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# Foreword



by Lisa Orban

From a young age I developed a passion for books. They became my escape when times were hard, a shield in awkward social situations, they filled the lonely hours with new friends, and, always, it was a joy to fall into a new world far from where I lived. In distant lands found between the pages of a book, I grew up.

But, it was in anthologies I found true delight, dropping into multiple worlds, in many different voices, that all called me to join them in their adventures – all in one book! Ever on the hunt for new authors, I couldn't resist any new anthology coming out, particularly in the SciFi and fantasy genre. They introduced me to previously unknown authors, and encouraged me to seek out more books by any who caught my fancy. Some I may have never have given a chance without the brief interlude of a their short stories to explore more of their works.

In the days before the internet, this was sometimes the only way to find a new author without becoming overwhelmed at the number of offerings stacked endlessly on the shelves of a library or bookstore. Hundreds of books all vying for your attention without a guide to take you by the hand and lead you to the promised land where you can completely lose yourself. But anthologies bypass that decision fatigue, each story is just a short investment of your time, and if you don't like it, nothing is lost as you only need to turn the page to find a new story waiting for you.

When I opened Indies United, remembering my love for anthologies, I offered our authors the chance to collaborate on one, and for three years now, we have presented a new Infinite

Indies in November. A fun meet & greet between pages, and a chance to explore the writing styles of many of our authors all at once. I hope as you read these stories you will find a new author, or more, that you want to take a chance on and get to know their books better. Each story is as unique as the writer that created them, and who knows, you may find your next great book love somewhere within these pages.

Happy Reading!  
Lisa Orban



# A Walk in the Woods



Ketan Desai

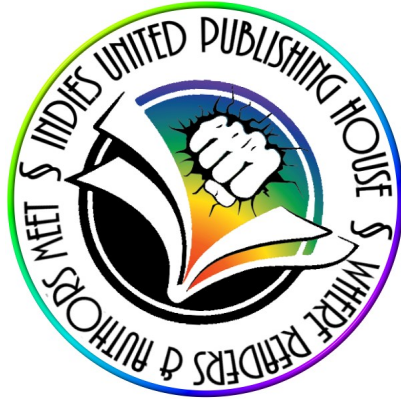
Whose woods these are I'm sure I know.  
It belongs to the local borough;  
Who won't care if I stop here  
And watch the verdant woods, bright and aglow.

My little dog must think it queer  
To stop without a tree stump near  
By the shimmering, sylvan lake  
The longest day of the year

He gives an impatient whine  
To ask if we can stop wasting time.  
The only other sound's the cry  
Of a solitary Eagle in the sky

The woods are lovely, bright and upsweep,  
And I have no promises to keep,  
No attachments or desires over which to weep,  
No miles to go before I sleep.

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