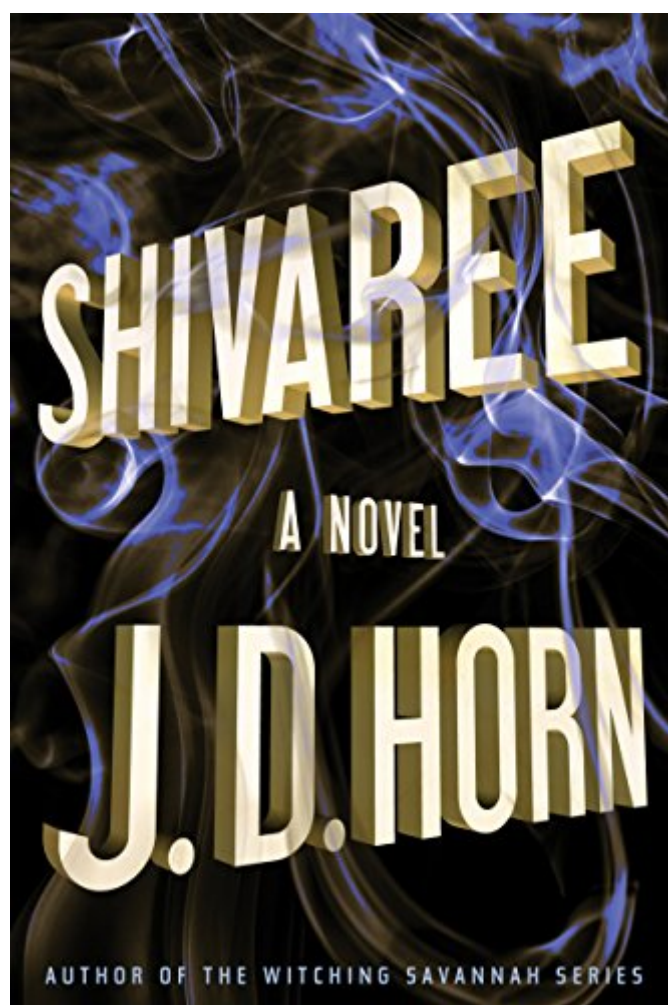


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## Synopsis

As the Korean War ends, army nurse Corinne Ford returns stateside to live in the Mississippi town of Conroy with her new fiancé, Private First Class Elijah Dunne. She wonders if their love is strong enough to overshadow their differences, but upon her arrival to Elijah's backwoods stomping grounds, she understands that culture shock is the least of her worries. After four good ol' boys are attacked in the night while seeking to terrorize a local black family, decades of buried secrets begin to rise. From Conroy's most powerful citizen "known as the Judge" to the man Corinne intends to marry, no one is innocent. Yet the deepest secret of all involves the beautiful, cruel, and dead Miss Ruby. The former belle of Conroy, and Elijah's lost love, is neither forgotten nor truly gone. But her death is only the beginning of a slow vengeance that won't stop until its hunger is satisfied.

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## Customer Reviews

I have read J.D. Horn's 'Witching Savannah' series, so when the opportunity to read/review his new book "Shivaree" came about, well I jumped at the chance. The author has written a note before the story even begins, making you aware that this book is 'a work of Southern Gothic fiction'. In case,

you may not know what 'Southern Gothic' means, here is a definition: "Southern Gothic literature is a genre of Southern writing. The stories often focus on grotesque themes. While it may include supernatural elements, it mainly focuses on damaged, even delusional, characters." Fair warning, indeed."Kudzu vine, rapacious and never sleeping, had nearly swallowed the old Cooper house whole." Shivaree has an 'Edgar Allen Poe' feel about it. You can feel the story beating like a ragged heart even though you do not see that heart clearly. It is in every little tidbit that you read. Each line brings you closer to knowing and understanding what lurks just out of your view. As you read deeper into the world that is Conroy, you realize that every person in the book has more than a casual knowledge of what goes on in this sleepy, dirty little Mississippi town."Fog, denser than any she had ever witnessed, had descended on the train, swallowing it whole." Yes, I do recommend you leave a light on should you read at night.If you like depth to your characters, and undercurrents that move you along at a steady pace, read Shivaree.\*I received a free, advance copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my unbiased review\*

I purchased this because I really enjoyed the Witching Savannah series. Be warned, this book isn't much like it. I would classify it more in the horror realm than paranormal or thriller. There were some pretty disturbing scenes throughout the book, but it was well written. I feel like the ending could've tied up more loose ends, but perhaps the author is planning a sequel. Overall a good book, but very different from his previous works.

I fell in love with the Witching series by this author (BTW- can't wait for the next one), so it wasn't difficult for me to check out this book. I was definitely not disappointed. I have fallen in love with Southern Gothic Horror, all over again. Well written and easily able to draw me in and not let go!

I really enjoyed this story and when I got into the latter chapters I couldn't put it down. Much darker than the Witching Savanna series, this one is grittier and scarier and I think it stands on it's own. Made me feel what it might have been like to live in the south in the 1950's, but with a supernatural flair. Some of the characters are likable, some downright detestable, but they feel real as you read about them, dark secrets and all. A sequel would be nice to find out what became of everyone.

This book is a bit darker than my usual taste but the imagery is fantastic. It is easy to visualize the happenings. The tone is consistent throughout. There are several themes: love, loneliness, and the past finding a way to catch up with you, are the main ones.I read this over the span of a day. I could

not put it down. Thanks to the Kindle App, I was able to read consistently on my iPhone. I hope that Horn continues with this as a series. I am quite interested in knowing what happened to the town after the resolution and the women who were able to board that train! I can easily see this as being a series like his Savannah "Line" books. I have recommended this to my 10th grade ELA students who like the vampires and witches stories! Several have read and it's made for interesting book reviews and dialogue in class.

I loved JD Horn's The Line series...I thought they were original, well written and different from most of the other things I've ever read. Full of enjoyable suspense, narrative twists and turns, characters I don't see every day. And then there's this. Where that series was well developed and thought out, this seems to have been an idea thrown together at the last minute...more like someone lost a bet and had to write a book in a week than like the author sat down and fleshed out something they wanted to write. The author's ability is so much better than this example, I would warn people to avoid this and read The Line series instead and just pretend this didn't exist.

I fell in love with Mr.Horn's series "Witching Savannah". I love his writing style. His story lines are always so good. And he either has you love a character or hate them. This book is very darker and different then the "Witching Savannah" series. In "SHIVAREE" we meet a strong woman/character in Corinne Ford. And Miss Ruby's character will having you being thankful that you don't have to be in Conroy Mississippi.But watch out for Elijah's mother,as she is so mean to Corinne. And it made me hate her character. Again love the strong character of Corinne. Look forward to reading any more works that Mr.Horn puts out.

Well, well. JD Horn has done it again. "Shivaree" is so different from his other books. How gifted an author he is! "Shivaree" is a bit on the dark side. the beautiful Ruby is the perfect example of, beauty is on the inside. I highly recommend this new book by JD and if you haven't read his other books, then get them. I promise you won't be disappointed. He is one of my favorites.

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