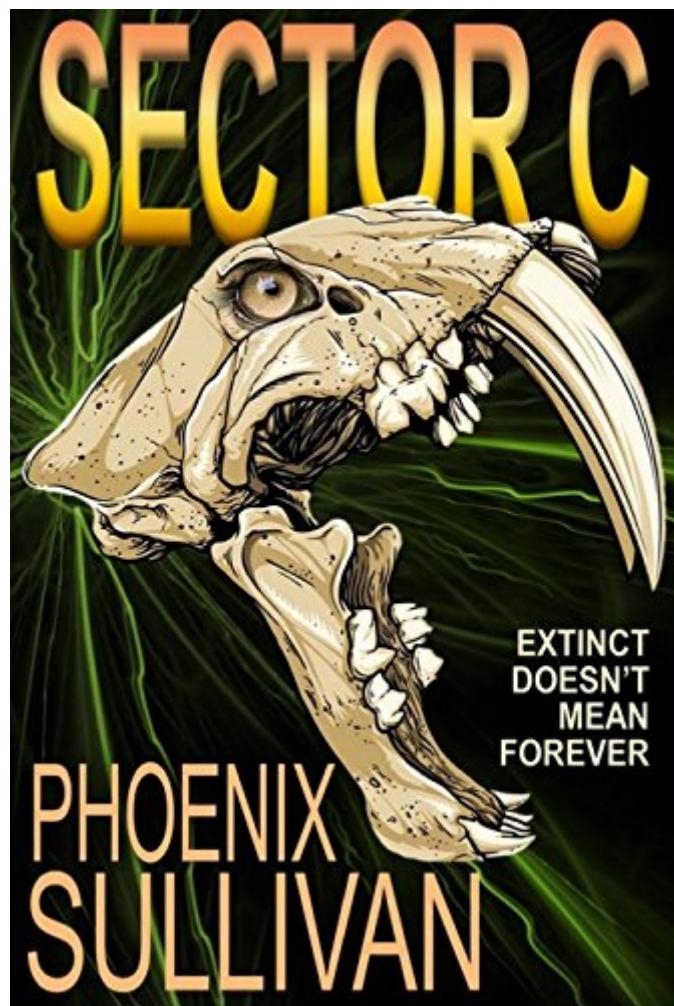


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## SECTOR C



## Synopsis

An ecothriller for Michael Crichton fans — ripped from today's research and tomorrow's headlines! A rise in stroke-like cases has CDC analyst Mike Shafer on alert. Veterinarian Donna Bailey, meanwhile, is dealing with an outbreak of her own. It looks like mad cow disease. But to be affecting so many species? Impossible. Whatever it is, it's spreading. Fast. As state and federal agencies race to contain the growing threat, Mike and Donna's searches for Patient Zero intersect at a big-game compound in a remote corner of North Dakota. There they find their answer buried in a secret thought extinct for 10,000 years. A secret entrepreneur Walt Thurman will kill to protect. But even if Mike and Donna can escape the compound with the secret of Sector C, it may already be too late. Because after today, extinct no longer means forever.

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## Customer Reviews

I love technothrillers like this. Science and disease set in the very near-future. Throw in some

corporate greed. I can imagine this as a real news event. It's very plausible, not at all far-fetched. The book begins with a series of seemingly unconnected stories, but then you quickly notice the clues adding up. The first 2/3 of the book deals with these clues and discoveries, which lead up to the 'a-ha' moment when we finally learn exactly what the deal is about Sector C. As at least one other reviewer mentioned, the very ending is a bit anti-climactic and unresolved, but it doesn't take much away from enjoying the book. I do wish it continued further, so we could learn more about the aftermath of this disease. Well written and well researched -- Sullivan has clearly done her homework. It is also well-edited, something you don't often see in a free download! Just 'sciency' enough for my tastes, without being overly technical. Engaging. A 'thinker' and a fun read. I hope Sullivan writes another like this. I'd definitely pay for the next one.

Donna Bailey is a young veterinarian who loves her work. She lives in North Dakota and likes working with the local people and ranch owners taking care of their pets and livestock. Lately she has been troubled by something that is affecting cows, goats, horses and sheep and making them all very ill. All of her tests for common known diseases had turned up negative and her test results from the university haven't come back yet. Mike Shafer is a statistical analyst for the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta. It is his job to find trends in medical issues that could be the information trail needed to identify an outbreak of some medical problem. He notices an uptick in the data indication a high number of patients all experiencing similar symptoms of illness. They have tremors, shakes, full blown seizures and even a couple of deaths. Mike convinces his bosses that there is a potential problem with statistical evidence. Due to the lack of available staff Mike is asked by his boss to go to McKenzie County, ND to see if he can find the cause of the outbreak. What follows will change Mike's life forever and involves the entire world.... This is a story in the near future about genetic engineering gone wrong and greed driving poor decisions by a startup company about to make billions of dollars from their research. This is a good book and I enjoyed reading it. There were a few places where the storyline slowed down too much as it goes into so much detail about the care of the ranch animals but the story is still entertaining. There are also some editing errors, spelling errors and grammatical errors but not enough to detract from the story which remained interesting and kept me reading on. I became engaged with the characters in the book and overall the premise of the story is interesting. It is a sort of Jurassic Park style of plot with the potential end of the world thrown in for good measure. It shows you how fragile modern society and business is when simple things go catastrophically wrong. The food chain is one that affects us all and it can have serious consequences on our way of life but if a pandemic is involved that

humans can catch then it is doubly dangerous! It is an entertaining read and I think you might like it also.

I enjoyed this book. The characters are interesting and the plot plausible. Mike and Donna are good together and very believable. You can't help but feel for both the animals and the owners once the disease starts to decimate them. There is horror at what the bad guys are willing to do for the almighty dollar. I found that there was so many of them, both men, who I would expect, but also a lot of women who I didn't expect who were willing to throw so many under the bus for that payday. I definitely recommend this book. Enjoy! ☺

This book was so realistic, so correct in the science, and therefore so totally frightening that I was giving my dinner second looks. The scary thing about this scenario is that it could happen - and the author does not sugar coat the realities of the results of such a thing happening. A country vet finds herself at ground zero of a new epidemic, and most frightening, it seems to be able to leap the species barrier as if it didn't exist - which, for this disease, it does not. There is no treatment, and it kills very quickly after the onset of symptoms. Because the symptoms in humans mimic other, more common, illnesses it takes an alert statistical analyst at the CDC to see a spike and investigate. When he meets the vet at a ranch he suspects of selling contaminated animal products she clues him in to the realities of making a living with livestock, and what his suspicions will mean to the livelihood of ranchers. The ranchers are as much innocent victims as the people who become ill - and the ranchers, and even the vet tech, are soon ill as well. It's a well balanced look at something we might have to face someday.

This mystery/thriller, not science fiction, develops an interesting story line, with subject matter that raises not only real ethical and moral questions, but presents the reader with the dilemma of putting profit before principle. When scientists/researchers attempt to resurrect creatures from eons past, it seems to me that they must first consider that these creatures became extinct for good reason(s), and by returning them to the modern world through manipulation of DNA, they may indeed unleash the beginning of the end for all of humanity. Good selection for a book discussion group.

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