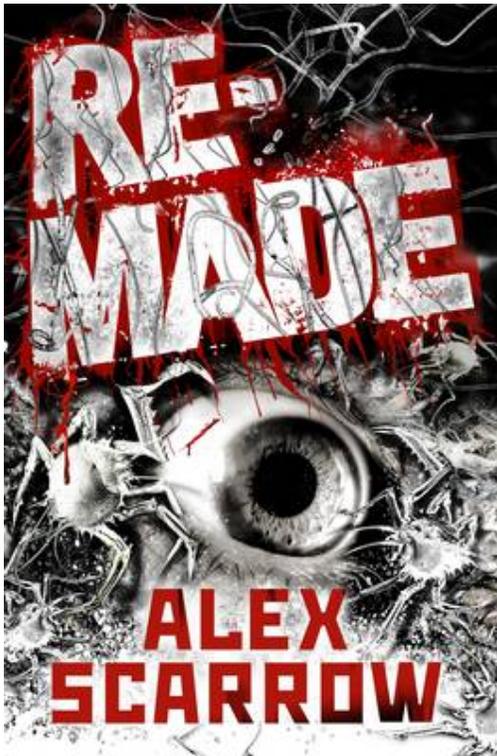


LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Re-Made** by Alex Scarrow



Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Khadijah Ahmed

This book, the first of a series, has filled the gap other apocalyptic treats, such as 'The Last of Us' and 'I Am Legend', left in my life. I was but a zombie myself, deprived of a good old end-of-the-world story to get stuck in to, mournfully rewatching/rereading the old meat and yearning for fresh blood.

The cries of my soul were answered with Remade. It's not a zombie apocalypse and it's not a plague and there's no evil government to contend with. We're talking about an intelligent virus that can actually think and strategize, quickly and methodically. Learning, growing and planning its own evolution throughout the

story in an eerie and fascinating way.

The ever-thrilling escape and survival parts continued to deliver the creeps and the suspense. There is a real sense of danger all the way, and I was often shrieking internally at everyone to be more careful.

The characters are many, diverse and have a lot of dimension, creating a very lifelike situation and allowing for interesting interactions.

The only thing that really bothers me, the thing that I really must complain about, is the cliché and completely unnecessary classic-collapsed-civilisation-sexual-assault scene. It didn't add anything to the story and was just rather disturbing.

Overall, I enjoyed this book and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the

series!

Mariam Ahmed, age 18

'Remade' is a book about an infectious virus that leaves people as horrible gunky pools of blood within a few hours. I've never been a huge fan of other apocalyptic-disease-ified-zombie-death stories but I felt inclined towards 'Remade'.

The book was really thrilling and suspenseful the whole way through. I think the author pulled off the initial outbreak brilliantly. From the place that it starts to how it spreads and then to how Leon (the main character) finds out was really convincing. There are quite a few scenes that just make you want to shout at the characters to 'get outta there!'

I really enjoyed how close to reality the book is, such as references to the BBC and the suspicions that we're all just on one of those Derren Brown trolling shows. There's a good pool of diverse characters some are really likable and some are really annoying.

*The way the virus itself acts and evolves is **so creepy and convincing that I awoke in the dark of the night with images of those scuttling crustaceans at the forefront of my mind.** The author gives glimpses of how the virus itself thinks and plans and survives which is really surreal.*

This book might give you the chills, it might put you off your food and it might make you crave PopTarts.

Sophia Ufton

What a fantastic story, the plot was amazing! I loved reading this book and hope the author does more.

Leon and his younger sister have just moved to London from New York. They haven't been here long when they start hearing word that a virus has been unleashed. Within a week it's in London and turning people to liquid right in front of them. One month after touching the Earth's atmosphere the virus has assimilated the world's biomass, what will happen next?...

Jess Anderson, age 13

A high paced, very topical book which was impossible to put down.

*This book is **absolutely fantastic** and I read it all in one go. It was so gripping. I had to read to the end to see what happened – I was also scared if I went to bed without finishing it, I would have a sleepless night. I really liked the way how this book is up-to-date and topical, for example it has things about the recent Ebola crisis and about terrorism including the so-called IS and the Taliban.*

I found that although this book is about an end of the world apocalypse, Alex Scarrow managed to make it seem very realistic and yet not out of this world. The main characters were very believable and, at one point in the book, made me cry.

Leon and his family have moved to England for America after his parents split up, and he struggles to fit in – unlike his sister. He hears about a ‘Super-Ebola’ virus in Africa, becomes fixated on it, and after just a week, the world is in a national emergency and crisis and the virus is thinking for itself. All anyone can try to do is survive and stay alive.

Overall, I loved this book and I would absolutely recommend it. I will definitely read some more of Alex Scarrow’s novels – with very high expectations for them!

Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 14

*This book is about a virus that when it comes into contact with you your body's cells break down. All that is left of you are the bones! I really enjoyed how real this book was and it didn't feel fake. I loved how the characters personalities were portrayed. The plot was great and I enjoyed the ending with the cliffhanger. **This book is full of plot twists which were a shock. I hope there will more books to follow the story.***

Reuben Cobb, age 13

***This book is very tense and always made me want to read more.** I love how the author had chosen a teenage boy to survive with this horrible virus going around.*

The book has a lot to offer as a story e.g. viruses, the fact the virus is from a different place to Earth and does different things to people on Earth that a normal virus could not do already.

I would recommend this book to people of all ages, they will enjoy what a

wonderful thriller this book is.

Thank you.

Izzy Read, age 15

Leon and Grace are simply struggling to fit into their new London schools when an unidentified virus -that was just rumours only days ago- sweeps the nation. People are being liquidised before their eyes and suddenly, nothing is safe, not even the birds that fly way above their heads...

*At its heart, it was a well thought out survival story of a brother and sister with clever add-in narration to better explain and expand the story. Harsh knuckled, and a more 'realistic' take on a (zombie) apocalypse, it has a repeated base story but I enjoyed the concept that Alex Scarrow had, it made the book worth reading. I liked the fast paced storyline and the variety of people they met along the way, all individuals: and most of them, realistically, dead. I did have problems with the plot line because half way through all the action that had been built up ebbed away, along with any clue of timeframes. But overall I did think that **'Remade' is suspenseful, heart wrenching and screaming for a sequel.***

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Phoebe Allen

*Not a story to read over dinner and definitely not one for the faint hearted! The scary thing about this story is that Scarrow writes in such a detailed way, that the whole thing seems highly plausible! Leo and Grace's world isn't really one I'd like to get caught up in. **A book that gets your heart racing, your brain working overtime and your heart hoping that our world never experiences the horror of Scarrow's imagination!***

A hide behind the sofa thumbs up!

Edel Waugh

Leon and his sister Grace move with their mum from America to England after their father cheated on their mother so she decides to take her kids back to her home country. When one day on the news Leon overhears a broadcaster talking about a virus that is spreading in Africa he has no idea what terror is about to attack the world in the form of an airborne virus causing death quicker than

any virus seen before .

This was an adrenaline pumping story about a young family running from a virus that they know very little about and those they meet along the way.

Terrifying and thought provoking and guaranteed to keep you up at night reading to the very last page!

Humaira Kauser, age 18

'Remade' reminded me a little bit of The Maze Runner and CW's Containment but had an extra edge and thrill.

*If I saw this book in a book shop I wouldn't have thought twice about it. But I'm glad I had the opportunity to read it and enjoy it. I've never read anything by Alex Scarrow and I don't intend to keep it that way either. This book was ***gripping, hard to put down and gave me a thrill that isn't easy to forget.****

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Phoebe Doherty-Ozobiane, age 14

By far one of my favourite apocalyptic novels with plot twists and unholy cliffhangers at every turn. *Remade has everything you could possibly want from an Armageddon: pandemic flesh-eating, shape-changing, thinking virus, battle of the fittest, emotional moments, unexpected developments and gory deaths. For young adults with a love for apocalypses-non-zombie style. **5 out of 5.***

From the first sentence I was hooked. With nauseating, stomach-churning descriptions, you have no choice but to picture the gruesome scenes as you read; and connect with the characters as they fight for their lives against a deadly pathogen that is quite possibly smarter than them. Throughout, I found myself holding my breath at the suspense along with Leon, Grace and their mother; bursting with rage at the atrocities of another character's' behaviour; and wobbling like a leaf at the poignant moments where characters I had gotten attached to suddenly broke down or, even worse, got caught by the virus. We may have only known them for a few pages, but Scarrow makes you care about them and how they fare in their new plague-ridden world.

I will admit that at first, I wasn't so keen on our main protagonist, Leon. He was the sort of whiny teenage boy who certainly was not cut out for playing the

hero or surviving the apocalypse, never mind looking after his mum and sister. For this, I can forgive him. The three had just moved from New York to London after his parents had a divorce, he was adjusting to life at a new school and couldn't seem to make friends with his new classmates. This newborn survivalist went through a brilliant character development and I found I had suddenly started liking him more and more.

There is absolutely no way I can wait until Alex writes the next book in this thrilling new series, the wait would be too much for me to take. I would recommend this book to everyone who enjoys a bit of blood and guts and gore every now and then. My 10-year-old sister is already starting to read it as I type this. She seems to be liking it as well.

Lauren Coffman, age 16

Leon and his younger sister, Grace, have recently moved from London to New York and are struggling to settle into their new school when rumours of an unidentified virus in Africa begins to fill the news. Within a week the virus hits London. The siblings witness people turning to liquid before their eyes, and they run for their lives. But the virus isn't their only enemy, and survival is just the first step...

I loved this book, and couldn't put it down. The characters were interesting, the story was thrilling and Scarrow's writing, as well as the science behind it made it feel extremely real. I empathised with Leon and Grace throughout and was completely hooked on their journey. I felt so many emotions while reading Remade: sadness, excitement, fear, happiness and many more. It was terrifyingly good!