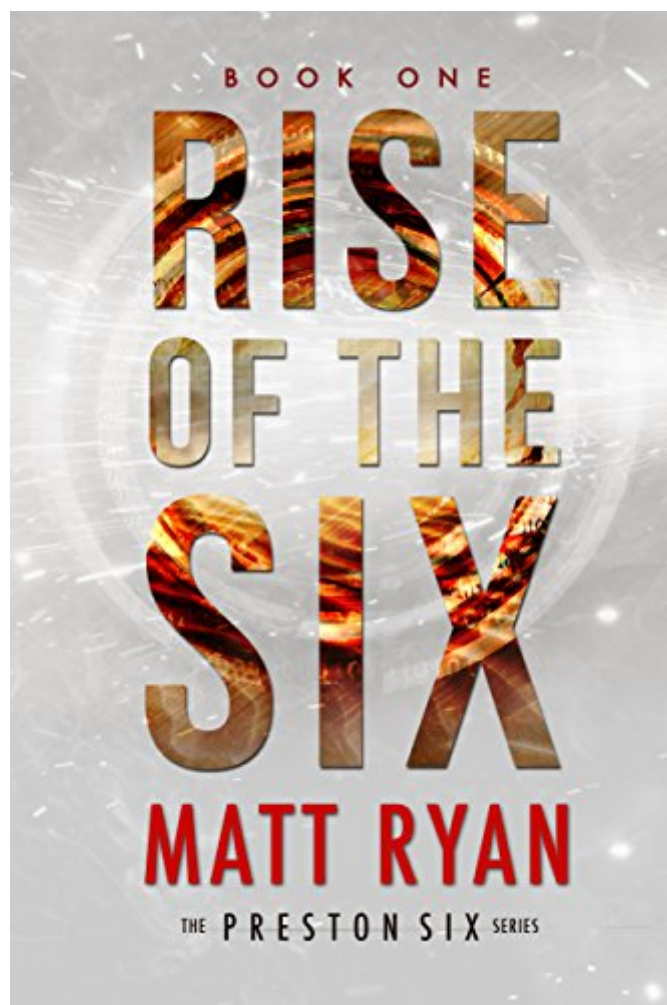


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Customer Reviews

Six 18 year olds from six families in one small town share the same birthday. The secret of their conception, background and history are slowly revealed (and only partially in this book). Chased by strange enemies, the six go through a series of wild adventures. I enjoyed reading this book at times but then would be yanked out of the story by poor writing. I enjoyed: 1. Discovering information about the background of the six. 2. The action and fight descriptions. 3. The ideas for strange and new places and things. I disliked: 1. The immaturity of the six. They often acted like 14-year-olds instead of 18. 2. We only get to know one character well. The others have little information about them and are stereotypes (the strong one, the smart one, etc.). 3. The emotions/decisions of the six are unrealistic: goofing around in deadly situations; a character decides not to take 3 seconds to try to kill an enemy because he doesn't know if he has time but proceeds to take about a minute to rescue a friend from the same enemy; a lack of an all-consuming drive to know their past by at least one of them, etc. 4. The relationship between events are not always explained. For example: a guy fires an arrow at a van and the van overturns. We don't know why: did it puncture a tire; or did it have an explosive head or what? No idea. IMO the ideas in this book were not fleshed out. 3 stars.

I got seven chapters into the book, and the zombies showed up. I'm not a fan of zombies, so I checked out of this book. If you like zombies and that kind of stuff, go for it.

Not quite what I expected, not much in favor of Zombies but I suppose it was a reasonably good story. I just wish the authors and/or proofers/editors would learn the forms of lay laid etc and when to use them (sorry a pet peeve of mine).

I'm very taken back by this book honestly. I don't usually read this genre but it showed up in my recommended so I decided to try it out. The first part takes me to a witch hunt type theme which made me hesitate but I charged forward. It really started to grab my attention with the bonding between the Six, the author draws you in to their realistic lives. Add a little love confusion with old fashioned male bonding and you have the perfect psychology for today's young kids. The intensity of

the story goes from holding your breathe, to breathing, to laughing, to a little crying. You aren't human if you don't feel a vast array of emotions throughout this book. When it came to the end, I was actually upset because I was still caught up in the story running around in my head. This is a well written story line that pulls you in until it's past midnight and you only put it down because you have to get some amount of sleep. Warning: don't read this during the day or you won't get anything done!

The character development in this book is just poor. The kids were supposedly high school seniors who often acted much younger. One of the guys apparently hasn't gotten a driver's license, there is no indication they've dated anyone during high school, they're the best of friends but don't know the others have been training in deadly arts by their parents, goofing around and acting like 14 year olds even after learning they are in mortal danger, not even having any freak out moments when learning about their past or that they are in danger.

This is the debut novel by Matt Ryan. Trust me when I say you won't be disappointed! This book was beyond amazing and will leave you wanting more from this series. Joey and his friends, Polly, Lucas, Samantha, Hank and Julie are friends like no other. They just turned 18, and all have the same birthday. What is more, all but Joey lost a parent on that fateful day so many years ago. So many things do not make sense and no one's parents will tell them anything. They keep hearing the name Harris, but know nothing about him. As Joey and his friends lean on each other and try and figure out what happened on that fateful day, they realize how much danger they are in. Joey learns that they have been hunted since birth and the only one to keep the group safe is a man they have never met, Harris. They adventure to places they never knew could exist and learn the value, and strength of their friendship. Can Joey and his friends make it safely back home.

This 1st book of the series kept me on the edge, constantly waiting for the next twist of fate that would befall the Preston Six. I found myself lost in this book, wanting to hurry up and finish it so I could move onto the next book, also wanting to take my time so I didn't miss any of the many twist and turns. I've finished it and am now ready to move on to the next: What new twists & turns await?

A recent Kindle edition freebie. While it had a moderately clever premise (multidimensional universe zombies), I read about a third of it and just quit on it, thus earning the book 1 star. This is one of those books where no one does anything rational, or even plausible, and I have to have some of

that or my brain just picks apart the story as I am reading it, as happened with this book. As best I can tell six kids born on the same day in a small rural-ish town get together on their birthdays to celebrate. At their 18th birthday celebration, their parents warn them not to go in the woods, so of course they do. But first they arm them up with knives and guns and even a bow and arrow, and even teach some of them martial arts. It is just absurd that any parent would give an 18 YO kid a couple of 6 shooters and some holsters and then tell him not to go in the woods. If the woods are dangerous, why not just move 100 miles away and get away from the danger? This book has a number of 4 and 5-star reviews, and they appear to be legit. I think this is so called "young adult" fiction and maybe teenage boys would appreciate it more. Kind of a zombie Hardy Boys. It just did not do much for me. This is one where the 1,2, and 3 star reviews are worth heeding.

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