

CILIPS COVID-19 Book Reviews – Wanderers

Reviewer name: Lisa Ryan

Book title: Wanderers

Author name: Chuck Wendig

Genre: Thriller - Survival

Overall Rating: Excellent

Brief summary: The world is hit by a virus that makes people walk as if in a catatonic state and nothing can stop them from walking. The story follows the walkers and the shepherds (family members/scientists/groupies) who look after and protect them. Throw in some religious ideology, some white supremacists and a computer programme that thinks for itself and you have a little idea of what this book is about. At just under 800 pages, this book is not for everyone.

What you liked: I liked everything about this book. The characters were all well thought out and rounded and came across many pitfalls that test their humanity as the book unfurls. This book totally characterises the time we live in, viruses, cures and government ideology. A clever book of 780 odd pages but it never became a chore to read. Lots of action, storytelling and food for thought on every page.

Anything you didn't like: People may be put off by the length, but it was one of the best books I have read in a long time. I don't really have anything bad to say about it.

Who should read this book?: Everyone, conspiracy theorists. Gripping from page one - even my 13 year old son wanted updates as I went through the book.

Any additional comments?: The subject matter is really poignant in these days of COVID-19 and the book is enlightening. It never becomes hard to read, the characters and the story live with you after reading.