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**For**

**Forever**

**by**

**Timothy Sparks**

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## Forever by Timothy Sparks

***Forever* by Timothy Sparks is not your standard apocalyptic science fiction novel. It throws in a few elements of horror, giving readers a nail-biting story. It's a book that will have you eagerly turning the pages until the end.**

The world we know no longer exists. Climate change, along with civil, nuclear, and supply wars, has turned the earth into a vast wasteland. Devoid of rain, survivors try to eke out an existence with the few remaining precious resources.

It's not only the lack of water threatening humanity night-crows present another danger. The intelligent birds hunt together tracking unsuspecting travelers when the sun goes down. Anyone out after dark is in constant danger from a murder of crows.

**"Thirty or more night-crows broke the silence with a hundred decibels of cawing above, and the nocturnal birds dove onto them. The murder of night-crows broke into two. One group came down on the center from above, while the other band attacked the rear from just above ground level. Danny held his baton over his shoulder like a golf club."**

The novel is set in Forever, Oregon, where the survivors only move around at night scavenging for supplies. Brother Shuttlesworth's appearance in the town gives the residents a slight glimmer of hope for their future. The robed stranger stole NOAH, a miraculous machine, and he brought it to Forever. NOAH is the acronym for Nuclear Ozone Amplifying Hydro generator. It produces expanding water bubbles. Unfortunately, Brother Shuttlesworth did not steal the manual. He can only use a small fraction of the generator's capabilities.

Who is Brother Shuttlesworth? It is only one of the mysteries residents in Forever need to answer. With help from newly found allies, they will try to create a new world.

*Forever* by Timothy Sparks is a dark novel. It has all of the elements of a sci-fi/horror novel, but it also has hope. It is an entertaining story with plenty of plot twists and surprises. It's not a novel where you can guess the ending. It's one of the aspects that makes *Forever* hard to put down.

Sparks has created a vision for the world we can imagine. The threat of nuclear war is a danger. His characters, from Alex to Brother Shuttlesworth, are well-rounded with depth. It's easy to identify with Forever's guards excited to finally have a beer. It's a novel that makes you care about the people of Forever.

*Forever* is not a true science fiction novel, and it's the same for the horror genre. It is an interesting blend of the two genres, and it makes for a compelling story. Anyone ready to try something new should pick up a copy of *Forever*.