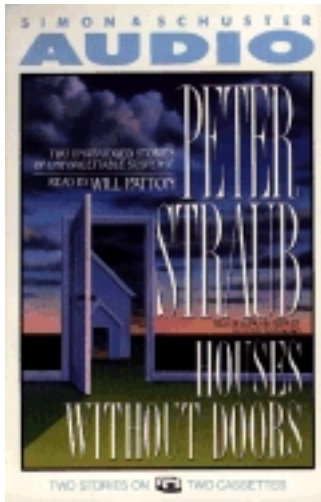

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Houses Without Doors



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Description

This spectacular collection of 13 dark, haunting tales by bestselling author Straub exposes the terrors that hide beneath the surface of the ordinary world, behind the walls of houses without doors. "Straub at his spellbinding best".--Publishers Weekly.

Insightful reviews

Bill Mazzola: love short story collections - some were good, some didn't blow me away, some were just freakin weird.

Becky: I just could not finish all of this book. The first few stories were good but the last few were awful. I love horror and just plain weird books but this one just was too far. I wanted to read Peter Straub because of his work on Stephen King books but he does not have the ability to draw in the reader like King does. I read most of the book up to the last story which I am reading and will finish because I HATE to leave a book unfinished! However, I am having to make myself finish.

Christopher Hivner: This is a book of similarly themed short stories, half of which are short shorts only a few pages long. The characters are people whose lives are untenable. They come from abusive upbringings and are now feeling trapped in their lives.

Straub is an excellent writer and creates vivid, if odd, characters. However, most of these stories didn't work for me. The short shorts were for the most part vague ramblings, not cohesive stories. Of the longer pieces, Blue Rose was the best. It's about an 11 year old boy who reads an old book on hypnotism and discovers he has a gift for it when he puts his younger brother under and something terrible happens. The story suffers only from a weak, anticlimactic ending. The Juniper Tree is a rote pedophilia tale that also ends poorly. The Buffalo Hunter and Mrs. God were both overwritten, going on far longer than was necessary.

Philip: After revisiting (and enjoying) Koko, I re-read a few of these brief stories. One or of those tales are OK, yet i would not suggest this ebook for someone who isn't really already a tremendous fan of Straub.

Daniel: Todavía recuerdo el desasosiego que me produjo Peter Straub en l. a. adolescencia. Por esos misterios del mundo editorial, sus libros están desaparecidos en combate. Este volumen incluye relatos largos que son pequeñas joyas de inquietud. Están bien escritos, sus personajes bien trazados y los angeles incomodidad siempre está presente -más que el terror-.

Maciek: Peter Straub has lengthy seeing that created a reputation for himself within the horror genre, with Clive Barker praising his paintings and calling him a good classicist. Houses with no doorways is a wonderful choice of brief fiction, illustrating his versatility and style. Named after a Emily Dickinson poem ("Doom is the home with no the door")the quantity comprises 6 pieces, and seven accompanying interludes, which jointly shape a lovely whole. The interludes, probably unrelated, take just a web page or two, yet during this brief house they be capable to

do what many writers can't do within the novel format; create a feeling of place, a situation, and those that create it, engage with it and are plagued by it. those are like brief glimpses chances are you'll occasionally solid as you are jogging to paintings or school; status at a bus stop, brooding about on something; seeing an previous pal after an extended time. The tales during this assortment are various when it comes to length and plots, yet all of them have in universal a dismal mood, a feeling of impending doom that can't but be obvious yet can slowly start to be felt. because the pages turn, the characters locate themselves dwelling deeper and deeper into their very own traumas or occasions that are uncertain and mystifying, looking resolution. the hole story, Blue Rose, is a stressful game of a suburban loved ones the place a boy hypnotizes his child brother and discovers that he now holds a gloomy and entire energy over him; the account of abuse and temper of a family that is under satisfied is frighteningly convincing. within the Juniper Tree a writers comes again repeatedly to a summer season of his youth the place he used to be abused by means of a pedophile in a film theater, and its ambiguous influence; a quick consultant to a urban and whatever a couple of Death, whatever a few hearth are brief pieces, the 1st of that's a nod to fanatics of Straub's non-supernatural novels of Koko, secret and The Throat, whereas the opposite is an scan which for me didn't totally paintings out. Perhaps the 2 most sensible entries during this volue also are the longest ones. The Buffalo Hunter is a novella approximately Bob Bunting, who at the floor seems to be simply one other of the never-ending white collared, heart classification men, enslaved to mediocrity and eventless life. Straub, however, does not allow us to move so easy. Bob is a loner, who tells his mom and dad a couple of trophy female friend that does not even exist; he is lethal scared of women, and imagined the total dating simply to look normal. His mind's eye slowly starts off taking keep an eye on over his feel of reality, as he turns into deeply engaged in paperback novels he reads, particularly actually immersing himself within the worlds he discovered at the page. Mrs. God, the concluding novella, is deliciously gothic in its sort and theme. The property has been a spot for assembly of figures comparable to D. H. Lawrence, T. S. Eliot, Ford Madox Ford, and Henry James. whilst William Standish gets a furnish to go to the property and learn the unique manuscripts of Isobel Standish on whom he does scholarly work, he eagerly accepts. yet whatever turns out a little off on the estate, and he unearths himself pulled right into a online game the place the foundations aren't transparent and the result is uncertain. This homage to vintage stories of excellent, and closes the amount on a excessive note. I loved this assortment a superb deal. Straub's variety is poetic and lyrical in places, and his feel of dread and skill to create absolutely fleshed personalities is as acute as ever. suggested to all attracted to seeing a author at work, doing his activity splendidly.

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