

A Legacy Written in Blood: Mark D. Wood Unleashes a Haunting Dual-Timeline Thriller with “Tennessee Blackberries”

A Tale of Predator and Prey, of Fate and Fight

Part historical horror, part modern-day gothic suspense, “Tennessee Blackberries” is a tale of legacy, survival, and the terrifying reach of the past.

In a Confederate field hospital during the Civil War, Dr. Sebastian Crane is no ordinary surgeon. A vampire who has already turned monstrous, he hides behind his medical profession to feed on the vulnerable and wounded soldiers who cannot run. Among them is Private Charlie Barnham, whose blood only deepens Crane’s hunger and solidifies his unnatural connection to the Barnham lineage.

What follows is a harrowing 150-year journey as Crane, driven by obsession, becomes fixated on the Barnham bloodline. His quiet, methodical hunt spans generations—until the summer of 1985, when his attention turns to Indiana.

There, Beth is finishing her last year of college when she meets Bobby Barnham, a kind, grounded young man working a summer job. Their relationship blooms with ease, but the dark undercurrent of Crane’s pursuit makes tragedy inevitable. One night, Crane strikes—killing Bobby and leaving Beth deeply traumatized.

Years later, after a long and painful recovery, Beth travels to Tennessee seeking truth and closure. She meets Bobby’s grandmother, who also holds forgotten pieces of the past and of the curse Crane refuses to relinquish. Beth’s journey doesn’t just uncover history; it ignites her will to hunt.

“Tennessee Blackberries” explores the haunting effects of generational trauma, the twisted persistence of evil, and the reluctant strength found in survivors. As Beth confronts the monster that stalked her life from the shadows, she doesn’t transform into something dark—she becomes something resolute: an unwilling hunter, forged by pain, memory, and purpose.

Dare to trace the bloodline! Pick up your copy of “Tennessee Blackberries” and discover a story where history never dies, and neither does the evil buried within it.

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About the Author

Mark D. Wood lives in Indiana, where the past never quite stays buried. A lifelong collector of ghost stories and haunted folklore, he specializes in pairing spine-chilling legends with forgotten moments in history. His writing draws on this passion, weaving supernatural fiction with real-world echoes of trauma, war, and legacy. When he’s not researching or writing, he keeps close company with his three golden retrievers, especially when the sun goes down.