



Station Eleven

by Emily St. John Mandel

Review by Boston



Post-apocalyptic, Science Fiction

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

My sister had read it and told me I would like it. I was interested by the dystopian world since those are always interesting.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

It's technically not in a series, but it does share a universe with some of Emily St. John Mandel's other books.

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

The book is centered around a deadly flu outbreak that leads to the collapse of society. The reader follows multiple different characters across a long time period that starts before the outbreak and goes all the way to 19 years into the pandemic.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

One of the main characters is Kiersten Raymonde who is only a child at the time of the collapse but survives through a travelling theatre group that goes around performing different Shakespeare plays to groups of people. There is also Clark Thompson who survives in a civilization made in a airport and then starts to collect reminders of humanity before the collapse and makes it into a museum. There is also Arthur Leander who dies the night of the collapse due to a heart attack but the reader is able to see his life leading up to his death and after as he haunts the narrative through his connection to the other characters.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

It is only similar to other forms of media in the sense that it is a collapse of civilization that leads to people creating their own little societies. There are many examples of things like this, like The Walking Dead.

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

Someone who likes a a dystopian storyline may enjoy this book so that may include fans of things like The Hunger Games or The Maze Runner.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I love this novel. I felt like I was connected to the different characters and was always questioning what was going to happen next. I would recommend this to others since it really gives you an interesting perspective on our current society.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

I love the cover. I think it gives a perspective of what the civilizations are like after the collapse and what they were able to make with the terrible situation they were in.

Do you have any last thoughts about this media that you would like to include in your review?