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Thirty strange and wonderful thought-provoking horror tales, mixing short stories with flash fictions.

Enter a world where things are not as innocent as they might at first appear. A world of startling discoveries, supernatural beings, strange encounters and apocalyptic events. A world where mirrors, drugs, and mystery objects open gateways to other dimensions. A world of haunted gifts and sinister babies, kidnapped sex-dolls and chilling discoveries.

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## **Bones in the Meadow and Other Weird Tales Details**

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## Sam says

This is another great collection of tales from Tim Jeffreys, many of which I have read before but was more than happy to read again. This seems to pull together some of my favourites but for completeness I'll review each one anyway.

'The Well' is a great little story that fires the imagination and encompasses the horror of the unknown with being trapped and helpless, I shall say no more lest I ruin the experience for others.

'Shipwreck Town' is a very chilling tale that tells of Adam and his rescuers, Warren and Abs and how, although they left the woods, they didn't really escape it.

'The Lucky Penny' follows Alfie as he is called to his father's bedside ready for his passing and the gift his father passes to him and the need for mankind to 'know' their future. A warning if ever there was one.

'The People Under the Bridge' is a brilliantly dark story that will absolutely yank at the heartstrings as we discover what really happens to those who slip beneath the bridge.

'Blackspot' is an interesting tale that finds Laura in an unusual situation where all is not as it seems. A cautionary tale of epic proportions despite its short length.

'The Sleeper' is a disturbing tale that shows there is a limit to how far a person can be pushed before they reach their breaking point and what they may be capable of when they do.

'Nightfeeds' is a very interesting twist on a classic genre that hints at the truth behind the tale from the outside but doesn't entirely reveal itself until the final lines.

'The Magic Eye' is an incredibly touching tale following Clare as she tries to adapt to the loss of her father and her new step-father. Written in such a way that the reader can decide what is really going on, is it a child's imagination running away with her or is it something more (personally I think it's something more...)

'The Mirror' is a chilling tale where a seemingly innocuous object is not as innocuous as it seems much to the mixed terror and delight of the story's characters.

'Their Eye Were Flints' is a chilly tale that begins with a simple kidnapping that quickly turns into something far more sinister and even more chilling. You will never look at 'them' the same way again.

'The Resurrection Spell' is a tale of love and loss and the lengths people would go to to get back those they have lost without thought for the consequences. A beautiful tale that reiterates the old adage 'be careful what you wish for'.

'Dream Woman' tells the story of Jim as he finally meets the woman of his dreams, literally, and despite what those dreams tell him he stills follows his destiny. A slightly satirical look at fate and where it can lead you.

'Heart of Winter' is great tale that follows Jess and Rick as they return to Jess's childhood home so she can

retrieve something of her's, left there many years ago, something that should be left undisturbed.

'Alice and the Scarecrow' is a classic horror tale that plays on those childhood fears of the scarecrows in the fields and what they really are when nobody is looking.

'Gone Down' begins as a simple disappearance case for the detective but quickly progresses to something more as the detective's own thoughts hint at a catastrophic event and supernatural beings. A strange story that allows the reader to image what they will.

'The Sexbot' is a darkly amusing sci-fi tale where sexbots are used by the rich and powerful for their earthly pleasures and the plans of Jez and Stig to steal one. Shame they didn't consider the consequences of doing so...one half of the population is likely to find this more amusing than the other (you have been warned).

'The Foreigner' tells of Lucia as she hunts a man, a foreigner whom we quickly learn is not quite what he seems. As Lucia continues her narration we discover that the true danger that she faces in her quest and what continues to drive her forward.

'The Key to Everything' follows Chris Myers as he tries to fill his summer days now that his friends are away or stuck in summer school. As he does he finds a strange key and quickly discovers that there are some things that are best left alone.

'Bones in the Meadow' follows Jim, Kelvin and Ste as they go camping in a far flung corner of the UK only to discover they are not really alone and are the desired company of something in the woods. Despite it's horror/ghost story overtones this is a surprisingly touching tale that hints at something a little deeper that spirits aren't always credited with...they were once human after all.

'I Retched Hard and Man Spewed Forth and Crawled Away' is a strange little tale but one with a resonance and depth that be-lies its length. It tells of one who has rid themselves of their vice yet they still cannot escape them as they come back a-knocking on their door.

'Jeanie's Story' is another superb twist on a classic genre that hints throughout at the truth behind the words until it bursts through the door in the story's gripping climax.

'Gift Box' is another chilling tale of an innocuous object hiding a deep secret that the Vickerman family can't wait to be rid of.

'The Graveyard Cats' may only be two pages long but this tale creates the incredible sense of loss and grief that the narrator feels with superb ease. The presence of the cats although initially disturbing quickly becomes something more as the narrator's state of mind materialises.

'Two Cards on the Table' is another one I loved that follows William T Moffat as he awakes one night to find a rather unusual card game taking place in his garden. Upon joining the game it quickly becomes clear that there is a lot more at stake than just winning. This is a fabulous story that really makes you think...what would you play for?

'Pandy' is a chilling yet sad tale that shows the difference in perception between adults and children and the consequences of rash decisions, no matter how trivial they seem.

'The Thought She Blurted Out' introduces us to Sally through the eyes of her partner, Mike. At first Sally

seems to be a typical lonely housewife who has become more and more introverted. Then we learn the truth and discover something much deeper and more dramatic as Sally's gift becomes the gremlin on her shoulder.

'The Garden Where The Black Flowers Grow' follows Ben Champion as he becomes embroiled in a power beyond his control at number 6 Upper Maudlin Street. A horror tale with a dark and very human twist and depth to it. I loved this one.

'Rosemary' is another moving tale that shows the power of regret and how coulda-woulda-shoulda can tear you apart and bring back those you have lost.

'At Lookout Point' is a brilliant tale that warns against not judging a book by its cover and taking those park bench conversations a little more seriously than many of us probably do, or at least to pay a bit more heed to our responses.

'Night is Peeping' is a chilling and creeping tale told through the eyes of our narrator as he watches then tries to help a girl lost in the woods, chased by unidentified beings who, he hopes, just want to play.

'We Are Three' follows our narrator, the superintendent and The It as they travel on distant seas trying to find a place to rest without The It causing trouble, however as time continues and the presence of The It prevents their resting drastic measures are taken. This is a strange tale that doesn't seem much at first but the more your mind ticks it over the more disturbing it becomes.

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### **Jessica says**

#### **Awesome short story collection!**

Loved this collection! Some of the stories are chilling, others leave you to wonder, others are really thought provoking. My only complaint is that I would have liked for quite a few of these stories to be longer, but I guess that's kind of the point with a short story, to leave you wanting more. Highly recommend.

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### **Samantha says**

Great anthology of short horror stories. I loved every one of them.

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### **Jenny Santiago says**

Seems awesome would love to have this book in my collection

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### **Kathryn says**

Don't normally go in for short stories but was pleasantly surprised by this book. I really enjoyed how some

stories left it up to my imagination about how I thought the story would end and some stories were quite eerie! A great wee book!

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### **Martin Cosby says**

I have read the short story *Bones in the Meadow* previously, and it is one of my best reads of the year so far. This prompted me to buy Tim Jeffreys's collection, which I have really enjoyed; *Bones in the Meadow* is certainly the standout, but I thoroughly enjoyed all of these tales. This is the ideal collection to dip into, with varying lengths of stories to suit any reading opportunity. It is an excellent selection of well-written and intriguing tales of strangeness and adventure, thoroughly satisfying and highly recommended.

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