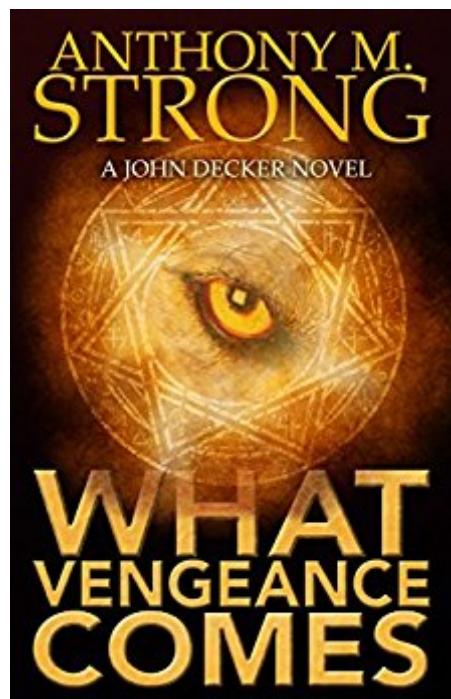


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# What Vengeance Comes (John Decker Series Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

An ancient evil has been summoned...John Decker left Wolf Haven, Louisiana, to escape the memories of his troubled past, believing he would never return. But after twenty years working for a big city police department, he suddenly finds himself back in Wolf Haven, taking the reins as the town's sheriff. Expecting to spend his time dealing with the trivialities of small town life, the occasional drunk, cats stuck in trees, and domestic altercations, he instead finds a vicious killer picking off the residents one by one. Scrambling to find answers before anyone else dies, Decker stumbles across an age-old superstition, a terrifying creature conjured from the depths of hell to seek revenge.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A very well written horror book from a talented author. This is the second book by the author that I've read and he definitely has a gift for words. The story is fast paced and spooky as hell. You won't want to go out into the woods alone after reading this one, that's for sure. You'll probably want to avoid it even when you're not alone. LOL. Lovers of horror stories will love it! I hope there's a

sequel. I'll be the first one to buy it.

My corner of the universe was in the middle of a pretty fierce storm while I read this, so my mindset was already leaning towards atmospheric horror, and this book certainly provided. With a hypnotic narrative and well developed characters, Strong captures the eccentricities of a small bayou town as the legend of Loup Garou resurfaces to plague the citizens of Wolf Haven. Sheriff John Decker finds himself faced with the inexplicably maimed remains of several townsfolk, and must face the uncomfortable realization that the circumstances are alarmingly similar to his mother's death decades earlier. With a tropical storm bearing down on them and no clear explanation for the mutilations, the suspense escalates as quickly as the body count. What Vengeance Comes is quick paced and absorbing, I was more than a little surprised and a bit disappointed when I realized I had just about reached the conclusion. I really enjoyed this book and definitely look forward to revisiting Wolf Haven. Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Loved the gritty characters and wild plot. The sheriff is a new type of hero, and more realistic than the general law enforcement official. The other characters are interwoven into a rollercoaster plot.

I am currently at chapter 28 and want to stop reading because I don't want anything bad to happen to the characters I like. But I can't stop. Oh, Mr. Strong, you compel me to places I dare not go, but must. There's always hope. Right?

Anthony provides a quick moving horror story that fits right in to its location - Louisiana. He nails the characters and the place and provides us with a dark tale that seems like it could be true, especially back in the bayous.

In the age where typing "werewolf" into the search engine usually gets 100's of "shifter romances," it's a definite breath of fresh, horror filled air to find a book such as this! Add the fact of Mr. Strong spinning a tale that makes a jaded old "creature feature" aficionado like myself stay up all night to finish? Yes, it was that darned good! This book has a great down to earth hero, along with well written characters that can be related to even while you're thinking in the back of your mind..."RUN!!!" If you like your werewolves looking like something out of a Men's Health magazine... then keep right on going cuz this book ain't for you. However! If you want a creature that will make

you think twice about going out after dark and that brings back those (deliciously chilling) childhood memories of stories of the "real" monstrous werewolf? Read this book! I'm already reading "Cold Sanctuary," and yep! It's freaking awesome too!

How do you put a new twist on a werewolf tale? Set it among the dark pinewoods and swamps of Southern Louisiana, where revenge is a long-term and fearsome affair, and adopt the local interpretation of the beast, the Lupe Garou. Throw in well-drawn characters, rising tension, and lots of gore, and you have a fast-paced few hours with the hairs raised on the back of your neck.

I am not a big reader of werewolf stories but I thoroughly enjoyed this book, although the Cajun werewolf (Loup Garou) is a completely different incarnation. The writing is taught, fast paced and easily flowing. The characters are well developed, believable and the setting excellent. My interest was originally attracted to book 2 in this series, Cold Sanctuary and although itâ™s stated these books are stand alone novels, I wanted to read the first to get the full back story of the protagonist, Sheriff John Decker. I wasnâ™t disappointed and couldnâ™t put this down until finished. Now, Iâ™m off to Cold Sanctuary.

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