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Thirty Scary Tales: Creepy Horror Stories



Synopsis

Thirty creepy stories by Rayne Hall. This is subtle horror, atmospheric and unsettling rather than violent and gory. Some stories explore the paranormal, others probe into the dark corners of the human psyche. The frights may creep up on you and linger for a long time. This book is a compilation of volumes 1-5 of the Six Scary Tales books. It includes the acclaimed stories Burning and The Bridge Chamber. All stories have been previously published in magazines, ezines, collections and anthologies. Not suitable for young readers without parental guidance. British English. Stories in collection include: The Devil You Know, Greywalker, Prophetess, Each Stone A Life, By Your Own Free Will, The Bridge Chamber, Only A Fool, Four Bony Hands, The Black Boar, Double Rainbows, Druid Stones, Burning, Scruples, Seagulls, Night Train, Through the Tunnel, Black Karma, Take Me To St. Roch's, Turkish Night, Never Leave Me, The Colour of Dishonour, Beltane, The Painted Staircase, I Dived The Pandora, Terre Vert and Payne's Grey, They Say, Tuppence Special, Disturbed Sleep, Normal Considering the Weather, Arete.

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Customer Reviews

I was looking forward to reading this collection of thirty scary horror tales because the description promises true scares instead of gory or grotesque horror. I am not a fan of gory horror. I prefer scary psychological horror scares. However, there was a story or two in here that definitely qualified as gory complete with blood and guts. The majority of stories are more harsh tales of lessons learned, than anything scary. I had some difficulty downloading it to my Mac Kindle, and then I had some difficulty getting through the stories. The first 8 I disliked. They ranged in tales of women who learned not to trust the wrong person, go with their gut, the man who should have appreciated what he had, and so on. It reminded me of the short tales you would read as a child, Aesop's fables, etc. that always had a somber or tragic lesson. The first story seemed to lack that and just seemed tragic and misplaced. The stories improve with Night Train, a story of a traveler who didn't trust the wrong person and it still ended in tragedy. The end of the story did give me a slight chill. Through the Tunnel feels familiar in that I have heard very similar stories, and it tells the story of a foolish girl and a guardian ghost on a mission to protect people from the same fate he had. Black Karma has a similar theme. I did not enjoy Turkish Night, which is a bizarre nightmare come true with a twist, but it picks back up with another familiar theme of a murdered wife that leaves her mark. The Painted Staircase gives a deserving end with a fantasy twist to a very unlikable man, and the Color of Dishonor has a familiar theme that brings to mind Poe's Telltale Heart, with a crooked slaughtering warlord instead. They Say is not a story.

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