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Sheri says

BestsellerBound Anthology (BestsellerBound, #1)

A collection of short stories by various authors and genres. I liked each story. some are authors I have read before, others are new to me. they are all gifted, and have their own unique, fantastic writing style. I will say my top three favorite (in no particular order) were: You Can Call Me Ari by Darcia Helle, Flames by Maria Savva & Tears For Hesh by J. Michael Radcliffe. (List of Authors and titles below.)

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Cathy says

Free for Kindle.
Collection of 10 short stories - varying style and ability.

Wish Upon a Star by Lainey Bancroft was about a young singer who abuses her gift and suffers the consequences. 3 stars.

Tears for Hesh by J. Michael Radcliffe was very sad and touching. I really felt emotion for the main character in a very short time. Hesh, a 7-foot awkward servant for an evil wizard suffers a horrible fate when he learns his master's plans for murder. 4 stars.

Minor Details by Jaleta Clegg was very funny. Fashion, reindeer poop, pentagrams, hearts and flowers, and what happens when would-be witches can't spell. 4 stars.

Other seven were so-so stories.

Azadeh Nafissi says

Reading anthologies is one of the best ways to find out what to read next and which writing style fascinates

you the most. Bestseller Bound anthology #1, edited by Darcia Helle, is a collection of 10 short stories written by several indie authors. In this volume, you can read stories in various genres, from romantic tales to supernatural and horror stories.

In 'Wish Upon a Star', Lainey Bancroft touchingly paints a picture of a singer's breakdown. Darcia Helle creates a chilling thriller in 'You can call me Ari'. 'Tears for Hesh' is an entertaining fantasy about dark magic and an abusive wizard. Sharon E. Cathcart and Maria Savva definitely know how to write heartbreakingly stories about love and loss in a few pages. 'No Eyes but Mine Shall See' is brilliantly narrated through a love letter and 'Flames' is a very well written piece about love at first sight and how a lost earring becomes a symbol of love. In 'Ice Cream Man' Neil Schiller reveals a musician's frustrations. Gareth Lewis in 'Shadow Lantern' inventively uses only dialogue to tell a story. 'The First Texas Twister' is a remarkable tale about Native Americans rituals and how agreement between opposite poles can lead to prosperity. 'Minor Details' is humorous while 'Stained' is realistic.

The whole collection is entertaining and you will find an enjoyable read among them according to your tastes and preferences. Bestseller Bound short story anthologies are in four volumes and free on Smashwords, make sure to grab your copies as long as they are available for free. I look forward to reading the next volumes and more works by these wonderful authors.

5 out of 5 stars

Azadeh Nafissi

Maria says

One of my short stories is featured in this collection, 'Flames'. My review does not include that story. This is a diverse collection of stories, there's something for everyone in this anthology.

'Wish Upon A Star' by Lainey Bancroft An insightful tale about a gifted singer who falls prey to the ravages of fame. Lainey is an author who understands the human psyche well.

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'Shadow Lantern' by Gareth Lewis An interesting concept. A short story told entirely through dialogue with no narrative. At first, I didn't think it would work, and must admit to being a bit confused as to which character was speaking at times. By the end, however, I found myself entertained by this fantasy tale.

'Stained' by Amy Saunders I hadn't read any of Amy's work before this short story, but now I will be seeking out more of her writing. I was very impressed by the way the author deals with the main character's emotions after a traumatic event. The tale is enthralling and the ending is moving. All believable characters.

All in all, this is a great collection and a wonderful way to introduce readers to some very talented independent authors.

Doug DePew says

This is a short story anthology by a group of very talented authors. All of the stories were enjoyable and well written. I enjoyed the entire collection. I found some stories more enjoyable than others, but I'm not sure if that was because of the story or because they fell more into genres I generally read. Several of the stories had quite interesting twists.

I was impressed by the variety in this collection. It ranged from romance to suspense to fantasy...even a folk tale! That kept it fresh from cover to cover. It was a quick, fun read with several excellent stories. Writing a good short story is a difficult writing task that was accomplished quite admirably by several of these authors. I look forward to reading more from this group of talented authors.

Jess Scott says

A refreshing and concise anthology--I enjoy "variety" in both life and literature, and I enjoy anthologies such as this one because of the diversity offered.

This introduces the reader to different genres and narratives styles, something which I greatly appreciate. Commercial mainstream fiction tends to be more homogenous than original/innovative, which is why anthologies such as this are great to introduce new readers to a range of independent writers/authors. In the independent scene, a writer can maintain creative control over their work (without altering it so that it suits a certain "commercial category" better).

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Darcia Helle says

One of my short stories is included in this anthology but my rating/review is for the other nine. This collection of stories, written by incredibly talented indie authors, encompasses a variety of genres, from romance to suspense/thriller to speculative fiction. You'll find a little something for every reader's taste. This collection is a great introduction to authors you might not have read before, as well as a treat from authors you might already know. And it's free! You can download the ebook on Smashwords:
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Sharon says

As I have a story in this anthology, my review applies to the other nine tales.

The "Bestseller Bound Anthology" has something for everyone. Genres range among science fiction, modern romance, historical fiction, crime and Westerns ... with a few stops in between. There are no "duds" in this collection. My favorite story of the lot was "The First Texas Twister," which incorporates elements of Western and supernatural fiction.

Well-done across the board and definitely worth your time to read.

Jaime says

Ten shorts from different genres and all for free? Well done. This book is like a tasting platter at a lovely restaurant; not everything was quite to my tastes, but I'm glad that I gave it a try.

J. Michael Radcliffe says

As a contributing author, my review applies to the other nine tales in this anthology. I am very humbled to appear among such a talented group of writers. Although the anthology covers a wide range of genres/settings, the writing is strong and characters well developed. I thoroughly enjoyed all of the tales and highly recommend seeking out these authors in the genres you enjoy!

Jaime says

The only story I really enjoyed was “Tears for Hesh” by J. Michael Radcliffe. All of the other stories were readable and I did finish the anthology, but they just weren’t memorable enough for me.

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