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From the author of the best-selling Duck & Cover Adventures comes an action-packed, laugh-out-loud look at the inevitable robot apocalypse that readers are calling another fun, funny and adventure-packed story by Benjamin Wallace. They stand between us and total destruction. Jake Ashley and his team are used to taking on murderous machines with expired warranties. Stopping a robotic rampage is all in a day’s work when you’re a junker. But now there’s a bigger threat growing. It’s something the robotics manufacturers swore could never happen. Something the Society for the Preservation of Humans said was inevitable. Something that has put every citizen in harm’s way and could change the way we live forever. Jake and his team—Kat, Mason, Savant and Glitch—are the only ones standing between the good people of the city and a potential robot apocalypse. And that’s a stupid place to stand.

Another great book by Benjamin Wallace. I did not learn everything I need to know about life, love, or how to save the world, but for a few hours, that didn’t matter. I was totally engaged in the book...
and drawn into a not too distant future where robots are common place. I prefer pure escapism. That doesn’t mean I didn’t have to think when I was reading. The book was written so well you are temporarily drawn into this new world. For me, this provides the relief I need to get back to my own world. I may even be able to stand watching the news.

I received Junkers as a promotional offer in exchange for an honest review. Having only read Benjamin’s Apocalypse series (and as of the time that this review is being written, only the first and third books in that series), Junkers was definitely a change for me. I found myself sucked into the book from the first page. Junkers is the ultimate what if story.... and by that, I mean what happens when everything that you have grown accustomed to working for you (your toaster, coffeepot, chair, butler) turned against you. The way that Benjamin weaved the story made it great to read, because it kept you guessing as to who was to blame for the robot revolt, or if it truly was the singularity taking place. I would recommend this book for anyone with a few hours to kill and looking for something that is not your normal suspense novel, or for someone that is looking for an action adventure book, because both of those are given in great detail in Junkers.

Another very funny story from Benjamin Wallace! His take on the robot-pocalypse is spot on--and I loved the descriptions of the robots and how they are programmed to have human frustrations with the job they are meant to do. The characters were just as funny and real as his other books and I hope we see another chapter in this series.

Benjamin Wallace has not disappointed me yet. Every book I have read by him has been great. Hell, I even got better at using grammar properly from reading this book. It is funny and witty. It also has a much more believable premise than Maximum Overdrive. Do yourself a favor, and check this book out.

Wallace is at his cinematic best with this thrill ride of a story about faulty robot domination and the rag-tag team of mercenary-style saviors whose ability to wrangle the misfiring bots is put to some serious testing. He concocts a winsome, wisecracking hero in Jake Ashley and stations a sharp-witted backing team behind him to tackle the rising threat of bots gone crazy, and he rolls out some of the funniest dialogue he’s ever come up with. There’s a bot-load of action, of course, which keeps the story rolling at an exciting clip the whole way through. And it all rides the rails of a twisted conspiracy that throws genuine confusion to the reader about how things in this
imagined robo-centric near-future have gone so askew. So it’s a robot-fighting conspiracy tale that crackles with humor and action and a spot of romance thrown in for good measure. In other words, it’s the summer blockbuster we’ve been waiting for; the one Hollywood couldn’t seem to deliver this year. Maybe they should take a hint from Junkers and get their fritz together.

Did you really need that dishwasher? What about that machine that is folding your laundry? How about the one vacuuming your floors so you can watch one more episode, or read one more chapter? Yeah... Ok I’m right there with you. Junkers takes us way into the future where machines are attacking humans. Think you’ve heard this story before? Think again! You haven’t heard it coming from the mind of Benjamin Wallace, which is sure to give you explosions, suspense, and tons of laughs! This is a great beach read for anyone looking for a good story. Plus, it may just give us some insight on what to expect in the near future when technology gets too advanced.

In Junkers, Wallace does what he does best; he delivers a smart, funny thriller that packs as many jokes as it does punches. The future in which the book takes place is brilliantly imagined--it’s advanced in an approachable and believable way, which makes the story wonderfully relatable, a rare thing in the futuristic sci-fi genre. The writing is sharp and witty, and Wallace manages to skewer pretty much every blockbuster trope out there in a way that is immensely satisfying. Junkers ranks up there with Wallace’s best work, and I desperately hope there are more robot adventures where this came from.

This was a lot of fun. Plenty of tongue in cheek action. Our blue collar down on his luck hero has to work pretty hard to just stay alive. Some conspiracy and a little love interest thrown in for good measure makes for a good story. Well done and recommended.

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