



From Publisher's Weekly 9/2018

Title: Driven to the Hilt: The Deepest Cut

Author: D G Lamb

Genre: Fiction/Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Audience: Adult/ Young Adult

Word Count: 100000

Assessment:

Plot: D.G. Lamb builds an intricate, dystopian world in which young Joshua's life is quickly turned upside down. The eerie inhabitants of Cypress Grove and the plot's many twists keeps the reader interested in this unusual adventure novel.

Prose: Lamb writes with a clear, pleasant voice that eases readers into a false sense of security, as the story plays out and Joshua is faced with nothing but danger, grief, and pain. While some passages occasionally feel slightly wordy, this doesn't detract from the overall work.

Originality: Lamb creates a unique reading experience that highlights the characters' actions and emotions. This is especially helpful considering the fast-paced plot. The author has built a bleak new world here filled with unscrupulous humans, unlikely allies, and creatures.

Character Development: Lamb's characters are well fleshed-out and we easily root for Joshua. There is a dark, magical realism element to the characters, as even corpses and monsters can communicate with the protagonist.

Score:

- **Plot/Idea: 9**
- **Originality: 10**
- **Prose: 9**
- **Character/Execution: 10**
- **Overall: 9.50**