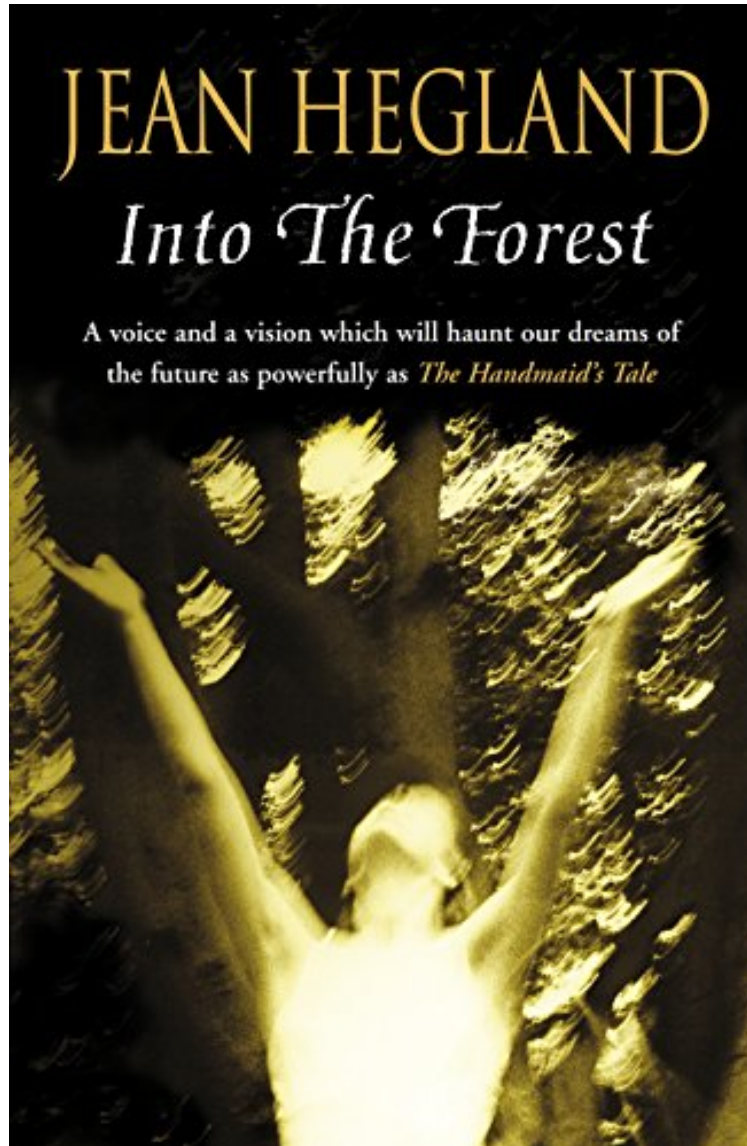


## Into The Forest

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**Von Jean Hegland : Into The Forest** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into The Forest:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well written, but ultimately lackingVon Ein KundeI liked the premise. I thought the author has a wonderful command of the language and constructed beautiful phrases, sentences, paragraphs. But.... How convenient that they would be so deeply cut off from the end-of-the-world experience thus permitting the author to escape from having to imagine much

of it. A serious lack of character development, including even Eva. All we know of her is that she's totally obsessed with ballet. Who IS Eli beyond a blank slate, a device there simply to offer Nell a way out? Some stuff was annoyingly first-novel -- too, too predictable that Eva would be the one to become pregnant; too unbelievable that the father would have taken off the chain brake given their circumstances; odd that he, a principal, would homeschool his kids. These examples, and so much more, just scream "device." And the so-called lesbian scene -- sorry; didn't buy it. Having just been raped, might sexual contact -- let alone incest -- be far from one of Eva's first choices? Perhaps a good book club selection as there is ultimately much to discuss, but I would never give it to someone and say, "You must read this." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. America should re-instate solar tax credits! Von Marie Groh My husband and I own a home on 20 acres of forest butted up against hundreds of acres of national forest in Northern California. We also live at the end of a dirt road that is far from the nearest small town (although we only live 10 miles away not 30). Needless to say the similarities between us and this family are many. However, we have one thing they did not - solar power. We spent \$30,000 in 1988 on our solar equipment and got \$15,000 back from the government from solar tax credits. That program was disbanded in 1989 and the solar energy industry in this country has sadly diminished. Currently, the sun provides about 75% of our electrical needs (and we have stereos, satellite t.v., microwave oven, computer, etc.). We could easily expand this to 85-90% with some conservation if needed - AND we don't get a monthly electric bill! As I read this book I constantly thought of how WE would survive in a similar situation. I realized we would fare much better because of our solar power. Why, we could still listen to music and even watch videos! But I couldn't help despairing about why the world is not embracing this amazing technology more. As a nation we are pitifully reliant on fossil fuels and power companies. Solar power is a clean and renewable source of energy that cannot be owned or controlled by any government or country. I realized in reading this book that by adding a few items that we don't currently have (guns and ammunition, a solar water pump for our well, some canning jars, a good book on native plants to eat and use medicinally, etc.) my husband and I could live in relative comfort here for many years if our government collapsed. It's a shame that more people can't make that claim. Being self-reliant IS a little more work but oh, the rewards! This book gets people thinking about survival and self-reliance - how can that be ANYTHING but good? 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A future bestseller? Von Ein Kunde I enjoyed reading the previous reviews and was excited to learn that others had the same reaction that I did. Basically: Wow! I've read thousands of books and I can honestly say this is one of the few short works of fiction that caused me to close the back cover and just sit there for half an hour. I was haunted by it for days. Why? For me, it's because this is about two ordinary women, young and not skilled in survival techniques, who are surviving, who have opted to leave HOME and hearth (Based on the stereotype, isn't it THE Women who want a nice homey place to live? Yet the two women leave it in the end. Plus they are Doing It (surviving) without men. I think for a number of women of a certain age (40+), there are many mixed feelings about so-called feminism and the book pulls these into the open. Consciously or subconsciously, we proto-feminists of the baby boomer generation may have come to learn or come to accept some personal limitations, perhaps coming to the belief (or "realization" depending on your mental grab on this that--(eg...I will give examples: I will never study car repair and find myself fixing my Corolla...Let hubby do it. Or, guys make better hunters and anyway there's no need for me to learn to shoot a gun). But what IF you HAD to do these things...or die? Could you? Would you? Have you ever shot a rifle? Do you know how to plant seeds? Could you carve up a pig? It made me think of all the areas of survivalist skill and knowledge that many of us modern day women are inexpert in...and Men, too, of course. I don't know how to light a fire with flint, but perhaps if I spent all day trying with nothing else to do and I really needed to cook that hog, I could do it. Here's my point in a nutshell. The book speaks to the subconscious or conscious understanding we have that on some things involving "do it or die" there is a stereotype/myth that men will continue to try whereas women will give up sooner. For these two women, this is NOT the case. And that's intriguing. Thinking about the theme of women-survival-without-men-and-women-trying-to-do-things/failing/and-trying-again in this novel (PS it's mislabeled when it's called sci fi), I think where this novel made its biggest impact on me was in its statement on Survival without Men. As for the creaks in the plot mentioned by others, I felt that they added to the "surprise" twists in the plot. Please hurry that movie! This is a future bestseller and a potential classic.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Set in the near-future, *Into the Forest* is a powerfully imagined novel that focuses on the relationship between two teenage sisters living alone in their Northern California forest home. Nell and Eva live alone in the forest. Recently orphaned and completely isolated, they struggle for normality in a post-holocaust world where electricity is a thing of the past and the outside world a distant memory. In one short year, the normal teenage lives have been transformed as everything we consider necessary to civilization crumbles. Without petrol or electricity they are forced into seclusion, and adolescent dreams of ballet school and Harvard are displaced by the reality of learning to survive. Nell and Eva wait for the power to come back and the world they understand to return, but as time goes on they are forced to realize that 'civilization' is perhaps nothing more than a temporary condition, a 'fugue state' the world has

allowed us. At once a poignant and lyrical portrayal of the power of sisterly loyalty and a horrifying cautionary tale about the future of man and his place in the world, INTO THE FOREST is a deeply moving account of human nature and our fragile existence on earth..deJean Hegland's prose in Into the Forest is as breathtaking as one of the musty, ancient redwoods that share the woodland with Nell and Eva, two sisters who must learn to live in harmony with the northern California forest when the electricity shuts off, the phones go out, their parents die, and all civilization beyond them seems to grind to a halt. At first, the girls rely on stores of food left in their parents' pantry, but when those supplies begin to dwindle, their only option is to turn to each other and the forest's plants and animals for friendship, courage, and sustenance. Into the Forest, an apocalyptic coming-of-age story, will fill readers (both teens and adults) with a profound sense of the human spirit's strength and beauty..comJean Hegland's prose in Into the Forest is as breathtaking as one of the musty, ancient redwoods that share the woodland with Nell and Eva, two sisters who must learn to live in harmony with the northern California forest when the electricity shuts off, the phones go out, their parents die, and all civilization beyond them seems to grind to a halt. At first, the girls rely on stores of food left in their parents' pantry, but when those supplies begin to dwindle, their only option is to turn to each other and the forest's plants and animals for friendship, courage, and sustenance. Into the Forest, an apocalyptic coming-of-age story, will fill readers (both teens and adults) with a profound sense of the human spirit's strength and beauty.