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Benson is a survivor, but that's all he's done is survive. He's about to meet a girl that's going to make him want more than the ability to breathe, but it comes with a price: follow your head, or your heart. Jared Benson is your average twenty-three-year-old male; he has a foul mouth, he likes sex, he despises attachments, and he doesn't take shit from anyone. He just happens to be living in a post-apocalyptic world almost two years ago, the world as he knew it ended, and he had to learn how to adapt to his new surroundings as the appointed leader of a ragtag group of strangers. Jared's focus is on survival: gathering supplies, fighting infected, and ending daily disagreements or skirmishes amongst his ranks are his new daily routine. But that's all about to change. A chance meeting with a stranger tips Jared's world off its axis, and he's going to question what's really important. Come join Jared, his sister, best friend, and those he meets along the way, as he learns to choose if surviving is enough, or if there is really a life.

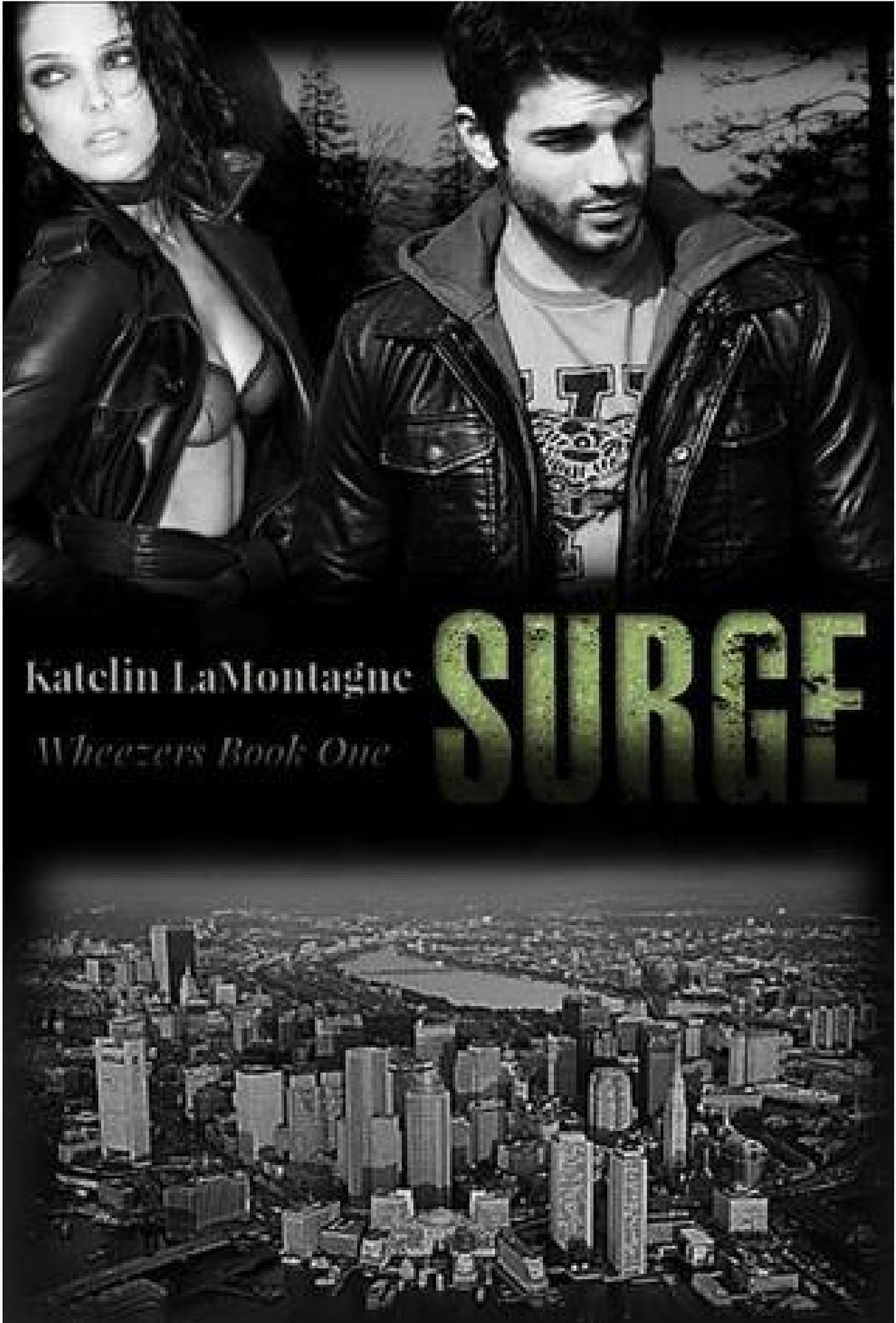
LE FEMALE Romance Violence Language, Abuse Male Pov

Wow, this was great. At first, I was wrong. While I was reading the first 14% of this book, I thought it wasn't the book for me. I thought it was silly, immature, very childish. I was sooooo wrong. As the book progressed, the main character became a man. So, all the silly childish things left the story. Then the story came together like none other. There was violence, gangs, romance, love, sex, revenge, all wrapped perfectly together to make this a wonderful read. This is not your usual walking zombie with arms stretched out thing. Oh no, these were humans that had received a trial run of a vaccine gone wrong, turning these people into zombie-like creatures. What a new and refreshing idea. The main characters were strong and lovable, most of them. There is also a lot of great humor in this. At 5 AM, I woke my husband up from a deep sleep with my laughter. On MY Kindle, it was location 9450. Hysterical. I am running for the next book. Great new author with refreshing ideas that will keep you wanting. Definite 5-star read. 3.5 Stars. Damn, this was such a long book, and it felt like it went on forever, but I stuck it out and got through over 700 pages. I liked it, didn't love it, just liked it. Kick-ass heroine. Snarky banter. Bitchy, whiny women. Commitment phobes, but not many zombies. 4.5 Stars. I finished reading this story about a week ago, but I've put off the review for many reasons. The main being, I don't think I'll do this book justice. I know this is something book bloggers everywhere say at least once a week, but I truly don't think I can describe my feelings for this book. It was such a complex story, emotionally and story-wise. It was attention-grabbing, but it was definitely not an easy read. There is so much emotion: anger, despair, pain, humor, horror, love, frustration that made me feel as if I boarded the train to Crazy Town, which we all know I did a long time ago. With a lot of books, it can take a while for me to become attached to the characters. No matter what I eventually rate a book, it can take a few chapters to become involved, but not with this one. I fell in love almost instantly, which is unfortunate, because one of the characters I wanted to see of died. Surge follows the lives of a hodgepodge group of survivors that include an elderly person, a doctor, a couple of love-smitten teenagers, and a few too many cliché fashionistas.

that complain about everything and rarely keep their legs closed This group is led by a 23 year old snarky young man named Jared, and his slutty best friend John, both of whom initially banded together to protect Jared s younger sister when the world fell apart around them They slowly met with other survivors who joined them in living in Jared s apartment This all happened before the beginning of the book the book actually begins when Jared and John are scouting for weapons, make an unwise decision as usual , and become overrun by a horde of hungry wheezers They are saying their goodbyes when a short, motorcycle helmet disguised woman in all leather decimates the entire group of wheezers and saves their asses for the first time of many Her name is Olivia, and she takes them back to one of her houses, where they quickly fall in lust with her survivor skills and her cooking and maybe a little no this book does not a love triangle at least not a traditional one. Jared was an interesting main character I haven t read many books in the male POV, and I think this one was by far my favorite, even though he was kind of the typical teenage male asshole at the beginning of the story I don t look down on the author for this, as I think it gave him dimension, because I saw tremendous growth from him all the way through the novel He changes from an immature boy who s only interests are sex from whoever spreads their legs and survival to a man intent on revenge and safety for his group and especially the love of his life He s a real main character one who has the normal thoughts and actions of a boy his age, but eventually grows up. I also really loved Olivia, aka Jared s damaged lover, even though her story is a terrible one I won t spoil the story for you guys, but just know that if you have triggers or can t stomach abuse or rape in stories, this is not the zombie story for you Don t be alarmed there is a happy for now ending, but this book has some themes that can be disturbing How can it not be when view spoiler a convicted rapist and his minions escape from prison during an apocalypse and mutilates the main character in ways you can t even imagine hide spoiler Five stars for this original novel Found this on Smashwords, and could not put it down It may be a zombie novel, but there s so much to it Action, romance, abuse, etc, so it appeals to several of my favorite genres. The characters were well developed, and realistic Loved the male pov, its a nice change from being stuck in a female s head like most of the new adult romance novels currently on the market Jared is a breath of fresh air, there are several scenes where I found myself laughing out loud, which made those around me give me weird looks, but oh well, it was worth it Still can t believe it was free Now I m left eagerly anticipating the release of the next installment of the series, hopefully SOON. I suppose it s possible that I did not give this book much of a chance but I just could not on any level make myself care about the female lead in this story Suddenly I understand wholeheartedly what it is that bothers so many readers about a Mary Sue character Maybe I have a higher tolerance than others, or maybe this particular Mary Sue out Mary s all the other Sues in Suesville I absolutely could not stand her, not one bit She was a better fighter than everyone else She was smarter than everyone else She was beautiful than everyone else She figured out survival techniques

that no one else had even considered Most all the other women hated her and were depicted as villainous because of it The group she was in actually asked her to show them all self defensive techniques even though the group she was in also included the person who showed her most of those moves in the first place and had been there for quite some time before M Sue even showed up Anytime the male lead said or did anything however small to leave Miss Perfect feeling in any way incensed, the entire rest of the group practically strung him up for it It s like he had to go through pretty much every other member of the group before being allowed so much as a conversation with her, all the while putting up with We ve got our eye on you type vibes from half of them at least To make things worse, this group was one he himself actually started I do feel a little bit bad for disliking this character so much, because of all the terrible things that had happened to her at the start of the book But to me bad things should just be considered bad things and not something that has to be used to make a specific character less contemptuous to the reader Anyway I just got to a point where I spent time perusing Goodreads for my next book than I was actually reading this one and didn t pick it up again Not only was the female lead insufferable to me, I also got kind of bored I won t say that picking this up and finishing it at some point is impossible but it really isn t very likely. SURGE by Katelin LaMontagne was provided to me free of charge in eBook format by the author in exchange for an honest review. This review contains spoilers. This book is set in a post apocalyptic version of our world Researchers have discovered a cure for cancer known as Gene K It showed great promise in chimpanzees and human testing soon followed The vaccine was used to treat 1100 terminally ill patients before the FDA had a chance to test and approve it Within a month the patients seemed to be cancer free However, a month later side effects began to be seen the most significant of which appeared to be a build up of blood in the lungs causing the person to make a constant wheezing sound with every breath they took Fearing an outbreak the initial 100 people were forcibly confined and soon began to show violent tendencies The other 1000 test subjects soon showed the same symptoms and began scratching and biting anyone they came in contact with The infection spread like wildfire and Wheezers became a genuine threat. Now, than a year later, Jared, his sister Sarah and Jared s best friend, John have collected quite a few survivors and brought them back to the relative safety of their condominium The problem is, supplies are running low and the stores and residences surrounding theirs have been picked clean More and Wheezers are amassing and the trio decide the safest thing to do is to relocate. However, before this can happen Jared is saved from Wheezers during a supply run by Olivia, who is one kick ass chick Bringing Olivia back to their home base is one of the best decisions of Jared s life Shortly after her arrival the group is attacked in the night by ruthless human raiders that Olivia has encountered before What follows is an epic struggle of good vs evil and proves that Wheezers are not the only threat to the group. The characters are well portrayed and Jared is an interesting mix of good and bad His heart is in the right place, but he is definitely

a typical young adult male who often lets his libido get the best of his common sense Since this is true of most men his age, it comes across as believable if a little crude at times Jared's younger, teen age sister is a great character Strong in ways and so young and naive in other ways, she inspires loyalty and protectiveness in all who meet her Growing up in this nightmare world would be difficult for anyone, but Sarah seems to be growing up right Thanks in no small way to Jared and John's devotion to keeping her safe and as sheltered as possible from the darkest realities of their situation John is Jared's best friend The story of how they met in Kindergarten will make you laugh He has a weakness for women and women seem to fall at his feet He is definitely a ladies man, although he is a bit of a dog with them and he finds it impossible to be a one woman man After the attack, the group learn from Olivia that knows of a place where they can go to be safe Fearing retaliation from the raiders, they set off to find it. During their exodus they discover that Olivia has been through a traumatic ordeal and is both physically and emotionally scarred But, despite her issues, John finds himself drawn to her and he begins to develop feelings for her. This is not just a zombie story It details both the bright and darker sides of human nature It is a story of survival, not only of the body, but of the mind This is well written and brilliantly structured and I very much enjoyed the fact that the author has written a book of substantial length Too many recently published novels are excessively short which is a good way to sell books in theory, but, in reality it just frustrates the reader and makes him/her feel cheated There are a few minor editing issues with this book, such as since she's wasn't blind or deaf Which should read since she wasn't blind or deaf Or so she seen the news reports which should read So she had seen the news Or even so she had seen the news There are also a few instances of the wrong word being used probably caused by typos fixed by computer generated spell checking For example Olivia is telling a story and it says, Me especially, because I want to see what else she recants I believe the author meant to use the word recite rather than recant Also, when describing the two versions of the infected they are referred to as strands when strains would be descriptively accurate Strand can work if referring to DNA, so I might be wrong in thinking that strain is what the author meant. However, despite these glitches, which are easily fixed by an attentive editor I am still compelled to give SURGE a very strong endorsement and rate this book as 5 out of 5 I can't wait to get my hands on the next book in the series by Katelin LaMontagne.



Katelin LaMontagne

Wheezers Book One

SURGE

I was given this book by the author for an honest review This story was not what I expected

at all I'm not even sure what I expected, some sort of zombie story that involved mutant human people eating humans that is what I thought this was going to be I don't even like zombie movies stories because it's always the same thing there is apocalyptic terror everywhere and everyone is on their own This story is much more than that and I was happily surprised The whole story is told in first and second person from Jared I was very surprised to see some parts of the story with Jared speaking to us in second person He was funny, witty and at times could be charming Ms LaMontagne did fantastically at developing the characters in the story I think what made the characters stand out to me was all the dialogue she filled in the story There was a lot of banter, sarcasm, laughs and words of caring and love That was what intrigued me about the whole story, all the characters were very much involved Ms LaMontagne did a phenomenal job at processing Jared's thoughts and emotions in various situations I felt like I knew him and I maybe felt like I understood the male brain a little better The other main character, Olivia was a fantastic woman in the story Ms Lamontagne did a great job at developing Olivia Olivia has a very troubled past with nightmares that would bring anyone down a dark road but she's a strong vigilante woman She brought true trauma and terrors to the story but she also was a happiness that was forgotten in this world It was interesting to read about Olivia because she had symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder and other psychological issues that she was fighting the whole time This story was not just about zombies and trying to survive in the world it was a dramatic coming of age tale of a boy trying to find out what type of man he wants to be and a woman fighting her nightmares so she can function normally Overall, I would highly recommend this book to anyone that is a young adult or older who wants to read a thrilling, action adventure coming of age story with very colorful characters I would like to thank Ms LaMontagne for sharing her work with me, it was a pleasure. 4.5 stars for this completely outta the blue fantastic read, it's been a while since I've been blown away by a book, let alone a debut.this was SO fucking amazing, I don't even know how to explain why it was just so good So instead I'll just mention the few things that kept this from being a 5 star read

- 1 the atrocious editing Holy hell, there were a lot of errors A lot, a lot of errors.it almost made me want to cry But IMO the overall story was just so so freaking good, i could almost disregard them
- 2 the heroine, whose pov we only get in the prologue, was a bit of a Mary Sue.she had a tortuous past, so you can't help but feel for her.but seriously, each and every member of the opposite sex who came into contact with her absolutely adored her, almost to the point of obsession.it was a very long book which I freaking loved, thank you ms LaMontagne so by the end of the book, their absolute and unquestioning devotion got a bit old.
- 3 a few long winded and unnecessary conversations and internal monologues.they kept popping up at the worst times.like they'd be going after big bads, and 2 characters would stop to have a convo, and I'd be yelling at them to get a fucking move on Just grrrrr.And
- lastly, 4 the ending is sorta outta left fieldI was just reading along, and then bam The end

But despite those few issues, it's like I said this was a freaking fantastic read.it sorta kinda,

but only marginally reminds me of Joss Ware s Envy books, only instead of 50 years after the zombies come out, it s only a couple years.so everything s chaotic and crazy, and terrifying.oh and no super powers, which I also liked But, damn it I want And also like I said before,Surgeis a pretty long book, you know, the kind where you get emotionally attached to the characters, and don t want to let go, but then the book ends, and you re forced to let go, and there s not even another book out , so you cant assuage your thirst, so instead your screwed..all the while you pretend to be patient but really your cursing up a storm, waiting on tenterhooks for the author to release another book hint, hint Ms LaMontagne Dammit, I really,really, really, want of Jared, our hero s point of view, but at this point I ll take anybody s Just gimme , dammit 4.5 stars screw it, let s say 4.9 stars eta currently free on smashwords I was giving this book thru the author for my honest review This is a Zombie Love Violence kind of story For this being Katelin s first book I have to say you did awesome I couldn t put it down I just had to know what happened next If you enjoy post apocalyptic movies books check this book out you will love it You were supposed to be my wingman, not my freaking kamikaze pilot You do know you re a woman, right I ask Are you sure Olivia asks with an astonished face I thought I had a penis lol

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