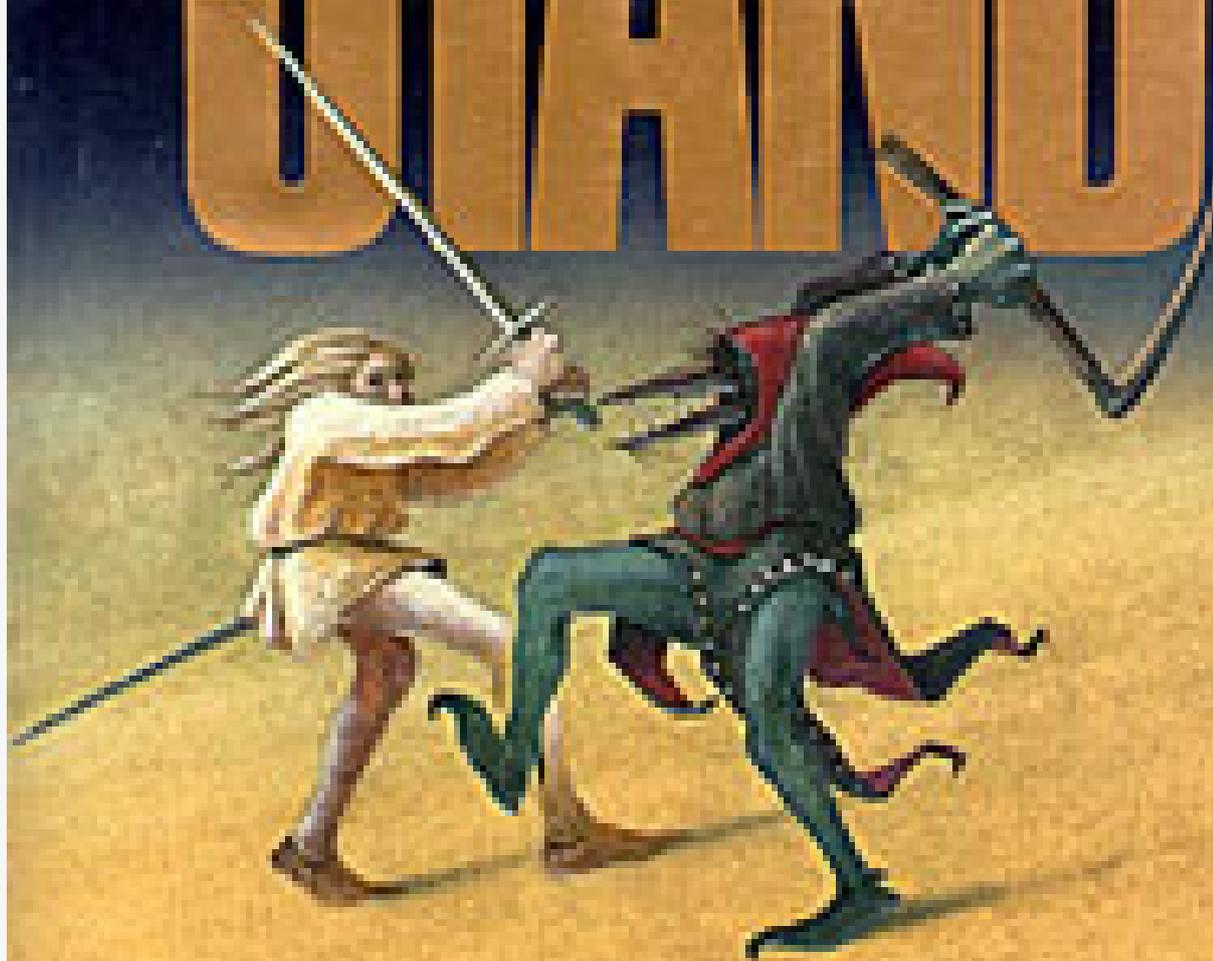
reality apart. The cast of characters who survive this catastrophe is sizeable, diverse, and interesting. A pyromaniac with an array of mental issues, a man with learning disabilities, a singer who was in the act breaking big, others ordinary but no less fascinating under pressure. The literary institutions of this world sniff at horror writers as much as they do fantasy writers but I find King's prose and insights into the human condition to be as powerful as those in many of the plodding works of literary fiction I've read. Readers often don't notice it because it's not what they came for. But King is interested in people and how pressure acts on them. No one can tell what goes on in between the person you were and the person you become. No one can chart that blue and lonely section of hell. There are no maps of the change. You just come out the other side. Or you don't. King shows us the inception of the disaster, plots its course through his scattered and varied cast, and slowly brings those actors together into two communities in the aftermath. The two communities we focus on centre on the supernatural aspect of the book, one of them is home to the good folk, and the other to the bad. The bad camp is ruled over by Randal Flagg who roams through the pages of quite a few of King's books, *The Dark Tower* in particular. The book concludes with the fight between these two camps and ultimately the ending was a touch unsatisfying for me, though not awful by any means. The journey to that ending however was a fascinating thrill ride and well worth the price of entry. If you've not tried Stephen King before then this is a fine place to jump in. Be warned though, it is perhaps the longest of his books with a page count to rival GRRM at his most long-winded. Join my 3 emails a year newsletter prizes..

Wow! So I have had this awesome paperback door stopper for some time. Gift from friend. I decided to get the audio through the library and of course now I have added it to my Audible wishlist. The narration is freaking awesome. The whole damn book is freaking awesome. The thing is, I didn't think I would like it because I barely remember the movie and am not sure I liked it. That was a long time ago and who the hell knows I'm just extremely happy I finally read it. Yeah. It's long, but most books I read or listen to are so that's neither here nor there. I just loved reading about all of the people and events. And I did laugh at times. YES, scary stories do have some comedy at times. Lol. Anyhoo, enjoy peeps. Happy Reading Mel!

# STEPHEN KING

FOR THE FIRST TIME COMPLETE & UNCUT

# THE STAND



M O O N spells spectacular I first read THE STAND in the early 80 s It was during the

Christmas break I lived out in the boonies with my family, and after the holiday hoopla was over I planted myself in my favorite chair and sat there for 4 days devouring every page only leaving for bathroom breaks, meals and sleep. 30 years later my reading experience was a little different I read it with my Goodreads friend Lisa who had the uncut version, while I had the original I stopped and started as she caught up there were huge amounts of messages back and forth on the characters, the differences in editions, who we loved who we hated, and everything and anything we could think of to discuss It was a month long read but the one thing both experiences did have in common was I LOVED IT each time At a remote U.S Army base, a strain of influenza is accidentally released Despite a lock down soldier Charles Champion is able to escape with his wife and child By the time the military is able to track his whereabouts Champion has spread the disease around parts of Texas triggering a pandemic which kills off 99 percent of the population The one percent are left in survival mode spread out over the entire country and plagued by strange dreams about two individuals which eventually draw some to Nebraska and some to Las Vegas. Hemingford Home, Nebraska Is the home of Abigail Freemantle Mother Abigail a 108 year old woman who receives visions from God She is the embodiment of good. Las Vegas, Nevada is where Randall Flagg has set up shop Randall is also called The Dark Man and The Walking Dude He lives to cause death and destruction and has supernatural powers which allow him to be human, animal or demon He is the embodiment of evil. King said that he wanted to write a fantasy epic like The Lord of the Rings, only with an American setting and that is just what he did THE STAND is a wonderful epic fantasy adventure about good vs evil One that I would recommend to anybody who hasn't read it yet, and even to those who have 1440 1440 99% 1440 1440 31 1440 1440 1978 1440 16 4 480 99% 1% 1% 5 6 660 1% 7 10 300 1100 Yesssss 300 300 1% 1440 1440 The Shining 1440 1 2017 31 2017 {DOWNLOAD EPUB} î The Stand ç This Is The Way The World Ends With A Nanosecond Of Computer Error In A Defense Department Laboratory And A Million Casual Contacts That Form The Links In A Chain Letter Of Death And Here Is The Bleak New World Of The Day After A World Stripped Of Its Institutions And Emptied Of Percent Of Its People A World In Which A Handful Of Panicky Survivors Choose Sides Or Are Chosen 3.5 5 stars M O O N That spells I am done with this MOONstrosity of a tome. This is the biggest single book I've ever read in my life so far It's 470k words and it's even bigger than Oathbringer by Brandon Sanderson and although it doesn't go into my personal favorite list, I enjoyed the majority of the book. The Stand is totally not what I expected I really thought this would be a super thrilling plot driven with a lot of actions book due to the nature that the story revolves around a plague outbreak As it turns out, The Stand is a HIGHLY characters driven book with the plot moving at a very slow pace, and as great as it was, sometimes it did get a bit excruciating. One of the two that stands out the most from this book other than the gigantic size in my opinion was the theological nature and the classic tale of a battle between good versus evil That wasn't any act of God That was an act of pure human fuckery There are a

lot of symbolism to the aspect of light versus darkness here To give one example of many, with the country being ravaged by the outbreak, the survivors ended up joining either Mother Abigail s group the good or Randal Flagg s group the evil Mother Abigail is located in the East where the sun rises every day and Randal Flagg is located in the West where the sun set I enjoyed reading almost all the characters perspectives and survivor s tales and I really think if you love a HEAVY theological talk in your fiction, this is a must readThe beauty of religious mania is that it has the power to explain everything Once God or Satan is accepted as the first cause of everything which happens in the mortal world, nothing is left to chance logic can be happily tossed out the window Other than the theological talk, the characters were almost absolutely delightful to read The characters developments in this book were astounding to say the least and it was awesome to see how far these characters changed from where they began Plus, Stephen King writes very unconventional and memorable characters in The Stand such as Nick, Tom Cullen, Randal Flagg, Harold, Larry, and Mother Abigail to name a few. Picture Mother Abigail by Bernie Wrightson Now, the parts that didn t work for me First being Stephen King s prose took quite a while for me to get used to Second, and probably my major problem with the book, The Trashcan s man chapters were atrocious I didn t enjoy any moment reading his POV, it was messy, felt juvenile, and during my time reading it, I knew immediately this his meeting with the Kid was going to be the one that was cut out from the first published edition of this book, and I was right It was a painful 70 pages chapter which in my opinion offer close to zero points to the story Finally, with a book this HUGE, I really expected the ending to blow me away but the ending ended up being anti climactic I also can t help but think that the first edition of this book the 800 pages one would probably be a better experience Stephen King received the title word diarrhea for a great reason and a lot of the words in this book in my opinion definitely deserves to be flushed. Overall though, I think The Stand is still overall a great book Even though it s not a genre that I dive into frequently, I found myself amazed by the characterizations and compelled to read what happened to most of the characters It s unfortunate that there were a few hiccups with the pacing and ending but I still will recommend this book to anyone who enjoyed a heavy theological discussion and memorable characters in their read Thank you also to my good friend, Celeste, for giving me this book as a late birthday present You can find this and the rest of my Adult Epic High Fantasy Sci Fi reviews at BookNest

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