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*A shocking 30-year-old secret returns to haunt thriller writer Tommy Devereaux in this nerve-shredding tale of suspense*

In 1981, three fourteen-year-old boys witness a horrific murder in the Oregon woods near their homes. Sucked into becoming accomplices to the subsequent cover-up, they swear never to talk about what happened.

Thirty years later, Tommy Devereaux has become a bestselling author, using writing as his therapy. Finally, he is ready to tell the world what happened, even if he disguises the killing as fiction. But his life is set to unravel when he is approached by a woman who asks for his autograph, leaving behind a note which reads: 'You didn't even change my name.' Tommy's worst nightmare has come true. A figure from his past has returned, threatening to divulge his darkest secret unless he agrees to do everything she asks of him. Thus begins a deadly cat-and-mouse game that can only end with one or both of their destructions.

## The Boy in the Woods Details

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## **Linda Strong says**

If I could only use one word to describe this book, it would be INTENSE. Maybe RIVETING. Or even SPELLBINDING. Whichever word used, it was an AWESOME read.

Three teenage boys witness the murder of a much younger boy at the hands of a teenage girl. They never tell anyone what they've seen. What happened afterwards is something that never leaves them... not for a single day.

Thirty years later, one of those boys is now a nationally known author of murder mysteries. Not surprising to know that most of the serial killers in his books are female. And then one day a 'fan' bumps into him .. and leaves behind a note that says ... you didn't even change my name .... Not a big surprise when you consider that the book he's working on is a somewhat fictional accounting of that long ago day.

So begins his descent back into his own personal hell .... when he has to decide how far he will have to go to protect himself and all that he holds dear.

I have read one other of this author's books, which led me to this one, and a little birdie has whispered that there is another in the works. Definitely going to grab that one, too!

5 stars because it kept me in suspense from the very first to the very last.

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## **Rhonda says**

I am definitely seeing the influence of Stephen King in Carter Wilson's writing. I like this book even more than *Final Crossing*. I am not quite done with the book, because life got in the way! But I did find it deviant to be reading it on my business trip to SLC, UT the other day and getting caught up in the murder, the erotic chatter all while lying in bed on the 11th floor of the City Creek Marriot within full view of the Mormon Temple. This just made it seem even more twisted. I am loving the experience.

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## **Lee says**

Three teenage boys witness the murder of a younger boy, shockingly by the hands of a teenage girl. Terrified and scared they bury the body and swear to never speak of it again. Thirty years later Tommy one of the boys and now an established author, decides to revisit the event by writing a fiction book on what happened, who would know it was true. One day a fan approaches Tommy and whispers in his ear " you didn't even change my name" - OMG. This once teenager is now a grown woman and she is about to make Tommy's life a nightmare unless he carries out her every wish, wishes that may or not break him. I have never read any of Carter Wilson's work but after this tale I will be looking out for more, a very addictive and chilling story.

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## **Nicole says**

It was a very good book. It was very disturbing in some parts. It kept my attention through the whole thing and was very hard to put down. I don't want say much more because I don't want to give anything away.

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## **Denise Westlake says**

A beautiful female (tortured soul) sexual predator serial killer.. geeeeze! This is sickening scary. Be forewarned.

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## **Bandit says**

Most impressive thriller by a relatively new (and completely new to me) author. Finally someone who is capable of writing a solid entertaining stand alone thriller that actually thrills, nice supplement to Harlan Coben, who's pretty great, albeit somewhat formulaic, at those. While there were some reveals and surprises and murders here, the story is definitely not a murder mystery. You know who, you know how and you slowly find out why, but it's certainly a fun ride to go along on. Kudos to Wilson for taking on a female serial killer, a subject most genre authors seem to stay far far away from. Very entertaining quick read. Recommended.

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## **April says**

This book was an outstanding piece of work. Psychological thriller at its finest. I couldn't stop reading it spent most of my night reading it. It's just that good. Make sure you put aside time to spend reading you won't put it down. I really like how Carter Wilson made the main character Tommy Devereaux a best selling thriller author. How the whole book was based on his description of what happened to him and his friends as teenagers. For the killer to come back and force him and Mark to do what she wanted them to do was really fantastic . There was such detail in this book. I am so glad I got to read it.

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## **Krissi says**

Second book I've read by this author, the other being Revelation. Both are fantastic.

This book was not what I expected at all. It's certainly not the typical boy goes missing mystery, focused on finding the killer and motive. But, I loved the unique take on the thriller here. As a criminologist, I appreciated the discussion of criminological theory nuanced throughout the book. I didn't expect most of the twists. I loved the characters and details.... I felt like I was there with them.

Mr. Carter, thank you for another excellent read.

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## **Judy Lesley says**

If you had witnessed a murder, how would you cope with having to keep the information secret? Tommy Devereaux finally found an outlet for his torment by becoming an author. Now it has been over thirty years since that awful afternoon in the woods and Devereaux has put a teaser first chapter for his next book in the back of his current bestseller. Life and fortune have been kind to Tommy so he changed all the names of those involved with the exception of the killer – and expected life would continue as before. Then he found the anonymous note.

This novel was a sizzling, suspense filled reading experience. I found myself asking “why” right along with Tommy. Why had the killer decided to come after him, what purpose could there be? Watching the devastation to the men who had been young teens when the incident happened by having their lives turned inside out by a diabolical killer was a heart pounding experience for me. Author Carter Wilson created tension within the story which was almost palpable. This was a tightly woven plot with convincing characters. I’m glad the recap of the story was written the way it was as an ending because it showed that everyone touched by that tragedy in the woods came away wounded. That’s the way it would be in real life too. This novel is definitely for readers who enjoy thrills and suspense and who like to watch as characters are moved around by a master manipulator, almost as if they are pawns on a board. Who will follow their instructions, who will not, and what will be the consequences?

I received an ARC of this novel through NetGalley. The opinions expressed are my own.

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## **Jeffrey says**

Intrigued by the title, pulled in by the synopsis and blown away by the cover, I dove into "The Boy in the Woods" and didn't come up for air until the final chapter. A fast-paced read that introduced believable characters in situations that had me trying to figure their next move all the while not expecting the next turn in the plot.

What if I were to witness a brutal crime, be forced to become a part of it and then have to hide the secret from everyone for the rest of my life? Then to be taunted years later by the monster that carried out the terrible nightmare and then become part of even more acts of insanity?

The story had this reader feeling like he was running down a steep slope, trying to keep his feet under him - thrilled by the pace but scared of what lay ahead.

A slickly jolting and satisfying read. I'm looking forward to Carter Wilson's next move.

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## **Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says**

Review: THE BOY IN THE WOODS by CARTER WILSON

This is such an outstanding book. I was enraptured immediately while reading the Kindle sample and determined I must buy and read it. I don't want to give away anything, but the plot revolves around that uncommon creature, the female serial killer: devious, manipulative, bloodthirsty, violent, a pathological liar.

But this novel is much more than merely "blood and Gore"; author Carter Wilson peers intently at the psyches of all his characters, examining their most deeply covert, dangerous, and damaging, secrets.

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### **Ann says**

?I was extremely fortunate to win an autographed copy of The Boy in the Woods. I'm warning all readers do not start this book unless you have time carved out for nothing but reading. It IS addictive. After the first chapter I couldn't put it down. I had to see what was going to happen next. The Boy in the Woods it the type of thriller/horror story that actually could be true. Much scarier because of this. I will be reading more of Mr Wilson's works.

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### **Melindaaaa says**

Vrchní psychopatka dost drsná, jinak celkem pr?m?nej thriller s nekolika skv?lýma myšlenkama  
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### **Kristie Bueno says**

I absolutely loved this book! I was instantly captured by the depth of the characters and the intensity of this story. I continued to find myself in disbelief as the story unfolded itself, and breathless as I read the last page. An amazing thriller by an amazing author!

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### **Allison says**

There are echoes of Stephen King's The Dark Half here, but this is a straightforward mystery (the plot synopsis made me suspect there would be an element of the supernatural). The story is fairly original, with some nice plot twists; the main character is quite sympathetic and suspense builds well as he becomes progressively trapped by the lies necessitated by his unwilling complicity in the long-ago crime.

Review copy provided by the publisher through NetGalley.

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