

Through the Woods

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Through the Woods consists of five creepy fiction stories that can haunt you for days. These stories take place in or have connections to the same location: the woods. From experiencing the disappearance of your family members, to coming across a dismantled body in your home, to encountering your brother alive just days after murdering him, the stories in *Through the Woods* are ones that will have you spooked.

Through the Woods had some exceptional artwork. As a graphic designer I understand how much work the artist(s) put towards creating the artwork in this graphic novel, and I appreciate it very much. As for the stories, I would describe them as creepy rather than horrifying as I don't believe they would keep me up at night. However, experiences reading this book may vary on the reader. On the other hand, I believe that these stories would be somewhat horrifying if they were true. Something about knowing that the stories were fiction reduced any fear in me to a minimum. However, besides that, I found every story in *Through the Woods* to be interesting and enjoyable. I recommend reading this during the nighttime.

Readers who enjoy short & creepy stories will certainly enjoy *Through the Woods*. Especially if they are fans of graphic novels, as the artwork in this graphic novel is remarkable. There aren't any content awareness factors that one would need to know of prior to reading this book, however, those who are younger may be freaked out by some of the creepy characters visualized in this graphic novel. I would recommend this book to those ages 11 and up. This book is a collection of five creepy stories that are beautifully visualized.

Some characters from the stories found in *Through the Woods* fail to listen to the words of others, and as a result, end up facing the evil they'd hoped to avoid. These characters face consequence as a result of their ignorance and regret their actions more than ever. This experience highlights the importance of listening to others' expertise.

I would recommend borrowing this book, especially if Halloween is right around the corner!

Recommended Titles:

- Adamantine, Hannah Berry
- Uzumaki, Junji Ito
- 30 Days of Night, Steve Niles
- Anya's Ghost, Vera Brosgol