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Blake's legacy of madness haunts every nook and cranny of this little walled community, but Lilly Caul and a small ragtag band of survivors are determined to overcome their traumatic past... despite the fact that a super-herd is closing in on them.

This vast stampede of zombies, driven by inexorable hunger and aimed directly at Woodbury, becomes their first true test. But Lilly and company refuse to succumb, and in a stunning counteroffensive, the beleaguered townspeople save themselves by joining forces with a mysterious religious sect fresh from the wilderness.

Led by an enigmatic preacher named Jeremiah, this rogue church group seems tailor made for Woodbury and Lilly's dream of a democratic, family-friendly future. The two factions meld into one, the town prospers, and everything seems hopeful for the first time since the plague broke out.

But things – especially in the world of the walking dead – are often not what they seem. Jeremiah and his followers harbor a dark secret, the evidence of which very gradually begins to unravel.

Along with a popular TV show also based on Kirkman's AMC comic books, *The Walking Dead* franchise is just getting better and better with Bonansinga's newest novel. In a stunning and horrifying finale, the world for Lilly and her close friends is turned upside down, and it is solely up to Lilly Caul to cleanse the town once and for all of its poisonous fate.

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### Editorial Review

#### Review

“The Walking Dead series...has taken the zombie apocalypse story everyone has long since gotten over and done it transcendently well for an unusually long time. Readers might suspect that in this fourth Walking Dead novel, *Descent*, the charm might be wearing off [but] *Descent* maintains the series' strength due to the author's truly powerful ability to describe the series' world and to establish tone, pacing, kinesthetics, and every other nut and bolt that holds a good novel together.” ?*Booklist on Descent*

“The books are a really fun read...It's an interesting look at the universe that you already know and you might learn some things about your favorite characters you never knew.” ?*FANBOLT on The Fall of the Governor: Part One and Part Two*

“An entertaining read.” ?*ComicBookMovie.com*

“The novel fleshes out . . . backstories and connects them, giving depth to people who remained largely mysteries in the comic books. For comic book readers, the novel is full of easter eggs and surprise connections, making it not only entertaining, but necessarily for filling in the gaps left by the comic books . . . ‘The Road to Woodbury’ is an essential read for any fan of ‘The Walking Dead’.” ?*Examiner.com*

“Zombie-apocalypse stories are perfect for miserable winter weather regardless, but for those obsessed with *The Walking Dead* (such as yours truly), this is essential reading. This is the epitome of a page-turner, and makes subway rides just breeze by. And, that end –woof.” ?*REFINERY29*

“An excellent companion to the *The Walking Dead* comic books. The story is enriched by the novel format, and the characterization of the series' most hated villain is something no fan will want to miss.” ?*Examiner.com*

“This book stands alone and is a compelling read for fans of the series or just fans of zombies. Watch out though, because once you get a taste of the particular Kirkman brand of zombie mayhem, catching up on past issues is just around the corner.” ?*The Ossuary*

“The story makes a great novel. You'll get sucked in and can easily visualize everything that is happening. It's simply a great read.” ?*Comicvine.com*

“It takes great advantage of the literary medium in a way that most tie-in books would not.” ?*TVOverMind.com*

“Not for the faint of heart, this book runs on pressure-cooker suspense, graphically described bloodshed, and dark acts of brutality...This riveting character study adds a new dimension to the oeuvre by fleshing out established characters and plot lines.” ?*School Library Journal*

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Lilly Caul struggles to rebuild Woodbury after the Governor's shocking demise in a stunning and horrifying last act in

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### About the Author

JAY BONANSINGA is the *New York Times* bestselling author of twenty books, including the Bram Stoker finalist *The Black Mariah* (1994), the International Thriller Writers Award finalist *Shattered* (2007), and the wildly popular *Walking Dead* novels. Jay's work has been translated into eleven languages, and he has been called "one of the most imaginative writers of thrillers" by *Chicago Tribune*. He lives in the Chicago area with his wife, the photographer Jill Norton, and his two teenage boys, and is currently hard at work on the next *Walking Dead* book.

ROBERT KIRKMAN is the creator of many popular comic books, including *Walking Dead*, *Invincible*, and *Super Dinosaur*. In addition to being a partner at Image Comics, Kirkman is an executive producer and writer on The *Walking Dead* television show. In 2010, Kirkman opened Skybound, his own imprint at Image, which publishes his titles as well as other original work.

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