

## **The Darkest Part of the Forest**

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Hazel and Ben were raised in the small strange town of Fairfold. The town is known for the horned prince sleeping in a glass coffin deep inside the forest. As children, Hazel and Ben once told stories of the prince and fought off magical monsters in the forest. As they grow up, the siblings admire the prince, but no longer do they continue their childhood fantasies. That all changes when the prince wakes up and causes mayhem within the town of Fairfold. Mysterious deaths and disappearances follow the prince's return and now Hazel and Ben must put a stop to it before it's too late.

The Darkest Part of the Forest is an enchanting fairytale full of mystery. Fairfold is certainly a magical place and I very much enjoyed exploring it. Strange magical creatures lurk out in the forest, but they are not all that kind. Any bargain made with them comes with a price. And that price can make things interesting indeed. All in all, I loved the fairytale/fantasy element to this story. The amazing array of characters was also something to behold. Each one of them had their own quirks, ambitions, and flaws. It was interesting to learn more about the backstories and secrets of all these characters. The readers surely won't expect what's coming to them.

Despite this, the author's story follows a rather confusing plot. It can be difficult to keep track of what happened along with the new revelations in the story. Readers may also want to avoid the bad language, violence, and bits of romance in this book. Therefore, I would recommend this book to anyone 14 years or older. This would make an amazing gift for fans of fantasy and dark fairytales.

### **Recommended Titles:**

Doll Bones by Holly Black

The Iron Trial by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

Tithe by Holly Black

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black