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Doorways to the Unseen: 6 Tales of Terror and Suspense is a horror short story collection from author James Dermond. The synopsis from the book's back cover:

"Have you ever wondered what was behind a closed door? When visiting someone's home for the first time or when in a building you had never previously entered? The seemingly ordinary ligneous entryway with its peeling paint in an old house might hold secrets at which one could barely guess...

Doorways to the Unseen presents six short stories to the reader which touch worlds beyond their daily reality, entering places seldom experienced. Places that are just as real, but rarely visible. A summer cabin on a lake which witnessed an untimely death. An attic storing an heirloom left behind as a warning to the living. The depths of a prison camp where the tormentors suddenly become the tortured. A small town engulfed in an unnameable madness. A setting from the mundane that is turned inside out. A monastery in remote mountains which shelters an ancient presence.

So step inside and discern that which has been hidden from you all along. Where the unknown and the unimaginable meet."

Doorways to the Unseen: 6 Tales of Terror and Suspense Details

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Andreia Nuno says

Old-fashion horror at its best ! Haunted houses, prison torture, monsters and creatures that brought fears I had as a child to light! The cover is amazing, beautiful, daring and creepy all in one!

“Doorways to the Unseen: 6 Tales of Terror and Suspense” by James Dermond is a collection of horror tales that gave me goosebumps! The tales are very well written and the style is very good, I really got into the stories and their characters. I must admit that the endings were a bit disappointing but still fun to read.

My favourite tales were:

- The Drowned Man, a lake house with a haunting story and a deadly ending;
- Grandfather’s Cane, a tale of warning and caution for the living;
- The Plague, a sudden wave of madness that consumes the people of a small town, turning people into monsters;
- Returned to Dust, a tale of punishment over the punishers inside a prison.

These short stories are great and each one proves to be unique and engaging. It’s a very easy novel read, the stories flow quite nicely and it’s very entertaining. I definitely want to the read more from James Dermond in the future, hopefully sooner rather than later!

Matt Munro says

This is a very good book from a newly published author. Short Stories are great to start with, Doorways to the Unseen is a compilation of six very short stories that can all be read in one sitting. The pace is mixed up throughout each of the stories. It starts off slow but that's not a bad thing because it makes you anticipate more. James Dermond put a great variety of different types of horror in his first book it contains both Supernatural and Scifi horror as well as a couple of old fashioned ghost stories. This book is probably great for H. P. Lovecraft fans because there are some concepts and creatures reminiscent of things like From Beyond. The third story, The Plague is the most gory of the six and it will probably remind you of The Crazies. The first story, The Drowned Man is about two college girls who visit one of their parents summer home only to find that the place is haunted by the ghost of a drowned man. I can't say much more without spoiling it so be sure to read Doorways To The Unseen for it is definitely a good read.

Nola Arganbright says

Nightmares tonight

A collection of eclectic tales meant to trigger the love of terror and suspense ingrained in many of us. Undead, Extraterrestrial and a tale of Spider lore will be keeping me in nightmares for many nights ahead. Each reader will find a story or stories to stimulate the imagination.

The writing is very good and the plots are strong and varied. Happy Screams!

Skip says

I really enjoyed this book of short stories. I was reminded of every short story book I read when I was younger, all horror or ghost fiction. All the stories are well written and have a nice twist to them. My 2 favorites were **Grandfather's Cane** and **The Plague**. **Grandfather's Cane** added a little historic mystery to the gruesome ending, one I did not see coming. **The Plague** was an old school horror story. Gory, unnerving, one where you hope the main characters survive, but really aren't disappointed when they don't. I'm told the author will have another volume out in September 2017 and I look forward to it.

Christopher Carrolli says

“Doorways to the Unseen: 6 Tales of Terror and Suspense” by James Dermond is a collection of six horror shorts apt to keep the reader glued to the page. The book is the first anthology in what will become a series.

“Returned to Dust” tells the tale of a prison camp perpetrating the most sinister activities. But one particular inmate can withstand the torture—why? The story is well-conceived and executed.

In “The Plague,” a young man discovers just why everyone around him has turned into vicious, murdering monsters.

“Roadside Diner” echoes Dermond’s Stephen King influence as the main character discovers a strange monster inhabiting the diner.

What is it about “Stella” that makes unsuspecting couples want to adopt her? The conclusion is eerie, well-written, and a page-turner.

Dermond dedicates the book to “The night creatures, those that infect our dreams and those that have never visited them.” Horror lovers are sure to be back for more of “Doorways to the Unseen!”

Candy Atkins says

The thing I like most about reading ARCs is that I often read stories I typically wouldn't. I don't read much horror so I am glad I received "Doorways to the Unseen: 6 Tales of Terror and Suspense" a collection of short stories. It's not gory, which I appreciated and there are no cheap jump scares. It has a subtle crafting of tension that I very much enjoyed. It reminded me of Tales from the Crypt; suspenseful but not gross.

Some of my favorites were:

The Plague: I enjoy monsters

The Drowned Man & Grandfather's Cane have well written female characters that are strong without being caricatures.

Returned to Dust: It's disturbing, but in a good way.

Carolyn says

I really enjoyed these stories. They remind me of "Tales from the Darkside" or the kind of stuff we used to tell each other when we were kids. Some of the plots aren't necessarily unique but each story is truly chilling. I especially liked "Roadside Diner" because we've all been to these types of diners at some point in our lives and that location drew me into the story immediately. From there it just got scarier. Great stuff from a new author!

Joshua Altman says

I was informed about this book by the author himself on Twitter. He asked me to give it a read and I did and I have to say that I really enjoyed this book. The short stories are all wonderfully detailed worlds of all varieties that could easily be made into their own books just from the exploration of the mythos created in each narrative, even in such small batches within each story. I was enthralled by each tale, particularly The Plague, a story that I wished kept going. Every new story kept me itching to know more about what these worlds had to offer. That being said, the one gripe I have with the book is the dialogue. Some, not all, either felt a bit too forced, could have been cut out or even used as narration detail rather than someone speaking it. Whenever this kind of thing would happen it would cause the story to hiccup ever so slightly and a book, especially based around suspense and horror, should flow from word to word as the suspense builds. It's a small nitpick to an otherwise great set of stories. If you like pulpy type horror stories than this is a book you should check out. I was happy to be asked to read this by the author and look forward to more of his work.

Jennifer says

Received free copy from author for honest review

I really liked these short stories, they reminded me of Ray Bradbury stories that I read as a teenager. I often find short stories are lacking or that they seem incomplete in some way but James Dermond does a great job of giving us a complete and interesting story every time. The reader is completely immersed in these tales of the supernatural/horror and is left wanting more. The book is well written and although it is small it packs a big punch. I can't wait to read more from this author. I recommend this book to anyone who loves a diverse look into the supernatural.

Adrienne Westmoreland says

Wow, it's very intriguing stories. I'm amazed. There is a lot of explainable words I have to say about the

book. I enjoyed reading frightful things, but yours the best.
"Good reads James!"

Hilary Fawcett says

Some good spellbinding horror, certainly worth a read.

Dede Eshleman says

Enjoyed reading, the different short stories kept my interest. My favorite was the one at the lake house.

Angela says

Very good

Very good book of short horror stories. James Dermond saves the best for last when he spins a yarn about spiders that'll give you shivers.
