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# Extinction Edge (The Extinction Cycle Book 2)



## Synopsis

Book 2 in Nicholas Sansbury Smith's bestselling, award-winning & top-rated Extinction Cycle Series \_\_\_\_\_ A new threat that will bring humanity to the edge of extinction... The dust from Dr. Kate Lovato's bioweapon has settled. Projections put death counts in the billions. Her weapon was supposed to be the endgame, but it turned a small percentage of those infected with the Hemorrhage Virus into something even worse. Survivors call them Variants. Irreversible epigenetic changes have transformed them into predators unlike any the human race has ever seen. And they are evolving. With the doomsday clock ticking, the fractured military plans Operation Liberty--a desperate mission designed to take back the cities and destroy the Variant threat. Master Sergeant Reed Beckham agrees to lead a strike team into New York City, but first he must return to Fort Bragg to search for the only family he has left. At Plum Island, Kate discovers Central Command may have considerably underestimated the Variant population in New York. As Operation Liberty draws closer, Kate warns Beckham that Team Ghost won't just face their deadliest adversary yet, they may be heading into a trap...

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## Customer Reviews

EXTINCTION EDGE (THE EXTINCTION CYCLE BOOK 2) picks up right where its predecessor quit. In the middle of an all-out war against a rogue bioweapon-induced full on apocalypse. Author Smith still has more tricks up his sleeve. After Dr. Kate Lovato comes up with a molecular biological counter weapon for the mutated Ebola/Vx99 super soldier serum that has transformed most of humanity into maddened, ravaging, mindless beasts, you'd think all would be well. Uhhh...., sorry not this time. Although the "cure" does what it is supposed to, i.e., render the mutated Ebola virus once again deadly, killing off most of the infected, there is an unforeseen side effect. A very nasty one. About 10% of the infected are not killed by the new virus because were immune to Ebola in the first place (Ebola in actuality really has a kill rate of "only" 60-90%). Worse, the virus triggers rapid epigenetic changes in the survivors, changing them and imbuing them with enhanced sensory abilities, strength, speed, Spiderman-like wall crawling abilities and worst of all, an constantly evolving sort of intelligence. These "Variants" are far more difficult to kill than the original Ebola/Vx99 victims and they're smart. Maybe too smart. While the middle third of a trilogy often proves to be a letdown, a kind of filler between the opener and finale in a series, this time Smith doubles down on the tension and excitement. There are a couple of new characters introduced and one of Beckham's boys who was critically injured in the first novel along with another soldier who lost both legs in another battle are left to defend Kate et alia on Plum Island while Beckham and his company are back in NYC battling for their lives.

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