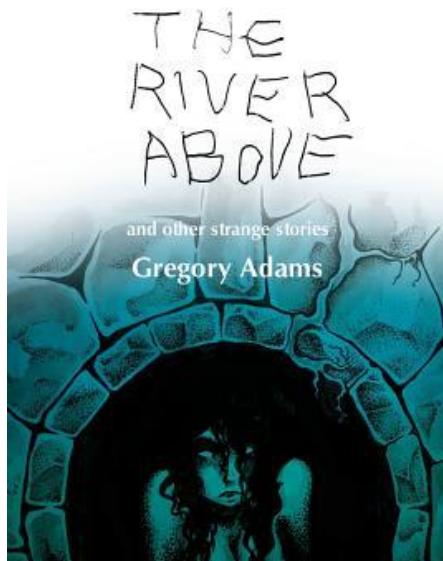


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Devyn says

I received this book from Goodreads.

I tend to judge short story books by how many stories in the book I liked and how many I didn't. In The river Above there was one tale I absolutely adored, but the others I only tolerated. My favorite one was the one about the Hollywood Stars against the flying saucers. That one was so quirky and funny! I'm not trying to suggest that the other stories are bad, (the writing is fantastic through out the entire book), they're just not the genre I prefer.

Zoe's Human says

What I saw as I read this was a developing writer who hasn't quite hit his stride. Some stories were exceptional and wouldn't have been out of place in any genre publication out there. Others, however, came across a bit flat and a touch on the fan-fic side.

The two best stories are easily the eponymous "The River Above" and "The Last Buffalo". Each of these are 5-star reads. "The Last Buffalo" is a magnificent piece of social commentary in the form of a zombie tale. In an unusual twist, it offers an unexpected insight in place of the more typical zombies as metaphors for zoned-out people. "The River Above" is a longer piece of fiction in the paranormal mystery category. Gregory Adams does an excellent job of building tension in this one. He ends it brilliantly, and it left me hungry for more of his work.

An honorable 4-star mention should also go to "The Most Selfish Man in All of Stretford". This paranormal-humor piece is a fun twist on the classic monkey's paw tale and left a huge grin on my face.

I could, however, have done without "The Great Saucer Invasion of 1936" and "Dun Dun Dah Dah Dun". The former will be a fun read for classic film enthusiasts, but it offers little as a story other than the fandom side. The later was actually my biggest disappointment. It was a genius idea for a story, but the last sentence completely ruined it for me. It took an incredible concept and reduced it to a cheesy punchline.

The rest of the stories in the book were decent. They fell a bit short in one way or the other, but I enjoyed them to some extent or another as well. The book could also use another run-through on the edit as there were still some typos for me to find (though not many).

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