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Meet Sam Hunter. Ex-cop, low-rent private investigator working the back-streets of Philadelphia. Sam has issues—personal and psychological—but he’s good at what he does. When a beautiful blond from the Main Line hires him to protect her from her gangster ex-husband, Sam thinks it’s going to be a by-the-numbers gig. He’s wrong. David Skye is far more than a criminal –he’s an actual monster. Everyone is afraid of him. They should be. Everyone...except Sam, who brings a whole new kind of ‘mean’ to the mean streets. Things are about to get messy.

Like Part of the Family is the first short story in a new series by New York Times bestseller and multiple Bram Stoker award-winning author Jonathan Maberry (Patient Zero, Dead of Night). Fans of Jim Butcher and Laurell K. Hamilton will enjoy the first bloody adventure of a new kind of hero from the darkest side of town.

Like Part of the Family Details

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Alondra says

4 Stars

Not too shabby; of course, anything by Mr Maberry is going to be great. My only issue, is that this is not a book or even a novella. I would love to see this character fleshed out and more story.

Jaffa Kintigh says

While most detectives in such stories solve the main case at hand, not all own the case with such a deep sense of allegiance to the client. As the title implies, Sam Hunter, ex-PD and now a private dick, has a strong sense of loyalty and need to protect. Perhaps it comes with the territory--Sam's a werewolf [No spoiler there.].

Sam's main problem, and the reason he's no longer on the force, is that he'll go werewolf without regret on any molester/abuser using their power against the weak and disenfranchised. Call it evening the playing field, or better yet, reversing the tables.

The current client has put up with years of threats and abuse by the time she finds Sam. No, she didn't report the previous black eyes and bruises. But after waking to find her ex-husband standing over her in her locked house, she's convinced he's out to kill her . . .

This tale appears in *Weird Detectives: Recent Investigations* edited by Paula Guran.

Jana says

Loved it! I can't wait for the next installment. I am so glad there is a story out there where the werewolves are way stronger than the vampires!

Joe says

Incredible! I wish it was 1000x longer though. Can't wait for more installments of this storyline.

Tamara says

Perfection

My supporting comments:

For me there is nothing better than a lunchtime read that sucks me away from life ... only to spit me back into my reality ... leaving me not only reliving the words and story written ... but craving more of them ... that's Maberry perfection ... the short story way.

AudioBookReviewer says

ABR's full Like Part of the Family audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

When I picked Like Part of the Family I didn't realize that I had already listened to it once as part of a short story collection. At first I was really disappointed that this wasn't something new and wonderful from Jonathan Maberry. But by the end I was just fine having listened to it again.

I really hope that Maberry will take on a full length novel about Sam Hunter, werewolf private investigator. This could make for a very fun story.

It is difficult enough to write a review about a short story. Especially the publisher's summary doesn't leave much for the listener/reader to find on their own. That is exactly what happens. So now that you know what happens, why would you want to listen?

Because Maberry is a magician or master craftsman with words. Like Part of the Family drew me right in and all of a sudden I was invested in the story. I simply wanted to listen to a beautifully written story.

Now a great story deserves a equally great performance and Tom Weiner delivers a home run with this one. I have listen to quite a few of his performances and I have never heard him use this particular accent and pacing. Made me truly believe that he was Sam Hunter from Philadelphia.

Audiobook provided for review by the publisher.

Jaime Horio says

This was fun. An interesting twist, with the main character being a werewolf. A PI by day and turning into a supernatural beast by night. I enjoyed this story and I feel like it has the potential to be something more.

Gilbert says

very cool story, would love to see a full novel with main character

Kim Watkins says

I loved this story. I hope Mr. Maberry will continue with this series, it is his best yet!

Meg Mims says

Totally surprised me on this one. REALLY great!

Silvia says

I loved this story!!! I hope Maberry develops a book based on this character.

Faith Hurst-Bilinski says

I want more Sam Hunter.

William M. says

4 AND 1/2 STARS

I was grateful to not know anything about this story before I read it. I went in blind and as the revelations began to unfold, I was thrilled and delighted with the results. Jonathan Maberry, author of the highly impressive Pine Deep trilogy, Joe Ledger thrillers and the young adult zombie series, Rot and Ruin, has managed to come up yet again with a fresh take on the horror genre.

Without giving anything away, this story follows Sam Hunter, a private investigator looking into an ex-husband of his client who she claims is planning to kill her. This easily has the potential to be another great series. The ideas in this story only scratch the surface to what could be numerous books Maberry should expand on. The author drops many clues along the way which will keep the reader hooked. Definitely recommended.

Tish Lott says

Awesome

I love this guy, can't wait for any thing that he writes s . I read them over and over

Lou says

Pound for pound the boxer Sugar Ray Robinson was a champion across weight divisions his skill and class was unmatched. In writing you could say there are pound for pound or should I say Genre for Genre writers that hit home runs and pack a punch with stories across different genres. Writers such as Richard Matheson, Ray Bradbury, Stephen King, Dan Simmons and I must say also with Jonathan Maberry. He is writing top notch novels with the likes of The Pine Deep trilogy, The Joe ledger Series and Benny Imura series and now we have a short story of the Urban Fantasy genre.

Sam Hunter is a Private Investigator, his new client wants him to take the heat off from and ex-husband who's making death threats. This ex-husband has been said to have charisma and owns a groovy bat-like urban club down town. Sam pays him a visit to see what pedigree of heat he is dealing with and oh boy does Sam discover a whole new class of jackass. Sam is a P.I that has all the hallmarks of a character built to last and is going to take the investigation scene by storm. He has an extra edge a surprise weapon of defense that should help him through the rough and a charisma to deal with the smooth. This is story presents a taster of the man Sam Hunter and will leave you with a thirst for more of his stories. Maberry's writing was sharp and packed a solid punch with a couple of surprises. Short and one not to miss. I am waiting eagerly for a novel length story with Sam the P.I as the main protagonist.

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