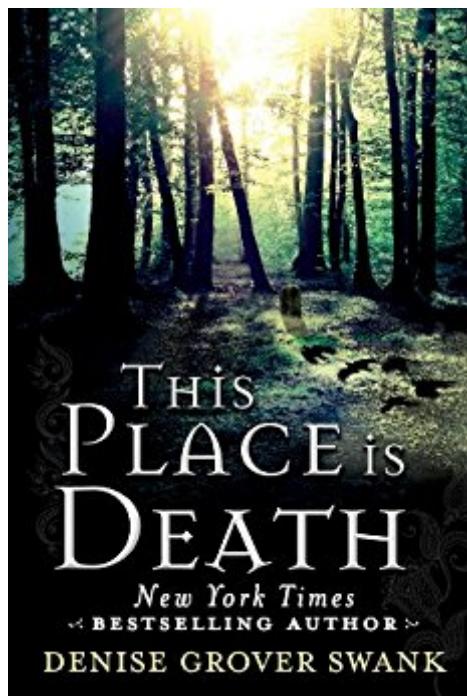


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# This Place Is Death (A Curse Keepers Secret Book 1)



## Synopsis

It's one of the most enduring mysteries in American history: What became of the English colony off the Virginian coast on Roanoke Island? Why, and how, did they vanish so completely? No one suspected an ancient curse. Ananias Dare and his expectant wife are among the pioneers who have come to brave an uncharted frontier. But conditions are harsh, and hostile natives have already spilled English blood. Only the peaceful Croatan people welcome the settlers. But when friend and guide Manteo has a haunting encounter deep in the woods, Ananias fears the colony faces a threat much darker than mortal enemies. As a brutal winter and a massacre loom, Manteo and Ananias—and the dreadful secret they share—may be the settlers' only hope of survival. But for the salvation they desperately seek, there will be hell to pay. *This Place Is Death* is a short story revealing the chilling origins of New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Denise Grover Swank's urban fantasy series, *The Curse Keepers*.

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## Customer Reviews

This was a really good short story that gives a more in-depth look at the curse that is the basis for the Curse Keepers series. I've read that it's not essential to read this prior to the first book in the series, but I opted to for two reasons: I like the historical aspect about the Roanoke Colony (the 'lost city of Roanoke'/the Roanoke Colony is truly a fascinating piece of US history. If you're unfamiliar with it, research it someday.) and I wanted to know how the curse came about before starting the series. I also really liked the paranormal twist on the colony's disappearance. What I didn't expect was the amount of emotion packed into such a small book. I really felt bad for Ananias, and also a little bit for Manteo. Both lost something, one unknowingly and certainly unwillingly, had he known the outcome. The other was fully aware of what they were losing, but what was lost was pretty heartbreaking even if he chose to sacrifice it. The different gods and the demons were really interesting and I liked how each man walked away with a connection to the other. A haunting sort of connection, but it's something they will both never forget. Bottom line - great little novella that really sets the stage for the series and also for the curse. It will be interesting to see exactly how these two characters factor in to the books since this takes place in the early colonization days America and I'm assuming the books are modern day. Quite a few years difference :)

So I started the Curse Keepers and decided to go back to this which explains the curse so now the Curse Keepers doesn't seem as weird if you are weirded out by the super natural. The Indian traditions make this series more tolerable for me.

This is a short story but it's the background of how and why the "The Curse Keepers" came to be. Definitely helps explain things for the series. I think you should read this book for better understanding of the series.

I love this series! These characters and real events are woven with awesome Denise Grover Swank magic! I never knew I like paranormal until reading this series!

This is where the curse came from. This is the beginning. This gives you the background on where the curse started, and why. I love love love this. I can't get enough!!

Story helps clarify how the curse keepers came to be. Thankful read after series as would have looked at Collin differently.

A good book but ended to early. The author splits the book to make more money! It should've been one book instead of three chapters

This really helped you understand the curse and where it came from. Poor Anaias but it proves history repeats itself with what happened in the Curse Keepers. So glad we got this look into the origination of the curse.

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