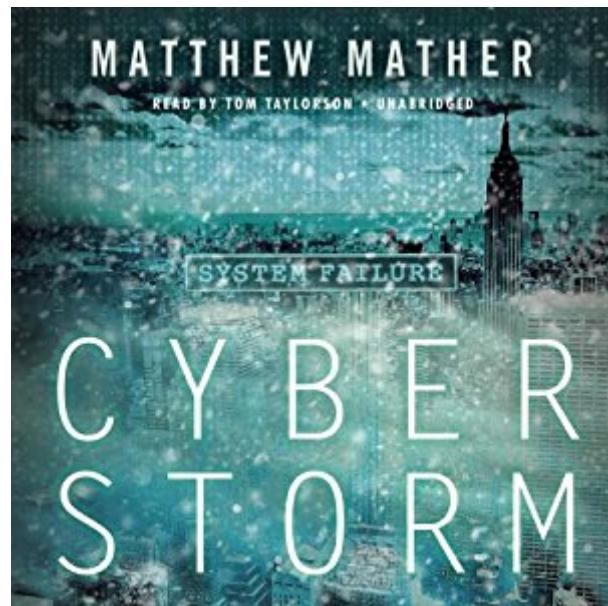


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Synopsis

Sometimes the worst storms aren't from Mother Nature, and sometimes the worst nightmares aren't the ones in our heads. Mike Mitchell, an average New Yorker already struggling to keep his family together, suddenly finds himself fighting just to keep them alive when an increasingly bizarre string of disasters starts appearing on the world's news networks. As both the real world and the cyber world come crashing down, bending perception and reality, a monster snowstorm cuts New York off from the world, turning it into a wintry tomb where nothing is what it seems. Anyone who enjoys insightful, cutting-edge fiction mixed with action and adventure won't want to miss CyberStorm.

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Customer Reviews

This is really a tale of two books - the first 90% was great and, without having a spoiler, the last 5-10% was a little disappointing as if the author changed gears in the story or was tired of writing. The author does a great job of getting you into the minds of the characters, and paints a picture of a possible cyber meltdown I found realistic and quite frightening if it were to occur. You feel the raw emotions of the characters as they have their highs and lows (a lot of lows and suffering), and I had a hard time putting it down. I picked this up for 99 cents in the Kindle store, and despite my comment above on the last 5-10% of the novel I enjoyed it, and certainly received a heck of a lot more entertainment value than 99 cents. If you like to read realistic doomsday-type fiction, I would recommend this one!

The story is good, liked it but the ending was a bit disappointing in that fear won preventing the characters from finding salvation earlier, thus prolonging their suffering. Mather writes about a virus shutting down cities and causing man's so called inherent animalistic qualities to surface in order to survive. It's a disturbing read with characters finding crafty ways to nurture their hunger during the storm.

This is a stand alone novel so you don't have to wait to finish it. Unlike most ebooks, it is well edited. There are a few grammatical errors, but no slew of typos and no formatting issues. The story is well crafted and the characters nicely developed. There are some tedious sections, sometimes several pages long, where characters argue over such things as safety vs freedom that get a bit boring as the debates are a bit shallow. I found myself skimming these especially toward the end of the book. The ending is not as well done. Lots of monologue and how quickly the city is renewed feels unrealistic. There is a nice twist on who is the bad guy. Well done. I recommend this book. Enjoy.

I wouldn't call this a techno-thriller as much as I would call it a psychological thriller. The author uses the story as a platform to warn us of the dangers of a cyber-attack by anyone from anywhere at anytime. But as dangerous as a cyber-attack is our response to it can be even more dangerous and damaging. It is a compelling read. But I did find the characters a bit stereotyped and, at times, one dimensional. Also, in spots, *ÃƒÃ¢ÃÂÃÂ* I felt the story itself was a bit contrived. But, for lighter summer reading that is compelling at times it is a great book.

Ever read a end of the world novel and wish it didn't keep you up at night? This book sets itself apart because its rather realistic but in the end you leave feeling better about the world. For the genre, that's rare! But like any of these books, you may have the urge to stockpile some supplies; this is to be expected and you have been forewarned. I loved the dynamics in this novel because it does illustrate that in the worst of times, people will show their true colors. I also loved the evolution of the relationship between the main character, Mike and his wife, Lauren. Sometimes the worst tragedies can put our true priorities into perspective. This story created real tensions and problems that exist and doesn't sugar coat them. I thought the author was excellent at describing scenes that may be hard to imagine. At one point the author incorporates a new technology into the story and I was able to really understand how it would look and feel despite having no experience with it first hand. For a new author, this is quite impressive. Cyberstorm is the kind of book that will make you return to the author, ready for more! I highly recommend this book and I can't wait to read what else he has

cooking up.

CyberStorm is a novel about the collision of both a metaphorical 'cyber storm' and a once-in-a-lifetime winter storm that both descend on Manhattan at the same time. Though there are thousands of cyber attacks each day against individuals, businesses, and governments, in this story, at least three attacks actually break through and essentially shut down the power grid of the east coast (by the way this has actually happened before). At the same time, the blizzard outside essentially shuts down the city of New York's infrastructure, followed by power, water. In the days to come, as reality sets in, society begins to break down. First there is the looting, the scavenging for food, the breakdown in healthcare systems, the panic of the mob, disease, lice, hunger, dehydration, hunger, starvation, organized crime, and even cannibalism. I've always been intrigued by dystopian near-future novels, so Cyber Storm fits that bill. This book asks and explores some important questions for us as individuals and national governments regarding security and preparation for the worst case scenario. In an age that clamors for the newest smart device, fastest information, and increasingly interdependent technological networks, we uncritically and unceasingly adopt and incorporate such advances as necessary additions to our already frenetic lives. But as what costs? Sure, we have some vague notion of our need for online security, and we don't want companies to have unfiltered access to our private data - whatever that means. Meanwhile we eagerly sign up for whatever new product or feature Google or Facebook or whoever makes available to us to enhance our lives... all for free. If you're not paying for the product, you are the product. And what happens when our governments follow our lead and are themselves dependent on the technological rivers to keep flowing?

This novel was well done and very informative. Although the subject matter was dark, there is some hopefulness at the end. Although, of course, that hopefulness all depends on lessons learned. The characters were appealing and well developed which added to the novel. It was easy to identify with them and all the emotions they were going through. Well worth reading.

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