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"Island Ghosts" is a 3,000-word short story originally published in the now out-of-print hard-boiled DIME detective anthology (Futures Mysterious Press). It serves as an introduction to David Bain's Will Castleton stories, which include the full-length novel DEATH SIGHT and THE CASTLETON FILES story collection. Watch for two new Will Castleton novels coming soon: PURGATORY BLUES and RETURN TO ANGEL HILL (w/ C. Dennis Moore).

In "Island Ghosts", "slightly psychic" U.S. Marshal Will Castleton's tropical vacation is no escape from his past. The reporter who cashed in on the tragedy resulting in Will's psychic abilities is hot on his trail as Will races time through a hurricane to save a woman's life.

Island Ghosts Details

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Rob Errera says

Will Castleton is US Marshall with psychic abilities, and David Bain is the community college English professor who created him. Both seem like interesting characters; Castleton with his sometimes-too-late "visions" of crime victims, and Bain with his ability to carve out a niche for himself in the self-pubbed crime fiction genre. Island Ghosts is a fast, fun Castleton adventure, and certainly a cut above the usual independent author offerings, and an excellent read for a freebie. Island Ghosts doesn't have the most original characters or concepts, (there's a '80s television crime drama vibe running through this story that's both cheesy and endearing) and the prose gets a bit purple at times, but Bain's hardboiled style makes it work.

Nancy Silk says

"An Intense Preview of A Great Story"

This is a very short thriller that gives you a good sample of Author David Bain's fine writing and storytelling. Receiving a call from friend, Mazie, Will Castleton explains to her that he's taking a break to relax in the Sunshine State, specifically at Gamer's Key in Florida. She questions his sanity wondering why he would be back on the island that has many ghosts he may have to face. Will is a U.S. Marshal, and he also tends to be psychic. Coming back from the 7-11 store with a case of Corona Beer, he recognizes a car and driver following him, Shane Lehman, a reporter for the Biscayne Beacon. Seeing Lehman brings back the memories of Will trying to save from drowning his best friend, Brad, seven years ago. Brad's ghost is still out to sea, calling to him. This is an intriguing, well written story of the ghosts who haunt Will Castleton. I loved it, and I'll be moving on to the full length novel, Death Sight," another Will Castleton mystery.

Debbie Heaton says

In Bain's book, slightly psychic U.S. Marshal Will Castleton's tropical vacation proves to offer no escape to his past. He experiences a vision and is determined that he will not fail as he has in the past. Racing against time and the elements, he is determined to save the life a woman in peril.

This is a worthwhile read, well written and filled with intrigue.

Marcia Carrington says

Well-written short story of U.S. Marshal Will Castleton, detailing how history repeats itself for him in Florida after a seven year absence. The descriptions of the landscapes are well-drawn and descriptive, with

the reader feeling that they can actually 'see' the various story locales vividly. The conclusion is satisfying, and ends the story at an appropriate time.

Ellen says

Great short story. I think the lead character could be a regular in more stories.

Gerard Fleck says

A cop on recovery after an investigation gone wrong finds himself in the middle of another situation. This short story provides a look into the main character who is featured in several of the Author's other books.

Sherry Fundin says

Will had almost drowned. He woke up with a psychic gift, but he thought of it as a curse.

Because of the accident, he had been crucified in the press. He lost his girlfriend and his reputation.

Now, he was hanging out in Florida, walking on the beach, with his usual Corona in his hand. He saw her in the clouds and knew he only had minutes to save her.

5 STARS – Would Buy It For Them (lol)

The cover grabbed me and I knew I had to read this super short story. The title fits the book to a tee.

The book mentions Michigan and Florida, two places I am very familiar with. That always peaks my interest.

The book captured me from the first page. I devoured it, the suspense leading me to race through it to find out what was going to happen. I was so disappointed when it came to an end. There was so much I read into the story, I feel this could easily have been developed into a novel. I would love to read more about Will, his life and the people who call out to him through his psychic connection to them.

Excellent writing. I am amazed that so much was packed into a story that it took me (maybe) ten minutes to read. I felt like I knew Will and what he was going through. I definitely want to read more from this author.

I had this in my read to review folder, but I believe I got it on an Amazon freebie day. I put it in the folder, because I had a very good feeling about it and wanted to make sure I didn't forget about it. I didn't want to lose it in my humongous list of books on my Kindle. LOL

David Bain

Julie Ramsey says

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This was a short ..very short book. Only about 35 pages. Other than it was short I can't say anything bad about it. The book starts off with a Marshal that is physic. The 1st time he got a vision, his best friend dies and he is blamed and then proved innocent. Later he catches a guy torturing a girl, but he feels guilty because he didn't find him early enough. Now he is following another vision and he is determined to catch this one in time.

This was a worth while read, very well done and pretty exciting. I wish it would have been longer but I knew that part going in. So anyone looking for a good story, check this one out.

complimentary copy which was provided for an honest review

KyBunnies says

The following evaluation is my own estimation and not a paid evaluation. To shape your personal opinions please support the author and acquire your own legal copy of this book. Books that are gifts to me do not assure a positive appraise.

This book is a prequel to a series. I knew this when I downloaded this digital book. While it is hard from some authors to write a short book that, will make or want the reader to read or purchase more books. I believe this author has captured that in this book. I want to know more about the characters. I want to know what happens next.

The main character in this book Will Castleton is a U.S Marshal. He is trying to get past something horrible that he found in his career. While on a sabbatical Will, is hounded by a reporter that wants to get the inside details of the case. Maybe it is me but if I was Will I would beat the life out of this reporter. Some people in the media do not know when to stop and let something go. They are like a dog with a bone; they will never give up on a story.

I am not going to give any more details about this book. To do so would give everything away. That is the screwy part about trying to write a review for short stories. It is so hard to write a review.

Lisa Fairhurst says

Great short story. And I do mean short, read it in ten minutes. Very enjoyable though, will read more by this author.

J. says

A well written short story and the perfect length for the story being told; any longer and the plotline would have needed a major complication or two. Another reviewer mentioned that it has the feel of a 1980s crime drama, cheesy and endearing, and I agree. The LEO who drinks too much, has bad relations with the press, follows his instincts when there aren't any clues... it's all there. The ending fell a bit flat for me; while it fittingly concludes the story, it doesn't entirely seem to fit the main character as presented. The excellent writing makes up for any loss there. Four stars.

Temperance says

like to see a full length novel

April says

I liked this e-book, but was slightly disappointed that it wasn't longer.

Martha says

Will is a US Marshall with special abilities. At times he considers his 'gift' a curse, but there are times when it proves helpful to save lives or, at least, give comfort at the end of life. In this novella, Will returns to the Florida Keys where he lost a friend to a boating accident years before. Will realizes he is being followed by a news reporter whose article lambasted Will even though the investigation into the boating accident proved he did all he could.

Will has recently been declared a hero for saving a life. Will didn't ask for the gift and doesn't seek to be a hero. But when he hears a cry for help, he can't ignore it either.

I enjoyed Will as a character even though his drinking is out of control. Still, I am glad I read this short story as I would like to read a fuller novel about Will's struggles and successes. I recommend this to those who like mysteries with a paranormal gift.

Andy Angel says

I found this story of a psychic cop enjoyable but on my Kindle it was over at 53% which I was not expecting. That said, the story was fast paced, the character of Will Castleton is interesting enough to make me want to read more of his story.

A job well done but be aware - this is a VERY short story.

