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Soren Chase's life was shattered eight years ago after an encounter with a supernatural being left three friends dead and him branded as a murderer. Since then, he's become a paranormal investigator, facing off against a host of deadly creatures. But his investigation into the haunted Reapoke woods may be his most dangerous case yet.

Something evil is lurking in the forest. Some say it's the ghost of a preacher who vanished two centuries ago; others claim the woods are the site of sinister experiments by a shadowy organization. Hired to find a missing girl, Soren is determined to learn the truth. But what he discovers is far darker than he imagines—and it may force him to confront his own tragic past.

From the author of the bestselling Sanheim Chronicles, *The Forest of Forever* is the start of a new series that mixes urban fantasy, mystery, and suspense into a novel that you can't put down. Because nothing is what it seems in The Forest of Forever, and once you enter, you may never leave . . .

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Fiona Quinn says

I have set myself in front of my computer a few times now to write a review of Rob Blackwell's newest offering, THE FOREST of FOREVER, and I'm at a complete loss for how to describe it. So far I have rejected a quantum chess game, and Harry Potter for adults where we get to see an auror at work, amongst others. I simply don't have the words to do this work justice, and I'm left with a few expletives about my mind being blown.

Blackwell has an engaging writing style that winds you into the story just like a trail into the woods. At first, I jauntily walked along with the quick stride of his writing. But as I moved further in – as the story darkened – I found myself slowing down my pace, treading with tentative steps forward. It was important that I take in all of the details of Blackwell's carefully crafted plotting. Just like the dappled, eeriness as one moves farther from the car, cell towers, and help into the natural world, Blackwell's words made me hover and question before I placed the next foot down and turned the page. By the end of the book, Blackwell had my mind racing full forward along the trail to the edge of the woods where I thought I saw light and safety when Boom! That's when my mind was blown.

As a fan of supernatural stories, history; Virginia (where I've set down roots) especially Rt 5, Williamsburg area which is full of legends and mysteries; and the first nations people who live here, I felt personally connected to this story and the importance of the outcome from the first page to the last. An engrossing, intelligent, must-tell-all-my friends-about-this-one novel, I'm looking forward to reading the rest of Blackwell's works.

Hollie says

paranormal beings galore

This book belongs in a class of its own. it's a one of a kind read. beyond amazing. the writing style entrapped me from the first page until the last. Well done. such a pleasant surprise.

Doreen Keele says

Wow!

This novel draws you in and doesn't let go! I couldn't put it down! Soren comes up against true evil on all sides and battles for the good very valiantly. He also learns some terrible truths about himself in this novel. He battles monsters and even some areas where he comes up against time itself. This is a very suspenseful novel and I would recommend it to anyone. I received a free copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

Gayle Noble says

Excellently written paranormal mystery with Soren Chase investigating mysterious sightings and disappearances in a forest that is reputedly haunted. This is a real page turner with a heck of a twist at the end. Minus half a point for the romance aspect which I didn't think was needed. Rating: 4.5 stars

Mary says

All I can say is that Rob Blackwell has outdone himself with this story. I thought I knew what was going on and then he threw me a curve ball which I loved. This book will scare you, surprise you and make you laugh out loud. I especially loved the verbal badinage between Kael & Soren throughout the book. Now all I can say is "Rob hurry up and get the next book published, I for one can hardly wait.".

Nervous Nellie Justice says

for full review see: <http://wp.me/p5Q4Dh-EC>

First off - Wow. I was so sure this was going to be a straight forward investigative detective novel that I never even imagined this amount of twists and turns. I didn't imagine being blindsided by the revealing details of Soren's life, however, I was suspicious of a couple of characters that were introduced to the series.

Soren Chase is a good guy. He's out to rid the world of nasty monsters because of a nasty monster destroying his life. What is revealed toward the end is exactly how ruined his life really is. Soren is depressed and guilt ridden for things that really happened out of his control. I know we've all felt that way at some point in time.

I can't say with absolute authority that I understand the whole time/pocket dimension that is in the forest of the story, but the author's writing was descriptive and very well thought out. After the end battle, I actually stopped and had to think about how all of it fit together. It was awesome!

Barbara Moffett says

Wow!

This book was a fantastic story. Mr. Blackwell just keeps on getting better and better. I can't wait for the next one. Love the characters, and this story had so many twist and turns, and the ending, wow. If you loved his other books you'll love this one and if you've not read his other books, give this a try.

April says

Wow, this book was a surprise. I love a good ghost story, but they're not easy to find. Here we have Soren Chase who has taken over a paranormal investigation service, but NOTHING is as it seems. Soren has a dark past of murdered friends, in which he was the suspected murderer. Only he knows that the paranormal was involved (this world is like ours where most are unaware of and don't really believe in the paranormal), and it has driven him to be a ghost-hunter, literally seeking out and fighting the dangerous supernatural entities that he studies and desires to rid from the world.

When students vanish and are found murdered in the mysterious and remote Reapoke forest, he's called to investigate. And this is some dark, dark stuff! Like way worse than Blair Witch creepy! Not just demons that need exorcising or angry ghosts... This is a huge, horrific, complex, supernatural deep dark hole involving crazy cults, SO many murders and missing people, going back centuries into the Civil War and to early colonists and Native peoples. It seems impossible that anyone can do anything about this, and truly, no one comes out unscathed.

I haven't seen this much Horror mixed with a supernatural tale in ages. Really... dark, creepy stuff! But... fascinating! There is just so much going on! I was glued to the page all the way through and I wanted MORE!!! Luckily, the sequel was out, but now I want EVEN MORE!!! I read all the extra freebie shorts and loved them, but I STILL WANT MORE!!!!

Mike says

I've read Blackwell's other books that were in the Horseman series and this book didn't disappoint. In the start of it, it took a little getting used to the story because it seemed to go through a couple of different eras so quickly but then things moved fluidly when I realized how the story was being written and at first, I rolled my eyes at doeppelgaengers being mentioned but because I loved the authors other books I kept going. I'm glad I did. The story was full of a lot of intrigue and mystery and just when you thought you knew what'd happen next, bam! another twist to the story that kept it going forward. The ending was every bit as mysterious as the beginning and I can't wait to read the next book in this series.

Animepet says

First of all, there are two novellas that are prequels to Forest of Forever. This page hasn't been updated since they were released, to reflect that Closed at Dark and Carnival of Stone (in that order) are in the Soren Chase series. They are both excellent novellas that have cool, offbeat plots and provide a richer backdrop to Soren's life (past & present) and the people in it.

Forest of Forever is a fabulous read. It's twisty and twisted and mindbending; but not in that "Holy crap, give me back that slice of my life, because that ending was self-indulgent shite." kinda way. This story is beautifully constructed. Hints are doled out sparingly, creating a niggling suspicion about intent and motivations from the beginning. It could have been a stand alone book, but we're lucky enough to be getting a sequel soon.

I can't recommend it enough. Give it a few pages and you'll be hooked.

Melissa says

I wasn't exposed to much horror as a kid so the few times something leaked through my parent's protective sheltering bubble, it made a serious impact. For example, I'm 31 years old and I still won't go into the ocean past my ankles because of Jaws.

Then there's "Are You Afraid of the Dark," a show my sisters and I occasionally managed to see at my grandparent's house. (Grandma and Grandpa had both cable and a basement where we could be much less supervised.) One of the episodes I saw was called "The Tale of Watcher's Woods," and people, in the words of Moe Willems, it scared the tuna salad out of me. A haunted forest, evil witches, kids who were lost and alone...you get the idea. That one episode left a deep psychic scar that contributed to my nightmares for, oh, twenty years or so.

Anyway, I mention all that because you should know I didn't exactly go into "The Forest of Forever" objectively, but with a serious interest/fear in the classic haunted forest tale. (You should also know that Rob is a friend, but if I hated my friend's book I just wouldn't review it here.) And man, on the haunted forest front, FoF delivers. And then twists around awhile. One of the things I like about Rob's books is their unpredictability: just when I think I've got all the tropes figured out, he takes a sharp left that I didn't see coming. It's not a perfect book --the middle slows down a little from the breakneck pace of the first and last thirds, and it takes a while to develop the characters past the stereotypes they appear to inhabit at first glance. But there's such a nice blend of urban fantasy and (for me, the emotionally scarred AYAOTD viewer) very real scares, I can't wait to get the next book in what's sure to be a promising series.

By the way, if anyone wants to actually see "The Tale of Watcher's Woods," you can apparently now see it for free here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L0k6...>

Let me know if it's as terrifying as I remember, because you couldn't pay me to watch it again.

Robert Defrank says

One of the best-plotted books I've read in a long time.

In the somewhat-crowded market of supernatural detective noir, Blackwell's work stands out for its deft plotting, full of twists and turns and subtle clues that played out in ways I never expected. Soren Chase, freelance paranormal detective, has been tangled up with the beasties that go bump in the night ever since a tragic night of violence that cost the lives of three of his friends and left him alive, but with gaps in his memory and a shadow of suspicion over his name. Chase is hired by a mysterious organization to investigate disappearances and murders in a legendary, haunted forest. Many have vanished beneath its leaves over the centuries, and ghosts have been witnessed wandering among the trees, but more dangerous forces have their eye on these woods. More is going on that Soren can imagine, and a deadly killer is close at hand.

A highly recommended book, and while I found some of the writing clumsy at times, the story captivates with its fast pace and surprises at every turn, and a hook for future stories I can't resist. I'll be reading the other installments in this series soon.

Montzalee Wittmann says

The Forest of Forever (Soren Chase #1) by Rob Blackwell is a super awesome supernatural novel! This is a book that grabs you and takes you for a wild ride. If you like evil around each corner, the paranormal, deadly creatures sneaking up on you, well this is for you! Don't go into the forest alone!

Mary says

Wow ... I want to read the next book in the series right away!
A great read with many unexpected twist and turns...

Autumn says

I received this book via Kindle scout.

The first thing that got me into the book was the blurb when I started reading it I knew it just had to be a good one. And I was right.

This book had something a bit fresh for me and that the fact there are "pretenders" which are monster who take on the lives of others you have seen them in Supernatural.

Soren his life was turned upside down eight years ago and he doesn't really remember much of what happened, but he has vowed to find the person who has killed his friends. This leads us to now where he hunts the paranormal. During one of his hunts he meets a girl named Annika who has a job offering for him from her boss. He wants him to go into this forest that has claimed so many lives for a missing girl, but this case is a big one. It is much more than he is expecting it to be. In this forest things are not what they appear. With a lot of researching from not only Soren but from his assistant as well he learns what the treasure is that is out there. He finally understands why people are searching for it. But has Soren's future already been written by the past?

There is action through out the book, there are other paranormal creatures besides the "pretenders." What is out there seems a whole lot more scarier than people that look like ghost.

I have to say the ending was a TWIST that I didn't see coming and I want to read more of Soren's adventures I want to know who else knows about him.
