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Dan Billany's The Trap, first published in 1950, still stands - in the opinion of M.R.D. Foot - as 'one of the most powerful English novels to come out of the [Second World War].' It echoes the wartime experiences of its author, who is believed to have died in 1943 while on the run from an Italian POW camp, but not before entrusting the manuscripts of The Trap to safekeeping. The book's narrator, army lieutenant Michael Carr, tells of his early years in Cornwall, of the girl he met and loved there, and of the hard times her family endured between the wars. These troubles and joys give way to the tragedy of war, and the book's narrative becomes one of comradeship, suspense and fighting in the North African desert. The Trap is an outstanding novel by a writer of natural genius... written with great force and honesty... profoundly impressive.' Times Literary Supplement

Two tales of speculative fiction from bestselling author Howard Fast The Hunter and The Trap presents two thrilling and suspenseful stories by Howard Fast, one of the most prolific authors of the twentieth century. In "The Hunter," celebrated but down-on-his-luck novelist Andrew Bell returns to New York from an African safari only to find himself the prey in someone else's big game hunt. Bell must seek the help of an old friend in order to escape with his life. In "The Trap," an ex-soldier is tasked with traveling the world to find children for a daring social and scientific experiment. In a secret compound in California, a group of government-funded US scientists are attempting to win the Cold War by developing a race of super-humans. Isolated from the shortcomings of human society and nurtured to their full potential, these brilliant children begin to develop powers, including telekinesis and telepathy, which represent the next leap in human development. These two engrossing stories are at once horrifying, thrilling, tragic, and uplifting, demonstrating Fast's range and versatility. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Howard Fast including rare photos from the author's estate.

The hunted ones, led by Gene, find refuge from the vampires with other humans hiding in the mountains, but it soon becomes clear that there is evil here, too, and Gene and Sissy realize that all they have is each other-- if they can stay alive.

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