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From the author of DESERT PLACES, ABANDON, and “Serial,” comes this 1500-word short story which is an excellent and affordable introduction to the author’s work.

“Unconditional” explores a devastating conversation between two people after unimaginable events have occurred. To say more would spoil the revelatory nature of how this story unfolds.

Unconditional Details

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Deborah says

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Yes, the unconditional love of a parent for a child. I wonder if most children really know that. Mine do. Once again I love Blake Crouch's short story.

Matt says

Told as a set of monologues between a father and son. Set against the backdrop of a father recollecting his son's growth and a young man reflecting back on a life he could not live. Crouch taps into the parental bone in those lucky enough to have children and the terror of seeing your child's life come to a premature end...though who is to be held accountable? Therein lies the rub!

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Sunpiper says

Heartbreaking but real

Classic Blake Crouch. A great story about the love of a parent for his child. They will always be your future.

Igor says

it was too short

Jim says

I wasn't expecting the emotional pangs that went along with reading this short story. Some heavy, dark stuff here mixed with the deep feelings family can feel for one another. Bravo.

Bobbieshiann says

Super short but this is my first read by Blake Crouch, and I am not disappointed. So much was said and

unsaid in 8 pages that I want more. A serial killer who not only killed others but his mother as well is facing death in prison. He has hurt his father as well, yet his father is there to support him in his final days. The man has no remorse but the father reaches back to the youth of his son and the understanding of what his role as a father is.

Olivia Richards says

what a sweetly twisted ending, that was so short but pretty awesome

Marc-Antoine says

Touching, yet very sad.

Marvin says

I always feel a little guilty adding these kindle short stories to my Goodreads list. It's a little like cheating, especially since this is only about 1,500 words, the equivalent of five pages. But here it is listed on Goodreads so..oh well...

But I do not feel guilty about reading it for this piece of short fiction is a little shocker packed with emotion. It starts simply and creeps up on you. This is my first read by Blake Crouch and it is a nice little teaser. I will be looking for more Blake Crouch books especially since this little story and quite a few other works by him are currently offered free at Amazon.

Natalie says

"When you were a child, I didn't tell you about the evil in the world, all that lay in wait." You can bet that after reading Unconditional, I will warn my children about all of the evil in the world. I honestly cried after reading this story. (And I am a jaded horror reader)

I read this story in Cemetery Dance Magazine and I think it is definitely one of their best stories ever! Definitely one of my most favorite and remembered stories. Unconditional punched me in the gut and left a lump in my throat!

Wesley says

4 stars. Great short story. Audio book was under 10 minutes. Interesting meeting between a father and son just before the son on death row is to be executed.

Joe Hart says

Not gonna lie, as a writer I'm super jealous of this story. Crouch put into words thoughts that I've had for years and did it beautifully. Probably one of the most powerful short stories I've ever read. My hat is off.

Dewi says

Sesungguhnya perlu lebih dari satu kali untuk membaca cerpen ini. Panjangnya hanya 3 halaman. Namun saya merasa baru menemukan makna yang utuh setelah 5 kali baca. Baca pertama cepat-cepat, baca kedua, setelah baca ketiga kali saya menemukan petunjuk tersirat yang lain.

Saya pikir kunci dari cerpen ini ada di kalimat :

“In the same way, let's forget all that's happened in the past, and let me just be your Papa for the four and a half hours you have left to live”.

Ternyata saya salah, Crouch menyelipkan satu kejutan di akhir cerita dan satu kejutan lagi saya temukan setelah membaca untuk ketiga kalinya.

saradevil says

If you wonder why this particular fellow is such a good writer, here is a quick intro to help you understand.

Carolyn F. says**Short story**

Wow, I'm just wondering what happened to the mother and exactly what he did to the father. Very good story.
