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**The new breed of legends continues...**

If you came here to read short stories about tranquil lakes, run to the nearest exit. Run as far away as you can from Ramsey Campbell, Jack Ketchum, Edward Lee, and our array of international voices.

Tales from The Lake volume two also includes the three winners from Crystal Lake Publishing's Tales from The Lake Horror Writing Competition:

1st: Descending by John Whalen

2nd: Forever Dark by Jonathan Winn

3rd: Ripperscape by Vincenzo Bilof

Beneath this lake you'll find nothing but mystery and suspense, horror and dread. Not to mention death and misery – **tales to share around the campfire or living room floor**. Dive beneath a frozen lake with Rena Mason's "Winter's Dollhouse"; allow Tim Lebbon to introduce you to "The God of Rain"; don't go into the lake when Jim Goforth takes you to the haunting sit of "Lago de los Perdidos"; and never get in an elevator again with John Whalen's award-winning "Descending."

**So dive on in.**

**The water's just...right.**

**Interview with the Authors:**

So what makes Tales from The Lake so special?

*Ben Eads:* As a reader: Legends and up-and-comers in the field of horror consistently knock each volume out of the ball park. It's a great anthology. As a writer: Aside from sharing the pages with some of the best writers in the biz? The open-theme affords me a broader canvas to write. And, of course, the recognition!

*Raven Dane:* Publisher Joe Mynhardt and his team of genre enthusiasts strive to bring the reader only the highest quality short fiction in the Tales From The Lake series. Whether the author is well established name or a bright future star, excellence and innovation is always foremost. This is a publishing house with great integrity and passion, a deep-rooted love of horror and total respect for both writer and reader. And no...I do not work for their PR department! This is my genuine experience as both contributor and reader of Crystal Lake books.

### Tell us more about your story?

*Lisa Morton:* It was inspired by two separate ideas: 1) I enjoy weird westerns and wanted to try one; and 2) I was interested in writing something about a succubus, and I had this question: would a gay man be affected by a supernatural temptress who presents as an exotic woman? I started doing a little research on the Old West (train lines, towns, gunslingers, etc.), and the story started to coalesce from there.

### Why should readers give this series a try?

*Ben Eads:* Everyone loves an end of the world story, right?

*Raven Dane:* The best reason of all, meticulously produced books packed with intriguing stories from an international collection of great writers. There are many horror anthologies available now, with a resurgence of enthusiasm for short fiction. Sadly not all are worth bothering with, to be brutally honest! A reader is in safe hands with a Tales from The Lake volume. Crystal Lake is fast becoming synonymous for high quality production and wonderful story telling.

## **Tales from the Lake Vol. 2 Details**

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# From Reader Review Tales from the Lake Vol. 2 for online ebook

## Tamara says

What an amazingly creep-i-licious collection! You'll love every one of these stories!

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## Derek Patz says

Do you remember sitting around the campfire telling spooky stories? I bet you did it at least once in your life. On a weekend probably the fourth of July if I am not mistaken. Tales from the Lake Volume 2 is the second series in a horror anthology brought to you by Crystal Lake Publishing.

In this volume we find ourselves in a much darker place then we do in volume one. Stories of sadness, dread, and violence. Richard Chizmar's "The Lake of Life" is one of the more disturbing elements of this collection. Vincenzo Bilof's "Ripperscape" is the most surreal story as we find ourselves in Whitechapel during a time when it was terrorized by Jack The Ripper. The most violent story is Rocky Alexander's eerie take on school violence in " Like Disneyland"

Overall, there were only a few stories I could say that needed improvement or to be reworked. Tales from the Lake is a great start for new readers looking to take up horror reading instead of watching the same slasher films over and over. It is also a great place to try out new authors that maybe you haven't read before such as Tim Lebbon or Edward Lee.

### Top 5 stories

1. Like Disneyland by Rocky Alexander 5 out of 5 stars
2. Love Amongst the Red Back Spiders by Aaron Dries 4 out of 5 stars
3. Ripperscape by Vincenzo Bilof 4 out of 5 stars
4. The Lake is Life by Richard Chizmar 4 out of 5 stars
- 5.St. Thomas of El Paso by Lisa Morton 3 out 5 stars

Derek Patz

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## Anan says

Well, Vol.2 is very great to read. That's why I love this series.

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## Paula says

Another great selection of stories from Crystal Lake Publishing! You can read my full review here...<http://horrnovelreviews.com/2016/03...>

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**Lisa says**

I've yet to read anything published by Crystal Lake that I've hated. They're one of two small publishing companies that I look for new books from on Amazon. The other being DarkFuse. I enjoyed every story in this collection. All in varying degrees, of course, but there wasn't a single story that I came across and thought, well that was crap! Rare for me! It's always a pleasure reading stories from established authors, some of whom were in here, but I especially love the indie authors. I'm already looking forward to the next collection. Yep, I'd recommend this book.

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**Belinda Lewis says**

I really didn't like the first story in this and I think it coloured the rest of my read.

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**Lee Franklin says**

Fantastic set of stories

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