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of
Evergreen
BOOK ONE

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WILDERNESS

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Praise for *Lost in the Wilderness*
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“The Forest of Evergreen is brilliantly written, in a blending of young adult coming of age with fantasy that will have readers anticipating the next installment.”

“It is an exciting teenage fiction fantasy story with a main character whose inner struggle to put her past to rest and find a sense of belonging with her family will tug at your heart.”

“The narration is detailed and descriptive, making the book very visual and clear.”

“The book is original.”

“Teresa Bandiola does a superb job of telling the history of the Pacific island nation of the Great Archipelago of Philipdomia. She was able to explicitly describe all of the characters’ emotional turmoil, especially Sophia’s, as well as the wonder of her laying eyes on paradise.”

“I believe this is a great story that can help readers to get away from the day-to-day complexities of life and be transported to another world.”

“The Forest of Evergreen is a beautiful story.”

“The book had a unique plot filled with layer upon layer of more exciting developments.”

“It takes readers on a whimsical journey through the Evergreen Forest.”

“The characters are portrayed well, especially the character of Sophie, which has many shades and layers to it.”

“The twists and turns in the plot keep readers glued to the story as it progresses.”

“What made Sophia a very intriguing and interesting character was how the author combined the usual teenage traits with something deeper and more gripping in her spirit. Her sombre personality fitted in very well with the theme of the story.”

“Sophie’s pain, grief, and loss after the accident is palpable and readers actually feel sorry as her memory is lost.”

“The calm depiction of the Evergreen Forest provided a serene setting for the story, and the use of unique terms made the story feel more surreal, intriguing, and fun.”

“As the author weaves back and forth between the human and fantasy aspect, it allows the readers to begin to visualize the essence of the story.”

“It is a magical story that will take readers on an adventurous journey filled with love and fantasy.”

“I enjoyed the whimsical plot.”

“I enjoyed the story thoroughly.”

“I did like her character (Sophia) and would like to see where else she goes in other books.”

“The open ending will make readers wait eagerly for the next volume to learn more about the characters and their journey.”

“If you like romance and fantasy, pick up a copy of *The Forest of Evergreen: Lost in the Wilderness* by Teresa May B. Bandiola.”

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The characters' surnames and some of the terminologies used were also created by me, though they may sound strangely familiar to you.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy reading this book as much as I enjoyed researching, and writing it.

Happy reading,

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SEPTEMBER 9, 1983 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

and

my grandmother

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