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Imogene is young and beautiful. She kisses like a movie star and knows everything about every film ever made. She's also dead and waiting in the Rosebud Theater for Alec Sheldon one afternoon in 1945. . . .

Arthur Roth is a lonely kid with big ideas and a gift for attracting abuse. It isn't easy to make friends when you're the only inflatable boy in town. . . .

Francis is unhappy. Francis was human once, but that was then. Now he's an eight-foot-tall locust and everyone in Calliphora will tremble when they hear him sing. . . .

John Finney is locked in a basement that's stained with the blood of half a dozen other murdered children. In the cellar with him is an antique telephone, long since disconnected, but which rings at night with calls from the dead. . . .

Pop Art Details

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From Reader Review Pop Art for online ebook

Coleen says

Author: Joe Hill

Length: 38 Pages (Short story from 20th Century Ghosts)

Genre: Fiction

Where did it come from? Barnes and Noble

Why do I have it? Recommended by Wes Brown

Summary: Art is an inflatable Jewish boy. It's almost impossible to say more without saying everything.

Review: This is about the best short story I've ever read. I am not usually a big fan of short stories, I usually feel as though something is missing, but Pop Art is a complete story, one that won't let go of you.

Joe Hill is a fantastic story teller and I look forward to reading more of his work.

Recommendation: Anyone who knows that friends are often hard to come by and sometimes hard to recognize at first.

J says

How the heck was this ever written? Where did this idea come from? And why was it so damn good?

Dusty Wallace says

One of the best stories I've ever read. Seriously.

Jonathan Echevarria says

I would have to say if you are going to read one short story in the collection of 20th Century Ghosts then Pop Art should be it. Not really a horror story at all, but more of a tragic fantasy about two best friends growing up together. Both of their lives aren't perfect, yet their friendship is extremely believable and horrifyingly heart warming. Who would of every thought a story about a child born with a genetic inflatable condition could become a masterpiece.

Listen well to the other readers who are praising Pop Art for it's originality and heart warming tenderness.

Because it deserves every bit of compliment and five star review it received so far. In case you couldn't tell from my massive amounts of gushing and praising I give Pop Art a much deserved perfect score of **five out five stars**. If you are a fan of Joe Hill's work do yourself a favor and buy this on your kindle right now. You owe it to yourself to have this story be a part of your life.

Betsy Boo says

I realize that I've already rated the collection that this short story comes from, but I have to single this one out. EVERYONE should read this story. It is undoubtedly the best short story I ever read. Before I read "Pop Art" my 3 favs were "Jefty is Five", "Casting the Runes" and "The Open Window" but now "Pop Art" is #1 with no competitors...as close to perfect as a short story can get. Please read this.

Jonny says

This was an interesting story, and I wasn't expecting the spiritual depth of the tale. It didn't quite hit home as strongly as I had expected from a Joe Hill story, but it was still entertaining.

Denis Pedersen says

one of the best short-stories I've read in recent years!
I actually cried at the end of it...

5/5

Duane says

One of the most original and one of the best short stories I've ever read. It's the story of two young boys, schoolmates, both misfits, especially Arthur who is an inflatable boy. A very moving story with an ending that may bring a tear to your eye. What an imagination to come up with the idea for this story. Then after I finish I learn Joe Hill is really Joe H. King, the son of Stephen King. I think that apple didn't fall far from the tree.

Monnie says

A bizarre, touching story that is far more than you think it's going to be. Very interesting.

♥?σσ?ι?♥? (Krystle) says

This story was so very odd, and I liked it so very much. At it's heart, it was just a great coming of age story, but it had a strange twist that made it a one of a kind read. It also made me laugh several times.

Chris Reber says

Best short story I have ever read. I only wish Hill would've written more fantasy novels. I haven't read any of his horror yet, but I've been on a big sci-fi/fantasy kick. WAAAAAAAAAANT! (more)

Mell says

I wept at the end of this. Some of the most horrific acts in life don't come from monsters or serial killers- they happen every day in the people around us.

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Eliz says

This was a bizarre, yet very touching story about an inflatable boy and his only friend

Andrew Lennon says

UPDATE: 04/02/15

I have just found out that this short story was actually made into a very short movie as well! It's only fifteen minutes long and it is free on youtube right now! I know what I'm watching on my dinner hour! :-D
If you want to check it out, you can find it on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZK8Is...>

I really enjoyed this short story so I'm looking forward to this little movie! If you're interested in my thoughts then you can find my original review below.

When I started reading this I thought it was going to be awful! Like some terrible porn or something. A boy and his inflatable friend!!!

The thing is bough, this is actually a really good story about friendship and life in general. It does start to pull on the old heart strings a little bit towards the end.

It's a short story, only takes maybe half an hour to read but it's definitely worth checking out.

All reviews can be found at <http://lennonslair.blogspot.co.uk>
