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Three-year old Gabriela plays with her twin brother on a train platform. Blind sax man, Braille the Rail, meets with an old, old friend. The earth rumbles beneath them all: the promise of an approaching locomotive. Now, two mysterious strangers, both of them acting in the interest of an otherworldly sense of duty, will decide their fate over a cup of tea.

The Night Walk Men Details

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From Reader Review The Night Walk Men for online ebook

Sheri says

The Night Walk Men (Jason McIntyre)
Novella

Gabriela and her brother are playing on the rail road tracks, while her mother searched her purse for lipstick and her father is occupied. As the train approaches the fate of one young girl will be decided by two strangers.

Written in a unique style as if this story is being told to the reader on a personal level. I highly anticipate the full story as this is The Prologue to The Night Walk Men Novel.

I intend on reading all of Jason McIntyrebooks.

I recommend Thalo Blueas well. It was my first read by this gifted Author.

Tim says

After reading the wonderful On The Gathering Storm I was amazed to find this for free on amazon and immediately downloaded it. I thought the voice of the narrator was superb and the opening sequence beautifully written. I loved the way the narrator would change from being comical to deadly serious in the space of a few words, and I was never quite sure if I could trust what he was saying. I really enjoyed the scenes between Obsidion and Braille, they were so emotionally charged and touching. All in all I thought The Night Walk Men was superbly written and is another stellar offering from an amazing writer, if you haven't reason Jason McIntyre yet DO IT NOW!

Angela says

A very good short story I found for free download at Amazon.

Since receiving a kindle at Christmas I have been divulging in my love for short stories by downloading a lot of free ones; ones I would not generally read either so it is good to find a source to broaden my reading experiences and tastes.

Out of the many short stories I have read recently, this is by far one of the better written and interesting ones. As a prologue to a book series, this is definitely something I would be interested in visiting again.

Nathan Henrion says

Fantastic short story. Absolutely fantastic. It had a certain classic feel to the narration...the voice is reminiscent of the narrator from Dostoevsky's "Notes From Underground" with a twist of Neil Gaiman thrown in for kicks.

Do yourself a favor and download it. A quick read and there are some great lines in this piece.

Lea says

This is a very well written story, it reads almost like poetry. As others have said, I would love to read more about the Night Walk Men. This was a great introduction to Jason McIntyre's work.

If you're interested in reading it, try smashwords -- I wasn't able to find it on Amazon, etc, but found it on smashwords by googling it.

Lou says

Well written and creative story, this is more a taster short story to something bigger to come The Night Walk Men are characters you want to hear more of in the Death sense of things. Available FOR Free on Kindle.

Lori says

I listened to the audio even though the author was kind enough to offer both the book for download as well as the audio. I was curious to hear vs read this time. The voice (not sure if this is the author himself or someone else but the reading is awesome) Very eerie and my favorite part which made me jump for some reason was the opening in part 1 where he says "More people die when it's raining" I often wondered about that but hearing it while "just" talking about weather was a great opener.

Part 4 - Braille the rail was hands down my favorite of all 5

"Come sit and drink tea with me while I tell you your lot" If only Alice had her tea party with Hatter while on a train, ah yes that is where my mind took me. Perhaps they could invite Obo the Hobo to ride the crazy train too?

What can I say new about Jason McIntyre's writing that I didn't mention in my first book review, I think each time I read something my level or mind set of the dark, the mysterious, creepy visions or just the eerie feel goes up a notch.

So you deal in death, life or is it the pursuit of happiness that one must fear on any given day??!

PS SERIOUSLY GOOD READS NEEDS A DAMN AUTO SAVE GRRR!

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

Review of The Night Walk Men by Jason McIntyre
5 Stars

Reviewed for Freebookdude Nov. 5 2012

A reader's hooking first page that just yanks the reader up by the throat starts off this novella-then it goes metaphysical and metaphorical and philosophical . So we learn that the Night Walk Men (yes, they are multiple) bring death, to human and animal, but then that's not their only task. Sometimes they just fix: adjust what Should have but wasn't. Sometimes.

Sometimes the Night Walk Men are called to fix in advance, to adjust so momentous changes and alterations won't occur. Some listen. Some don't. Those who don't will be removed.

Some events are just meant to happen. To facilitate those events, there are the Night Walk Men.

Jason McIntyre says

Review by: Lisa B at Smashwords on Aug. 06, 2010 :

Weird! But in a good way. It plays with the narrative to the point where I was questioning the motives of the narrator and not sure if I should trust what he was telling me or call him a liar. It is very blunt! Being "talked to" like that in a story is different.

I can't get past the mental image I created in my own head of that little girl on the train track when she felt the rumble of the coming train. Good solid creation of the fear in my own head. Not many writers do that well without describing every tiny detail. This one gets it. Well done!

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Review by: Mark Jacobs at Smashwords on Sep. 06, 2010 :

Weird, eerie, and spellbinding stuff. Well worth reading! A story of great depth and meaning. Good job, Jason.

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Review by: artielange at Smashwords on Aug. 18, 2010 :

Watching this little girl's life hang in the balance is mesmerizing. I just didn't know where it would go.

I agree-this should be a series of stories with some more time spent on the mythology of the night walk men..and how their decisions are made.

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Review by: Shana at Smashwords on Aug. 12, 2010 :

Yes! I want to learn more about the Night Walk Men too, more about their world and this crazy place on the other side of the moon. There's a touch of the fantastical here but it's so grounded in the real world and that's what McIntyre does well in his other stories on Smashwords too. Crazy story. Just cray-zee!

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Review by: Stucky at Smashwords on Aug. 12, 2010 :

I would be interested in a series of tales featuring "Night Walk Men." It would probably make a good "Twilight Zone"-esque TV show if done right, too.

Kimberly McMichael says

I loved this book. The Night Walk Men is seriously one of the more conflicted stories I've read. It is fast paced while telling an age old story. It is seriously dark, with a goth/comic book feel to it, yet some of the most beautifully written lines I've ever had the pleasure of reading. The characters are extremely strong and McIntyre is able to build them within the constraints of a short story. The story makes me itch to draw...with lots of blacks and greys... I am surprised to be writing this, but The Night Walk Men might be my favorite just because of the contradictions. If it's not my favorite it's a close second to On the Gathering Storm...Or Thalo Blue. I would suggest reading The NightWalk Men to sample the intricate style and beautiful flow of Jason McIntyre's storytelling voice. He is truly a master storyteller with a contemporary edge.

Maria says

A story told as if someone is relaying a secret, like being let in on inside information. A compulsive read. A story about loyalty, duty, friendship, life, and death. Do accidents ever happen, or is everything just a part of a bigger plan? You must read The Night Walk Men to find out...

Darcia Helle says

I want more! I loved this story and would like to double my star rating. The Night Walk Men is short but don't let the length fool you. The substance packed into this novelette is astounding. This story is dark, yet full of hope; obscure, yet enlightening. As always, Jason McIntyre paints a portrait with his words. His imagery is perfection and will haunt me for some time in ways both wondrous and disconcerting. I hope to see more of The Night Walk Men soon!

Robert Zimmermann says

The Night Walk Men was able to hook me in, in one of the strangest ways a book can. It's a novella written for the most part in the 2nd person point of view. This is a MAJOR turn off for me. I don't like being talked at from what I'm reading. But this style works very well for how McIntyre is setting up the story. When some authors will just have a narrator that said you a lot and doesn't actually include the reader in the story, the narrator of The Night Walk Men interacts with the reader. It may not be a reaction to exactly what the reader is thinking, but when that happens it made me think about things again. It brought attention to make things.

Getting me hooked on a novella in this POV is a feat in itself. The subject matter was another great element. The world build in this novella was interesting to say the least. The mythology of these Night Walk Men puts the world and how it works into a new perspective. It's not just an entertaining read. The literary element of this novella pushes it passed the realm of pure entertainment.

I've read Kro, a short story that is set in the same world as The Night Walk Men, and I've enjoyed that one as well. Where that story grabbed me in more of a "what's this all about" way, this novella answered my questions from Kro while weaving its own intriguing story and then making me want to continue finding out

more about the story line to come.

There is a new novel out, that The Night Walk Men and Kro are both connected to, called The Devil's Right Hand. There's no doubt in my mind that I will be reading that one. McIntyre has grabbed me as a fan.

Lenora Good says

First off, please note: this is a NOVELLA. It's a short story; it is not a novel, but it's also free on Kindle, so what do you care?

I think I am safe in saying this is a dark story, and if you don't like dark stories, pass. Or, if you're like me and don't like dark stories, but do like well written stories, give it a try. I finished it and immediately bought and downloaded the novel that comes next.

This kind of writing, nor the story, will appeal to everyone, but it appeals to me. You can read the first few pages, and if it appeals to you, download the whole story. McIntyre's style is in your face, immediate—your long lost friend telling you his story over a cuppa, and it's so fascinating, you don't interrupt. Not that you'd be given a chance....

As one reviewer said, it's like he's "channeling Rod Serling while Ray Bradbury whispers in his ear". There is a reason he is the #1 Kindle Suspense author.

Thank you, Jason McIntyre, for a well-told and fantastical story.

Giovanni Gelati says

Here is the second digital short of the day, one that will make your mind expand in a total different direction than Bite This!. Before I get into that though, I just would like to offer up some background on this post's author Jason McIntyre: Born on the prairies, Jason McIntyre eventually lived and worked on Vancouver Island where the vibrant characters and vivid surroundings stayed with him and coalesced into what would become his novel, *On the Gathering Storm*. Before his time as an editor, writer and communications professional, he spent several years as a graphic designer and commercial artist. *On The Gathering Storm* is his first novel. Currently, Jason is hard at work on a follow-up novel series about The Night Walk Men and a coming-of-age tale which will be told in a trilogy of books <http://www.thefarthestreach.com> .

I am glad I got that out of the way. As far as *On the Gathering Storm* goes, I will be featuring that tomorrow as part of our Self Published Sunday. The digital short was nothing like I expected it to be. There is a mature content warning and I was cringing, waiting for the part that was to come that I had to be over 18 to read. I am not going to spoil that part for you, nor will I try to spoil any other part of the story for you. What I do want to say is this: the download costs you nothing, but gives you a glimpse into Jason McIntyre's style, his prose, and his ability to craft and twist as he sees fit to take us on a journey that we may have overlooked or chosen to turn a blind eye to. How and why? Things happen in the world and we shake our heads, *The Night Walk Men* decides that. Here is the brief description from Smashwords: "A little girl named Gabriela is playing with her brother on a train platform and two mysterious strangers will decide her fate over a cup of tea. Is there such a thing as destiny? And, what is the value of doing your job, even if you don't think it's right?"

I can honestly say I was riveted as I turned each virtual page. The digital short is 8845 words of suspense and

deep thought. No one has ever accused me of being a deep thinker but I couldn't pry myself from this. I wanted to follow this to the end and find out what and why. Free things are not supposed to be this good, and this thought provoking. Usually if you get something for free, it gets quickly discarded; this story will follow you and make you think a little bit. One cannot say that about much these days. Check this out, all it will cost is some of your time. Then go to our post tomorrow and give that a quick read and click the Amazon button for his full length novel we will be featuring tomorrow, On The Gathering Storm. This artist, this author should be supported and read. I will get down off the soap box till tomorrow, thanks.

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