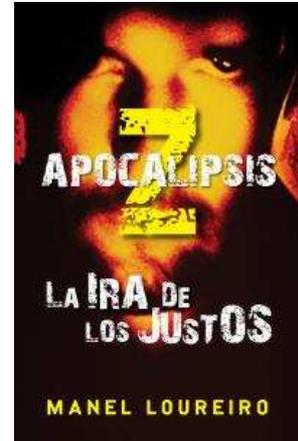


Manel Loureiro: " Apocalipsis Z: La ira de los justos" (Apocalypse Z. The Wrath of the Righteous)

Spanish Manel Loureiro lives in Pontevedra, where he works as lawyer additionally to his profession as writer and journalist. The first novel of the horror trilogy "Apocalypse Z" initially emerges from an Internet blog that has been launched in 2005. After one million page views the book was finally released in 2007 by Spanish publisher Dolmen. The further two volumes have been published by Random House imprint Plaza & Janés.



The plot of the first title "The Beginning of the End" revolves around a global pandemic that soon becomes a threat to the human race by turning human beings into living dead. The further volumes show the survivors absconding from the zombie-invasion. Their escape leads them to the Canary Islands, where the protagonists hope to find a safe hideaway. Because of a lack of medicine, they are forced to return to zombie - occupied Madrid.

The third and last part "The Wrath of the Righteous" makes clear that a civilized world does not exist anymore. Small isolated groups of people that may be even worse than zombies are the only remnants of the previous world. When the protagonists encounter such a group, they do not know that the sole country, which has been spared from the epidemic, gears up to regain control of the world.

Loureiro's apocalyptic horror series comes up with the required fear factor as the fans of zombie themed literature are used to. Just as part two, the third volume enters bestseller charts in the homeland of the 36-year-old jurist. So far, an Italian translation has been released. Vaca Films, a Spanish based movie production company, plans an adaption for screen based upon the plot of the series.