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From Reader Review The Chef for online ebook

Christina says

Well, that was unexpected. Definitely took a turn that I didn't see coming.
Well played Andy Weir.

To read this short story, [click here](#)

Nadin Adel says

That's heartbreaking!
Watch an animated adaptation

Donita Luz says

Oh well.

It's funny how I just finished reading Hopeless then I immediately read this short story from Andy Weir, because man, they have the same exact darkness that I hoped I nobody will ever have to experience.

This is just plain sad short story.

P.S. Follow the author's note at the end. The sadness will doubled up and it's really heart-breaking.

Thank you Aj for sharing the link, now I just shared your sadness. :)

Aj the Ravenous Reader says

Let me tell you a sad story. One afternoon, I found a spare time to read a short story because these past few days, I couldn't seem to find the time to read an actual book and I thought Andy Weir's shorties will just do the trick. I didn't know however that this was going to be a really sad story. Sadder is that when the author asked I read it again, I did. It was even sadder (and creepier) the second time. That's my sad story. You want to share my sadness? Go read it here. ^^

Vicki says

Another short story by Andy Weir that left me kind of cringing. I did re read it and realized that it was a totally different story the second time around. You can read it [here](#)

Nicely executed with that final twist. I really like reading his stories. Now I need to pick up The Martian I am prepared for it now.

Rachel Maniacup says

[I love cooking..but the meaning of **cooking** here did scare the hell out of me! Really Weir!? Did you really have to use the coo

Rossy says

I think the doctor is not really telling her the truth. As another reader wrote in the review, I think there may be something hidden or someone is trying to mess with her mind (or maybe not, maybe everything is true! Love it!)

Emer says

This story...
Take it initially at face value... *and then flip it at second sight.*

My head is all a-muddle.

It was mundane... *then anything but.*
Quietly melancholic... *but then bursting with feeling.*

I know this review doesn't make much sense. I'm sorry.
It's just...

This short story was sad... *and then very disconcerting.*
And definitely worth a few moments of your time.

Read it for yourself [HERE](#)

two and a half stars

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

[A couple of reviews have mentioned a possible additional twist, like Doris really is a chef and the doctor is, for some unknown reason, trying to brainwash her. That would make the story mildly more interesting but ...

Sandra says

How ironic, I read this before going to sleep and by the time I woke up, it looked like my Facebook had exploded regarding things mentioned in the story.

After reading this though, I went like 'eh? That's it?'

There was no real twist and the *Author's Note: Now read it again.* was redundant, methinks.

Anyhow, 2.5*

Rounding it up because the other stories I read were quite entertaining, so clearly he can come up with some good ones.

Read online

Read this for our May Short Story Month Marathon, a personal challenge during which Alex and I will be going through our short story collection in this last week of May. I'm adding a little twist to it by reading books by authors I haven't read from before.

Carol says

[Doris gave daddy his just reward! (hide spoiler)]

Alex ? Deranged KittyCat ? says

Well, that was interesting... kind of... I mean, I did expect a twist because this **is** Andy Weir and he always has one in his short stories. Only it wasn't anything exciting...

You can read it here.

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☆?♥☆ Unsolved Mystery ☆♥?☆ says

What is the difference between a teaspoon and a tablespoon?

Find out here.

Would I recommend this book? Yes, I would!

Would I read this author again? Yes, I would and I have:

The Martian

Prequel to The Martian

Midtown Butcher

Antihypoxiant

Meeting Sarah

Access

The Real Deal

The Egg

Annie's Day

karen says

this is my second short story by that martian guy everyone keeps talking about and maybe his novel is incredible, but neither of these stories have impressed me. i'm still going to read The Martian, but it's just so easy to click a link and read a short story in between emailing and writing reviews - MUCH easier than trying to squeeze a 300 page book into this intimidating stack of things i have foolishly promised to read.

this is one of those gimmicky stories whose entire impact hinges on a twist.

at the end of the story, you find this:

Author's Note: Now read it again.

to which i have added in my mind

Author's Note: Now read it again. SO YOU CAN SEE HOW CLEVER I WAS THERE

which, i just read it, dude. it's like a page long. i remember what happened, i see what you did - there's no need for me to read it again with the insight gained by the reveal.

it's just not as clever as it thinks it is. it reads like some sort of writing workshop exercise; "write a story from the POV of a dog," "write a story in which a feeling or mood is personified," "write a story with a twist ending." those exercises are meant to stretch the creative muscles and work through the mechanics of different modes of storytelling and narrative expression. but i don't wanna read someone else's homework. and that's what this feels like.

i don't think i'm gonna click on any more story links from this guy. unless you people tell me there's a really really good one. please do not lead me astray.

Hayat says

[“How old were you at the time?”

“Eleven.”

“Eleven?” The doctor said. “That’s pretty young to be cooking.”

Doris shrugged. “It was no different at eleven than it is at thirty-five. I was a little smaller and things were harder to reach.”
