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Darkness exists everywhere, and in no place greater than those where spirits and curses still reside. Tread not lightly on ancient lands that have been discovered by this collection of intrepid authors.

In DARK TALES OF LOST CIVILIZATIONS, you will unearth an anthology of twenty-five previously unpublished horror and speculative fiction stories, relating to aspects of civilizations that are crumbling, forgotten, rediscovered, or perhaps merely spoken about in great and fearful whispers.

What is it that lures explorers to distant lands where none have returned? Where is Genghis Khan buried? What happened to Atlantis? Who will displace mankind on Earth? What laments have the Witches of Oz? Answers to these mysteries and other tales are presented within this critically acclaimed anthology by the enclosed authors.

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"Bright new voices offer chilling glimpses of the darkness beyond mere night."

-David Brin, author of Earth, The Postman, and Otherness.

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From Reader Review Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations for online ebook

Tara Baloun-keenum says

Great book!! Mind blowing twists and turns. Stories are all so different but yet hold the readers attention for hours!!!

Judi says

An amazing book to read! This book was recommended to me through a book review club and I agree with their recommendation: It is a wonderful collection of exotic stories. This is an anthology (which means a collection of stories) that explores fictional answers and lore to some of the greatest mysteries and civilizations in history. It has a bent to horror and to archaeology, so if you enjoy dark fiction AND tales of science or discovery, this is for you! Not all of the stories are horror - some are very thoughtful and some are downright funny. Sins of our Fathers (by Wendra Chambers) was exceptional writing. Königreich der Sorge (Kingdom of Sorrow) by C. Deskin Rink was scary. Some other favorites are Quivira by Jackson Kuhl and Whale of a Time by Gitte Christensen and Joe Lansdale's story, was good (as is everything he writes).

Michael Flores says

Masterful anthology. There's really something for everyone in this eclectic collection. I was pleasantly surprised by this book. I bought it for some good ol' chills and thrills which were abundant. DARK TALES OF LOST CIVILIZATIONS represents solid fiction.

Some of my favorites were:

We Are Not the Favored Children by Matthew Borgard

Quetzalcoatl's Conquistador by Jamie Lackey

The Small, Black God by Caw Miller

Bare Bones by Curtis James McConnell

Directions by Michael G. Cornelius

Angel of Destruction by Cynthia D. Witherspoon

Mark Pearson says

One of the best collections of dark fiction I have read in recent years. Eric J. Guigard did a fine job pulling together such an eclectic mix of stories. Each author has a completely different take on the theme, yet as an anthology it holds together extremely well. Personal favourites; Quetzalcoatl's Conquistador by Jamie Lackey and British Guiana, 1853 by Folly Blaine. I will read this book again soon.

A.E. says

Overall, this is a very strong anthology with several impactful pieces that will appeal to a wide spectrum of genre fiction readers. Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations has a little bit of something for everyone, and left me very impressed and enriched after having read it. Check out my blog for the full review.

Kenneth Cain says

I picked up a copy of this book via the Horror Writer's Association Bram Stoker Award® 2012 recommendation list. This is a strong collection of stories Mr. Guignard has collected here and I enjoyed his comments for each (Side note: quite impressed by Jonathan Vos Post's notes and resume). I very much enjoyed "Quivira," "Quetzalcoatl's Conquistador," "Bare Bones" and Mr. Lansdale's tale among others. While everyone's taste is different, I liked the overall feel of these stories best, but all of the stories were written well and gelled well together. I would recommend this to any fan of dark fiction in need of a little discovery.

Leta Blake says

I enjoyed all the tales. A special favorite was "Sins of Our Fathers" by Wendra Chambers. Fantastic!

Vivian Metzger says

I like this book a lot! Read the entire book in one day - just couldn't put it down. It was very unique, and poignant stories relating to lots of old civilizations and mysteries. Some of the tales were horror, some very touching, and some funny. The editor brought together a very eclectic mix of writers from around the world to discuss fictional takes on ancient civilizations and peoples. Great idea for a collection of stories and well executed.

Anita Patel says

I have lately been overwhelmed with the amount of good books I want to read and when I do have the infrequent free time to just sit and read for pleasure, I want to make sure my time is well spent with something I enjoy. This book fits just that: a perfect read to escape the real world and travel to lands long-lost. I felt excitement as I read these stories as if they were written specifically for me. Each author has different opinions on ancient mysteries and folklore and scientific discovery but the editor did a really well job of combining the right stories in tone so that they flowed together. This book is another must read.

Pat says

Just what the title says—a collection of tales of the dark side of exploration, whether scientific or geographical. I wasn't familiar with any of the authors, so appreciated that each story began with an intro from the editor and ended with author's biographical information. All the stories were very well-written and nicely scary, with some surprising twists. Eric Guignard did well as an editor to assemble these treasures. I received a complimentary copy of this book in order to review it.

Resa says

I was first approached to review this anthology for my e-zine *Zombie Coffee*, initially I was a little wary about it. History has never been my favorite subject, which led to historical fiction being one of my least favorite genres. Still, I decided to give this anthology a try because something about it intrigued me, and I'm very glad I continued reading because there are some gems in this book I'm glad I had the chance to discover.

Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations is a horror/speculative fiction anthology that focuses on lost civilizations and unanswered mysteries. Have you ever wondered what happened to the lost city of Atlantis? Wondered what power erased whole civilizations from the face of the ancient world? Considered that some ancient powers aren't lost but just dormant? If so then this is the anthology for you. You'll find a wide array of authors from the popular names you'll recognize, to the lesser known, to the newly published. I have to admit there were some stories I didn't like personally, but all the stories are well written and diverse. That's my favorite thing about anthologies, while you may not like everything there's something for everyone.

Here are a few of my favorites:

"The Nightmare Orchestra" by Chelsea Armstrong takes nightmares to a personal level. What if the things which populate our nightmares used to live out in the real world? Well, Armstrong answers that question in a well crafted short story that will have you waking up in the middle of the night for new reasons...

"The Small, Black God" by Caw Miller takes you on an adventure in newly discovered ruins where the black god of ego begins to call to the scholars unearthing the ruins. Miller crafts a very unique tale that will leave you wondering what kind of retribution would the black god take on your ego...

"We Are Not the Favored Children" by Matthew Borgard is another story I loved. It deals with a society that has revolved around gods, only to find out that not only have they abandoned their religion, but their gods have abandoned them.

If none of these stories sound like ones you'd enjoy never fear. At 240 pages *Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations* is home to many other short stories for you to unearth for yourself. Eric Guignard has put together a diverse collection of stories for your reading pleasure and it would make a great addition to your summer reading list. Especially if your summer plans include a visit to the ruins of any ancient civilizations...

Jeff Carter says

History and Horror...is there a greater combination? Is there a difference between the two? Either way, I can't get enough of it.

Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations has enough chills and kills for the most intrepid explorer. My personal favorites were QUIVIRA by Jackson Kuhl, QUETZALCOATL'S CONQUISTADOR by Jamie Lackey, THE SMALL, BLACK GOD by Caw Miller, and WE ARE NOT THE FAVORED CHILDREN by Matthew Borgard. I could go on, but these were at the top of the pyramid for me.

Jonathan Stewart says

Excellent anthology of stories set in different lands and times, such as lost islands, futuristic deserts, ancient jungles, or laboratories of science. Although it's classified as horror, none of the stories are gory or rely on "cheap scares." The stories are more of adventure and exploration with dark "suggested" terror interwoven throughout. Highly recommended, especially if you are a fan of H. Rider Haggard, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Talbot Mundy, Conan Doyle, Anne Rice, or H.P. Lovecraft.

Christopher Nelson says

The quality of stories that Eric Guignard has gathered makes this collection a real treat. This is definitely not the run-of-the-mill anthology. Fine literature combined with evocative story-telling leave each piece well rendered and in a voice unique to each author. Well done, Mr. Guignard.

Jimmy Tam says

One of the best anthologies I've read in awhile. Not every story was boss, but it was one awesome collection of new and retold legends and archaeology and ghosts of lost worlds and... civilizations. Just like the title of the book says: Dark Tales of Lost Civilizations. ;)
