

# LOST IN THE DARK AND OTHER EXCURSIONS

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Award-Winning Author John Langan Returns  
with a New Collection of Stories

A garishly painted figurine contains a terrible curse; the ten-year anniversary of a sensational horror film shot in an abandoned mine reveals stunning secrets; endnotes for a book review uncover a strange high-tech pathogen; a man witnesses something uncanny and unexplained as his friend succumbs to a watery death; a seasick woman aboard a ferry is pursued by a barnacle-covered specter; a professor reveals the mysterious connection between Joseph Conrad and Peter Pan; a man encounters the ghost of his lost sister in a liminal space between the land and sea; an academic meets a mythical creature on a mysterious island...

John Langan, author of the Bram Stoker Award-winning novel *The Fisherman*, returns with thirteen new tales of cosmic horror in *Lost in the Dark and Other Excursions*. In these stories, he continues to chart the course of 21st century weird fiction, from the unfamiliar to the familial, the unfathomably distant to the intimate.

Includes extensive story notes and an introduction by Victor LaValle.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

JOHN LANGAN is the author of two novels and six collections of stories. For his work, he has received the Bram Stoker and the This Is Horror awards. He is one of the founders of the Shirley Jackson Awards and continues to serve on its Board of Advisors. He lives in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley with his wife, younger son, and the late night calls of owls.

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"John Langan's enviable range encompasses the whole panorama of horror, from the psychological to the cosmic, the monstrous to the deeply and movingly human, the insidiously disturbing to the thoroughly nightmarish. His imagination never falters or flinches, and his flavoursome prose is a literate pleasure to read."

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