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The Hill

KAREN BASS

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Jared’s plane has crashed in the Alberta wilderness, and Kyle is first on the scene. When Jared insists on hiking up the highest hill in search of cell phone reception, Kyle hesitates; his Cree grandmother has always forbidden him to go near it. There’s no stopping Jared, though, so Kyle reluctantly follows. After a night spent on the hilltop with no cell service, the teens discover something odd: the plane has disappeared. Nothing in the forest surrounding them seems right. In fact, things seem very wrong. And worst of all, something is hunting them. Karen Bass, the multi-award-winning author of Graffiti Knight and Uncertain Soldier, brings her signature action-packed style to a chilling new subject: the Cree Wîhtiko legend. Inspired by the real story of a remote plane crash and by the legends of her Cree friends and neighbours, Karen brings eerie life—or perhaps something other than life—to the northern Alberta landscape in The Hill.

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Jared, a spoiled rich kid, plane crashes in the wilderness. When he insists on hiking up a hill to try and get a cell signal, that Kyle, a Cree, has told him his grandmother has forbidden him to go near. Jared goes anyways believing it is just Cree superstition, and Kyle reluctantly follows. Soon both boys find themselves in a forest that just isn't right and now they are being hunted. This is a out of this world book for anyone who enjoys lore and legends especially Native American lore. This is my first book by Karen Bass but I loved it and will be looking for more. This book is full of action, suspense, and has you on the edge of your seat the whole time holding your breath. I really enjoyed this book and wish Jared and Kyle would take me with them to see Crazy Horse as it is on my wish list also if they get to go.

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