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In this terrifying tale by New York Times bestselling author Richard Kadrey, a young aspiring serial killer goes in search of a mentor—the supreme, the ultimate killer. What he finds is much greater and much worse than he ever could have imagined.

Suspect Zero Details

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Amy Bruestle says

Definitely makes you think, that's for sure....and it took a twist at the end that I certainly wasn't expecting. The movie was better...which is crazy, cause I almost always think the book is way better than the movie.

Elaine says

Hmm. The problem I always have with novelettes/short stories is the lack of runway. Particularly with mysteries or horror, I think it's harder to incorporate the exposition required to keep the story from being ludicrous. *Suspect Zero* has an incredible premise - a young, hitchhiking, wannabe serial killer desperately wishes he could meet his idol... SO GUESS WHO RANDOMLY PULLS UP IN A SEMI?! - which made me want to check out how smoothly the author set that up.

It was disappointing. So was the rest of the story, which leaves the reader with more questions than answers.

Amanda says

A murderous story with a twist.

Armando Duran says

I really enjoyed this short story. The puddles of blood, the creepy banter between master and protege, and the final sit down in the netherworld all came together perfectly. Definitely recommend for fans of Richard Kadrey.

Ian Cockerill says

A short story from Richard Kadrey, of 'Sandman Slim' fame. A decent exercise in writing short fiction with a dark edge.

Christian says

A young aspiring serial killer seeks out an older serial killer so he can be mentored.

It's fine. I never felt particularly involved, and I certainly never felt frightened. The characters chat as they wander around and kill people which could have worked if it was longer and made you feel like people were

dying. Mostly I felt indifferent to the carnage they were inflicting. The twist happened at such a rate as well that by the time it was being confirmed I hadn't entirely noticed that it hadn't been revealed yet.

I didn't realize going in that this was about serial killers. I'm really not interested in reading stories about them, and am kind of tired of the obsession with the "genius serial killer" and with "understanding" them.

It kind of reminded me of the Cereal Convention in *The Sandman: The Doll's House* although this was lacking the satirical edge that that story had.

I listened to the audio book version, which was read by Will Wheaton. I wasn't sure what to expect from him, but he did a great job.

Joel Call says

not badly written just not my jam

Patrick says

Interesting thing here. I listened to this as an audiobook, but it wasn't book length. It was only an hour long.

But I liked it quite a bit. A lot of times when I'm picking a new audiobook to read, I see that it's between 13 and 20 hours long, and find myself reluctant to make that sort of commitment. It was easier to know that I was only signing on for an hour's time.

Another selling point of this one is that it was narrated by Wil Wheaton, who is a great narrator and a good friend. So really, this was an easy buy for me once I saw it.

The story itself? Excellent. Those of you who haven't read Kadrey yet might take this as an easy introduction to his work. It's a little reminiscent of *American Gods*, but with a darker tinge.

Fair warning: There's a lot of violence in here. Nothing hugely grotesque, but a lot of killing and blood. So if that's not your jam, you might want to steer clear.

Amber says

This was a pretty good short story about a boy who is a killer who is searching for the ultimate serial killer named Suspect Zero to teach him how to kill but gets more than he bargains for. Want to read more? Look for this short story at your local library and wherever books are sold.

Katrine Austin says

Great creepy little short story found on audio. Wil Wheaton narrated and production of the audio was

excellent.

Rachel (TheShadesofOrange) says

3.0 Stars

A well-written dark short story. Interesting, yet possibly forgettable.

I listened to this on audio, which had excellent narration by Wil Wheaton.

Tabitha says

Suspect Zero is a short macabre story of the extremely creepy kind. A young man hitching a ride – On the hunt for a murderous legend. Who he finds isn't exactly who he expected. From one old murderer to a young one. They feel each other out and we spend a night following them around while they perform their twisted 'work'.

I didn't go into this one with any expectations because I didn't even read the description. I just saw the name Richard Kadrey and was all 'Yes, I should so read this!' I wasn't let down! It was a super short enjoyable read and you might have a few moments of "WTF?" but if you enjoy your fiction on the darker side its worth the read.

3.5 really.

Autumn says

Short and leaves you wanting more...listened to it and also really enjoyed Will Wheaton as narrator

Regina says

Give away I received from Harper Audio featuring Wil Wheaton narrating the story.

A young hitchhiker is picked up by the original serial killer that he has been searching for. A rather intense but great story.

Andrew says

Now unlike the last book I commented on the sandman slim title this is a standalone title and for that I enjoyed it just as much but was able to place it far mor easily . That said once you have read it you will recognise a tried and tested storyline but it is told with a different twist and with an interesting few extra details so much so that there is room there for more tales around that world or even a sequel or two I think as an experimental short story it was great and shows so interesting potential

