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Thriller, horror, and suspense short stories.

Multiple Award-Winning authors.

A is for Addiction...

B is for Barnacles...

C is for Clairvoyance...

Discover the rest of these original horror stories from around the world. Each author chose a letter of the alphabet and was given complete artistic freedom to make something horrible happen. Some stories will be mysterious, others creepy or even profound, but all are crafted to thrill and terrify you to the last page.

This is what happens when dozens of uncensored creative people are allowed to mine the depths of the human psyche for the most depraved, twisted, horrible things imaginable.

Special edition with intricate full-page illustrations bring the stories to life!

Excerpt:

What it really meant was she was rotting away in a cage of her own flesh. The weight of her own body had crushed the flesh on her backside so that it had stopped circulating blood, had started to die. It meant that, after only twenty-six days of freedom, I had to go home and take care of her again. I came back to a familiar smell of piss and sweat and mold; but that was all mixed with a new taint, the sour and yet sickeningly-sweet smell of rotting flesh. She wasn't in her usual chair. Instead, I found her collapsed on a mattress in a bedroom she hadn't used for as long as I could remember, the springs creaking under her weight. She was dressed in a simple blue shirt, almost like a hospital gown, and lifting up the bottom edge, my eyes came level to where she was rotting.

- N is for Necrosis

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From Reader Review Alphabet Soup: Horror Stories for the Tormented Soul for online ebook

Rev. Iris R. Keys, M.D, says

Excellent short stories

Most of the stories were ask written. However there were a few at I had difficulty getting the point. I had to reread those and ponder them. But perhaps that was the author's intent.

Alex says

I was given this audiobook in return for a review.

Fun set of stories in the vein of ABCs of Death, but more sci-fi rather than horror. Obviously, some stories are more memorable than others, but I liked that many of the stories had a linking thread to them.

Cheryl says

An ingenious collection of 27 short stories (A-Z including ampersand) that leave you with a shiver down your spine and a sense of dread of what is happening the further you read into the book. Some stories are scary, others just mysterious, but I must say it was the last few stories in the collection that left an impact with me at the revelations.

While Tobias Wade says the book is a collection of stories written by various authors, I'm wondering whether this is perhaps a sleight of hand on his behalf as the stories are too interconnected to simply be a letter of the alphabet each chosen by a different author. The stunning conclusion ties all the stories together in scenes dripping in horrid conspiracy, and I think only one author could achieve such an ending of a complex series of plots.

I have another of the author's books that I'm beginning to read now and I'll see how it compares to this work. The author really has a talent for building dread and exposing the horror in seemingly everyday events. (I never knew that a barnacle was a living creature and after reading the short story revolving around them I NEVER want to see one. They are the creepiest little fuckers ever!!)

I received an ebook copy of this novel from the author via Bookfunnel. I have voluntarily chosen to review the book, and the gifting in no way determines my rating/review, which reflects my honest opinion.

Ami says

Twenty-seven short stories by multiple authors about many (seemingly) different events. All have one thing in common. They are horrific, many have extremely gruesome happenings. There are small similarities, characters from one author's tale make guest appearances in other author's works. Hints were dropped, but not until I read the final chapter did I see everything pulled together and it blew me away. Please note, this is

NOT a clean book. It is filled with ghastly, disturbing and repugnant occurrences with cursing, cannibalism and sex thrown into the mix.

I borrowed this ebook from Amazon Prime Reading.

Jesse says

First of all: "This book was given to me for free at my request and I provided this voluntary review."

With that out of the way, let's talk about this book. The short stories in this book are all connected in a couple of ways. First of all, they are presented sequentially, with the title of each story starting with the next letter in the alphabet, A is for Addiction, B is for Barnacle, etc. They are also connected thematically, with many recurring elements throughout the stories, such as barnacles, doomsday cults, etc. I really liked the cohesiveness this lent to the work as a whole. While the writing style overall was excellent, I found that some of the stories just didn't hold my interest.

The narrator of this audiobook has a terrific voice for the genre of horror. His accent added an element of mystery to everything, and his voice was overall very pleasing. The emotional rawness of the tales was expressed nicely in his vocal tones, and he really helped to draw me in to those stories that grabbed me the most. Overall, a nice collection.

Mark Lucas-Taylor says

An anthology of (some very short) stories that one gradually discovers link together. One or two did leave me a little puzzled as to exactly what they were about. The main themes throughout the book soon reveal their interconnectedness. I was left wanting more and hope we do get more of Morai, I would certainly read it.

They're supposedly written by 27 different authors however the style and content of the whole lead me to believe that this is a clever conceit on the part of Tobias Wade.

Mikal says

Amazing Horror of a DIFFERENT KIND

Loved the different authors and how all of their stories blended together, without really seemingly "blending". Totally bizarre, interesting and like nothing I've ever read. I highly recommend!

Book lover says

Nice mix

I liked the theme of this anthology and how each story ties in with the others. I recommend this book to

horror and scifi fans who like a little twist to stir up their tales. I plan to read more books from this author.

Victoria Haugen says

Awesome collection of horror shorts!

Very interesting concept! I really enjoyed the stories, and the narration was amazing!

All connected somehow, but each stands on its own.

Really enjoyed listening, and hope to hear more in the future.

If you're into horror stories, and you know you are, check this out!

I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review.

MarkAnthony says

The stories-some quite short-were interesting but some left me confused at their conclusion. Towards the end of the book most of them tie together. But after I finished the book I was left with a few unanswered questions...like some of the stories didn't fully fit into the ending. Still, I finished it-so it did keep my attention.

Beverly Laude says

First of all, this book wasn't at all what I expected. Usually a collection like this contains unconnected stories, sometimes written by different authors. That was not the case with this book.

Each story was named for a letter of the alphabet (hence the name), with a different author's name on each. However, I think that Mr. Tobias Wade actually wrote each of the stories since they had a similar writing style.

Some of the stories were quite creepy, but some were just disturbing. There was a smattering of sci-fi, some serial killers, a "priest" leading believers in a cult, and a lot of sexual perversion. In fact, it seemed like most of the stories had a sexual undertone, even when it really didn't add much to the tale.

A few of the stories had some haunting qualities about them and I will never look at barnacles in the same way! The "B" story called "Barnacles" was probably the best of the lot.

There were some threads connecting the stories to each other in the way that something in one story was a reference to another story. The last chapter was (supposedly) the wrap up of the collection, but I just didn't see it.

The narrator did a good job, but like another reviewer said, his very British accent was not a good fit for this Midwestern set of stories. Nothing against the narrator, it just didn't fit.

All in all, this just wasn't that good of a horror collection in my opinion. I never really got that creepy, look behind you feeling while I was reading this book. My feelings were more revulsion at some of the things that were described but weren't scary, just disgusting. There was some horror, but not that much. I was given a copy of this audiobook by Audiobook Boom and chose to review it.

K.T. Rose says

3.5 stars

Some stories were good. A very few of them were just ok. I liked how they tied together but I thought the conclusion felt a little flat.

Bruce Blanchard says

Letters In Your Alphabet Soup Crunchy to the Taste

Alphabet Soup is a collection of 27 (yes, 27) from A is for Addiction to Z is for Zodiac with & is for Ampersand (why not, I love the little &). These are stories composed by various people offering their take on possibilities of the weird, mysterious, vengeful, science fiction, and horrific. The cool thing about these is dipping into them to keep your touch of strange in a normal, suffocating life. Tells you there's darkness out there and your dark world is still sane. From poison to time travel to dangerous mirrors to weird murderous cults and general lunacy. Now you will be instructed to...really read these as there is a theme developed as the book reaches its end. I didn't know this beforehand and thought: oh man, yeah "that" story. So, some stories stand on their own and others are gathered under a large umbrella as the book closes. Like with DVD's, easter eggs are planted and you never knew they were easter eggs. A slight weakness in the general composition of the book but not enough to detract you from the kernels of thought within each.

Jules Fier says

The authors told stories with the kind of characters you would find in our contemporary times today, with very evil people inside them and makes you think that you think you're in a very bad situation now, there are far worse things that could happen (to anybody), like the story V is for Venom, or ones that show you everything from the bad guy's point of view, like the film American Psycho, in the story P is for Prey.

Me personally, I am a fan of horror anthology, and they all come in different forms whether they are books or TV shows or films.

The story of M is for Mirror, is what the horror film Mirrors (with Sutherland) could have been. The story S is for Sable, reminds me of the 1973 British anthology film Witness To Madness's third story Mel, where a man pisses his wife off, by bringing a small tree back home, and that this tree looks kinda human.

This is a book I'd recommend for horror anthology fans who can't sleep at night or want something to read, just after 1AM or 2AM in the morning.

Becca Rockafellow says

The ABC's of horror

This book has several authors writing uncensored. They each write a horror based on the 26 letters of the alphabet! The stories are rich in horror and they will chill you to the bone! This is worth your time!
