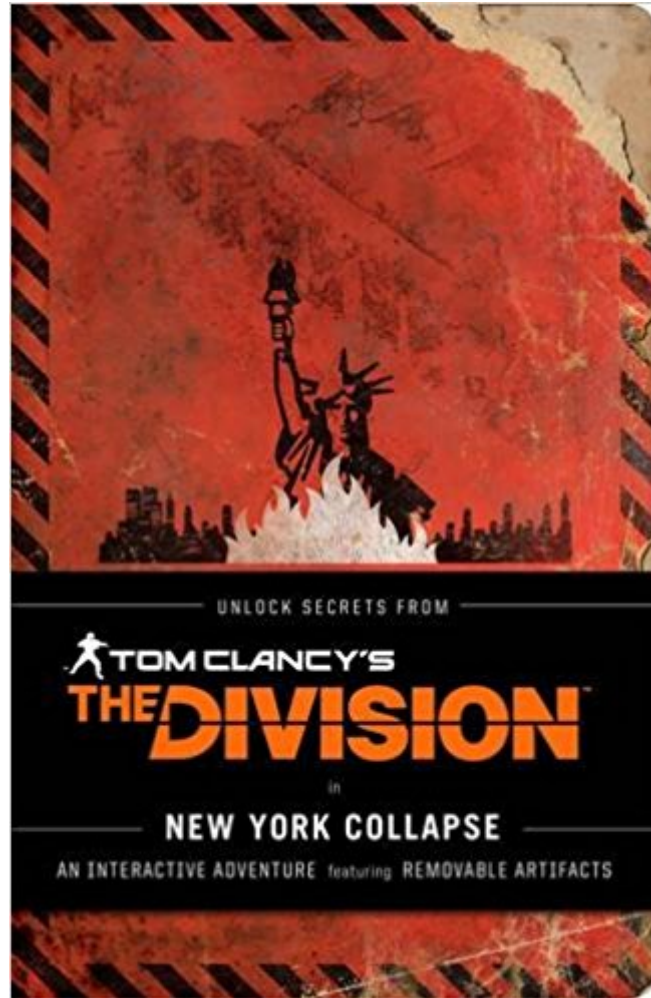


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Tom Clancy's The Division: New York Collapse



Synopsis

New York Collapse is an in-world fictionalized companion to one of the biggest video game releases of 2016: Tom Clancy's The Division from Ubisoft. Within this discarded survivalist field guide, written before the collapse, lies a mystery—a handwritten account of a woman struggling to discover why New York City fell. The keys to unlocking the survivor's full story are hidden within seven removable artifacts, ranging from a full-city map to a used transit card. Retrace her steps through a destroyed urban landscape and decipher her clues to reveal the key secrets at the heart of this highly anticipated game.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a great companion to the game, but even on its own has some value (especially so if you are a NYC resident). Structured as an in-game publication set in the world of Tom Clancy's The Division video game, it not only serves as a useful survival guide in the world of the game, but in our world as well. The survival and preparedness tips here are drawn from plausible scenarios in our world, which makes the reading far more compelling if you let it draw you in and contemplate the possibilities. The book comes with a lot of physical inserts such as a map of NYC with notes, a bus pass, and more. Each of these serves as a clue, part of a puzzle, or enhancement to the story of the game. And this is where the book really shines. It presents the story of April Kelleher, a married woman gifted the survival guide, who then proceeds to live out one of the nightmare scenarios

presented in the guide. In the form of April's writings in the margins of the guide, we follow her tale of what happened to result in the NYC portrayed in The Division video game. I believe this story is good enough to stand on its own in many ways, so I don't think you'd be disappointed if you read this, yet never played the game. April writes over time in this book, using it as a sort of journal of her experiences. Her handwriting is presented in different inks and pencils, and the book is artificially weathered in appearance, but actually Smythe sewn for a durable binding. Note these are all printing effects and the end result is a "survival guide"/in-game fiction journal that looks great and yet should survive repeated reading and thumbing through. This is even as its in-world fiction dictates it should have, the journal having survived so long.

I haven't finished the book yet. But I'm really enjoying it. I didn't know anything about it when it arrived. I thought it was just another cheesy game novelization like the Doom or Mass Effect books but no... this is something else entirely. Non-spoiler premise: April was given a basic survival guide by her husband as a "joke". The printed pages of New York Collapse is the survival guide. As real world events begin to unfold it turns out April's pandemic survival guide is uncannily accurate. April begins to use the margins as her diary during her struggles to survive and make sense of her situation. The more she flips back and forth through the book reading and leaving notes the more she notices that this "theoretical" survival guide is more closely linked to the events around her than can be rationally explained. Each page is super detailed with notes and pictures from different days and weeks as she flipped back and forth through the survival guide over and over again. I decided early on to try and follow April's story chronologically. Or as close as I could, anyways. I wanted to discover the story as she did, one journal entry at a time. April's story is not written in sequence but it can be pieced together close enough by following which pen she was using during which time period. First I read the book as a survival guide, doing my best to ignore all of the scribbles and notes. That way I understand the book as it would appear when April first received it. Next I read through the book reading only April's first impressions - the black ink. This is April using the book as a literal survival guide as she wonders at the strange coincidence of the accuracy of her book to the world around her.

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