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### **Debut novel of South Carolina author published, supernatural thriller 'The Clearing'**

**Published today. Dark thriller by Thomas Rydder set in western Pennsylvania where he grew up.**

**Bromham, Bedfordshire:** Greyhart Press, a publisher of science fiction, fantasy, and thriller books, announces its latest book release is *The Clearing* by Thomas Rydder, a supernatural thriller set in the hills of western Pennsylvania where the author grew up.

The author explained his inspiration to write dark tales began early: "I was born in 1957 in a small town in Western Pennsylvania that had — and still has — one traffic light. There wasn't a whole lot to do there, and we had few neighbors, so I learned to play quite a bit of make-believe – soldiers, cowboys and Indians, that kind of thing. At the same time, I loved to read and watch old movies. On Saturdays, my dad played in a country western band, and I stayed up to wait for him. It was during that stretch that I discovered the horror movie. You know the ones I mean. Karloff, Chaney, Lee. The masters, right?"

The novel begins when Professor Beth Lowe's dog, Flapjack, is savaged by wolves. Flapjack not only survives but grows larger... and more vicious. A thousand-year cycle of carnage is reaching its climax once more, and the peaceful wooded hills will soon be smeared with blood. Sheriff Cutlip leads his community in a hunt for the hidden terror, but when his own brother is bitten, the sheriff must confront terrible choices, and he can't do so alone.

Commenting on the release, Greyhart Press publisher Tim C. Taylor said: "One of the aspects I love most about this story is that the characters feel so real. They are ordinary people transformed into quiet heroes when they confront the evil that has infiltrated their peaceful community."

*The Clearing*, a supernatural thriller that will be enjoyed by fans of Dean Koontz and Stephen King, is published March 1<sup>st</sup> in paperback (ISBN 978-1481077682: \$11 ) from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and as a Kindle eBook from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) (\$2.99) and an ePUB ebook initially from Smashwords but soon from other major retailers (ISBN 9781301576913)

### Notes to editors

**About Thomas Rydder:** Rydder was born in 1957 in a small town in Western Pennsylvania that had — and still has — one traffic light. There wasn't a whole lot to do there, and he had few neighbors, so he learned to play quite a bit of make-believe — soldiers, cowboys and Indians, that kind of thing.

Fast forward 40 years and he's the project manager for a small civil engineering firm in picturesque Charleston, South Carolina with his wife and four rescue pets (two dogs, two cats) — and eight feral cats outside that put up with him because he gives them two squares a day.

He's never stopped creating, and 'The Clearing' is the result.

Find out more about Thomas at his website: [thomasrydder.wordpress.com/](http://thomasrydder.wordpress.com/)

**About Greyhart Press.** Bedfordshire-based Greyhart Press was set up in 2011 by author Tim C. Taylor to publish his back catalogue. Within days, other authors were asking to be published through Greyhart, and Taylor put his writing on hold to run Greyhart Press full time. To date, Greyhart Press has published 35 books by 16 authors.

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