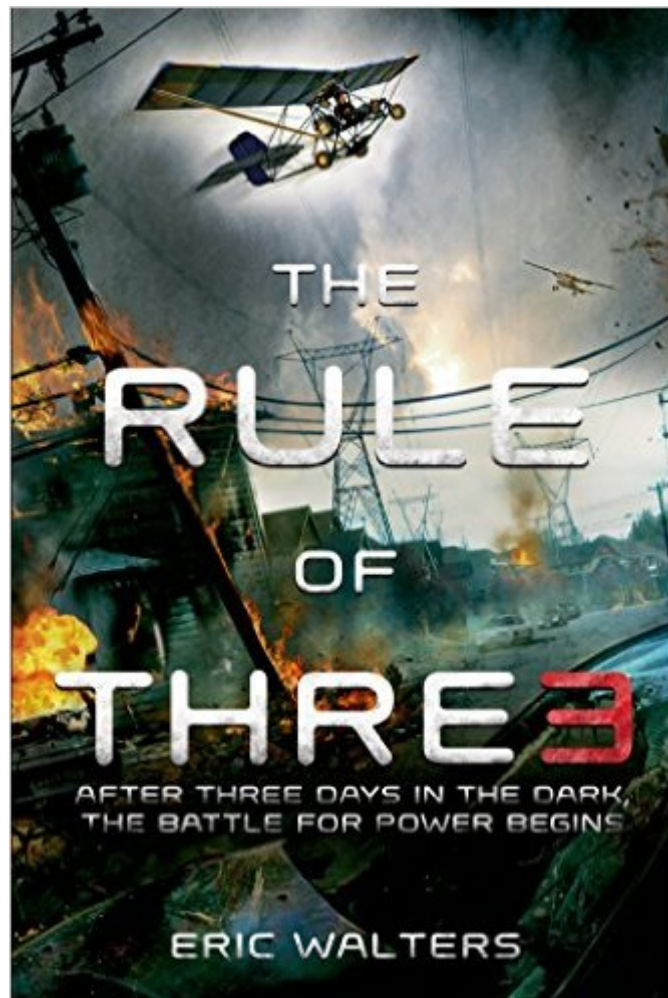


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# The Rule Of Three



## Synopsis

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. At sixteen-year-old Adam Daley's high school, the problem first seems to be a typical electrical outage, until students discover that cell phones are down, municipal utilities are failing, and a few computer-free cars like Adam's are the only vehicles that function. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed. Soon—as resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends—he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection. And Adam will understand that having a police captain for a mother and a retired government spy living next door are not just the facts of his life but the keys to his survival, in *The Rule of Three* by Eric Walters.

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## Customer Reviews

When the power goes out for a few days, we get a real taste for how dependent we are on our technology, but if all technology crashed... and there was no end in sight? Then we would really witness just how thin our veneer of civilization truly is. In Eric Walters' *The Rule of Three*, suburban America gets a makeover it never asked for. When Adam's school releases the students after a power failure, he hops into his old jalopy to pick up his kid brother and sister. It starts right up (which

is a miracle), but as he scans around the parking lot, he sees a lot of cars that won't start. In fact, all the new, computerized cars are completely dead. When he gets home, he is surprised to find the entire neighborhood without any power- even cellphones, laptops, cars, etc. that should run in a blackout are down. When his neighbor, Herb, comes to his house, he is skeptical of Herb's need for an emergency trip to the pool store... especially since Herb doesn't even have a pool! Quickly, however, Herb's decision to stockpile chlorine tablets becomes the start of a whole new way of living: pure survival. As the local police captain, Adam's mother has a lot more responsibility on her shoulders than the rest of the neighborhood, but her trust in Herb, even if she doesn't fully know the extent of his involvement in the government before his retirement, gives her the opportunity to take care of her precinct knowing her kids are safe at home. Herb knows things are going to get ugly, though. And fast. When he starts sharing more and more of his useful knowledge about how to protect themselves and prepare for longterm survival, not everyone is comfortable with his decisions. What they can't deny, however, is just how different their world has become.

\\ Review originally posted on The Book Addict's Guide //THE RULE OF THREE was an interesting read for me! It has a lot of elements that I've really been enjoying lately: male POV, a pre-apocalyptic atmosphere (things just starting to unravel), some action, and a little bit of mystery. I was hoping it would be comparable to MONUMENT 14 which is a similar set of books that I really enjoyed, and in some ways it did, but in others, the story fell short for me. THE RULE OF THREE starts off with sixteen-year-old Adam at school when all of a sudden the electricity shuts off. And not just the electricity - laptop batteries, cars, basically anything that functions on electricity or is operated a computer no longer works at all. It was actually really eye-opening to see exactly how many things we use day-to-day that work using computer technology and all of the technology we wouldn't be able to use if this situation ever really occurred. I was kind of fascinated by the fact and how many things you wouldn't even consider would be affected and how crippling something like that would be! It was really quite jarring. I really appreciated the characters of this book. I loved the male voice of Adam and really these days, I'm just finding male POVs so refreshing in YA since the age group seems to be heavily saturated by female writers and protagonists. There's nothing wrong with that, of course, but I like to switch it up so I was happy to see another YA book with a male main character! I really liked how Adam interacted with his family, his friends, and of course, he's got a crush! The most interesting relationship of the book though was Adam's interactions with his elderly neighbor Herb. Herb knows a thing or two.

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