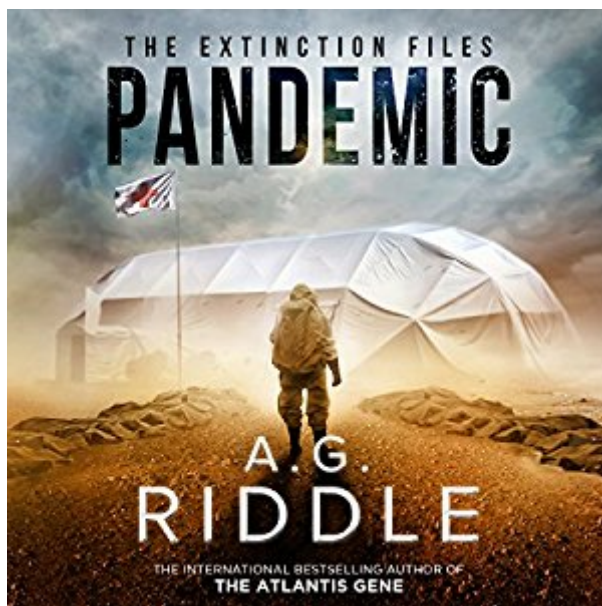


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# Pandemic: The Extinction Files, Book 1



## Synopsis

A deadly outbreak in Kenya. A conspiracy beyond imagination. And a race to save humanity in its darkest hour. From A. G. Riddle, the worldwide best-selling author of *The Atlantis Gene* and *Departure*, comes a novel that will change everything you think you know about pandemics. A hundred miles north of Alaska, an American Coast Guard vessel discovers a sunken submarine at the bottom of the Arctic Ocean. It has no national identification and doesn't match the records of any known vessel. Deep within, researchers find evidence of a scientific experiment that will alter our very understanding of the human race. In Atlanta, Dr. Peyton Shaw is awakened by the phone call she has dreaded for years. As the CDC's leading epidemiologist, she's among the first responders to outbreaks around the world. It's a lonely and dangerous job, but it's her life - and she's good at it. This time she may have met her match. In Kenya, an Ebola-like pathogen has infected two Americans. One lies at death's door. With the clock ticking, Peyton assembles her team and joins personnel from the Kenyan Ministry of Health and the WHO. What they find in the remote village is beyond their worst fears. As she traces the origin of the pathogen, Peyton begins to believe that there is more to this outbreak - that it may be merely the opening act in a conspiracy with far-reaching consequences. In Berlin, Desmond Hughes awakens in a hotel room with no memory of how he got there or who he is. On the floor he finds a dead security guard from an international pharmaceutical company. His only clue leads him to Peyton Shaw - a woman who seems to know him but refuses to tell him how. With the police searching the city for him, Desmond desperately tries to piece together what happened to him. To his shock and horror, he learns that he may be involved in causing the outbreak - and could hold the only key to stopping it. As the pathogen spreads around the world, Peyton and Desmond race to unravel the conspiracy behind the pandemic - and uncover secrets some want to keep buried.

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## Customer Reviews

Do you like excellent writing? Do you enjoy the feeling of being unable to put a book down? This is the book for you! A.G. Riddle is a phenomenal writer. His Atlantis series blew me out of the water. Now, he is back and better than ever. Imagine a virus spreading like Wildfire with no end in sight. What would you do? Where would you go? How would you fight? Riddle takes a fictional scenario, deeply roots it in science and real-world research, and molds the two to create a thriller unlike any other. What makes the story truly gripping is how real it feels; the research that has gone into this book shows what would happen during an outbreak. It's got a great story and has compelling characters; no clichés or boring, flat dimensional characters here. Prepare yourself for a wild ride from start to finish, and if you're anything like me, you'll be gasping for more as you turn the last page.

I really enjoyed *Pandemic*. As with all his books, the plot has been carefully researched. I love how the book thoughtfully combines a work of fiction with real-world threats, and shows how people and governments could potentially react. Riddle has you caring about the characters as well as the world.

If you haven't read any of his books, this is a good starting point. He takes well researched facts and blends them into a riveting read that you can't put down. This book is based around a mysterious disease outbreak in Kenya and then worldwide, developing into a very believable conspiracy. A great insight into the work of the CDC in the USA. Get it. Read it, u won't be disappointed.

I'm sorry, I'm struggling to give this two stars. The author did some fairly interesting character development in the middle that I thought was intriguing. But once he started to pull together the threads to begin resolving the plot it became clear that he has absolutely no idea what he is writing about. I know very little about pathology and disease, so I presumed in the opening parts of the story that he had done some thorough research and the concepts were at least plausible. But I know quite a lot about real military operations, civil defense planning, running a business, and flying

airplanes. Once he got into realms I am familiar with his writing began to resemble a really bad Marvel comic book, rather than a well researched and crafted novel. Sort of like movies today that have heroes firing pistols two handed in mid-cartwheel, potting a bad guy through the heart in slow motion with every shot. Or that cast the CIA as some diabolical government agency out to overthrow the world. It got so bad and so implausible (seriously? a secret island? a secret nuclear submarine? refueled with whose fuel rods?) that I quit with about 50 pages to go. Just couldn't do it. I really don't recommend it, though I'd be interested to hear whether the medicine was as bad as all the rest.

A pun on the author's name is just the start. Pandemic had me on the edge of my seat from start to finish. With so many characters in the mix at times it was hard to keep up with who they were and how they got together in the grand scheme of things but A.G. Riddle made it work. As I was reading the plot brought to mind other stories such as "Outbreak" both the book and movie, "12 Monkeys"; "The Omega Man"; "Contagion"; "Virus"; "Andromeda Strain" (book & movie); "Inferno" by Dale Brown; "Planet of The Apes" and elements of "The Walking Dead". From the CDC to sunken submarines and Africa this riveting saga has you wondering who the good guys and bad guys are and we the readers are pulled along page by page with conspiracy as an unknown pathogen spreads around the globe. Our leading player is missing his memory and it all boils to a thriller you can not put down even to sleep. And this is only Book 1. It will make a great movie someday.

Full disclosure: I am a beta reader for AG Riddle, but I do still buy his books because they are great books. With that being said: AG Riddle takes a very real issue and let's his imagination run wild. What happens when a pandemic starts? And what if it was done intentionally? Those two points are explored in this fast-paced, action packed thriller. And although it is the start of a trilogy, this book answers enough questions to leave you satisfied while waiting to find out what happens next. This is AG Riddle's best book so far. His extensive research is evident and makes the book read like a dramatization of real events. The characters' back stories have such depth that you really feel like you know them. I have been comparing him to Michael Crichton since his first book and this book only emphasizes that statement more. So if you like sciencey-thriller-conspiracy stories, you will love this book.

I learned about this new author through the Atlantis books. The books have a little for everyone, sci-fi, mystery, romance.. Pandemic was a thrilling read that kept me wondering what would happen next. I really appreciate this author's writing and I can't wait until the next book in this series. Only

suggestion for this story and his others I have read that while these are so not romance novels, and they shouldn't be, I feel like the romantic connections between characters can be turned up a slight notch. Can't wait to see what's next!

This novel had a good editor. There were no mistakes. It has an engaging story that always kept me wanting to read more, from beginning to end. Actually, it had several converging stories. I love novels like this, in which chaos strikes and society is disrupted and people have to adapt quickly. The ONLY complaint I have at all is that the main characters apparently had crossing histories. That got kind of far-fetched and fanciful. The rest of the story was completely believable.

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