

AND THE TREES STARE BACK



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ABOUT THE BOOK

1989, Soviet Estonia. In sixteen-year-old Vik's village—and the cursed forest that looms beyond—danger is everywhere. Soldiers threaten those who so much as dream of dissent. The villagers' words are sharp with accusations of witchcraft. And deep in the heart of the wood, a lantern-eyed spirit lies in wait to disappear those who wander too far past the trees.

Vik knows because five years ago, she led her little sister Anna over that invisible line—and never saw her again.

The only thing Vik has wished for since then is her sister's safe return. So when Anna stumbles back through the tree line on the anniversary of her disappearance, it's a miracle...

Or is it a lie?

As unsettling inconsistencies between this girl and the one who vanished reveal themselves, Vik starts to doubt whether this Anna is her Anna—or something else entirely. Whoever she is, one thing is clear: she was never meant to escape the trees.

And unless Vik can uncover the secrets of the forest, it's going to take her back.

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FROM THE AUTHOR OF *THE WICKED UNSEEN*
COMES A STORY ABOUT DARK FORESTS AND
EVEN DARKER SECRETS.

“HORROR AND
THRILLER AND A LITTLE
BIT OF FABULISM ALL
AT ONCE”

— A.Z. Louise, author of *Off-Time Jive*

“HAUNTED, HOPEFUL,
AND TIMELY.”

— Amelinda Bérubé, author of *Here There Are Monsters*

“[IT] HOOKED ME
RIGHT FROM THE
[START].”

— Early teen reader

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