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Halley's Gift explores the lives of extraordinary fictional characters and through the stories you will have the opportunity to meet these unique people. Here are some of the characters you'll read about: Halley struggles with how to use her talents or whether she even truly has a gift. Commander Hadley has extraordinary flying skills, but will discover what is truly most important. Jack lives a flawed life, but he manages to be a hero and be true to himself. Leslie overcomes odds stacked high against her; one simple act of kindness helps. Kelly will break the law, but you judge for yourself whether justice is served. Elysha, brash and brave, does the right thing, but her reward is an unexpected one. Some of us are lucky and some are luck itself: Lucky McGregor makes his own luck. Genius can be a curse, but William finds a way to harness his extraordinary gift. And finally, Victor learns that when forces threaten those you care about most, heroics emerge. These characters and the people around them provide distinct tales about extraordinary talents, gifts, and skills, coupled with courage. I hope you will reflect on your own distinct value, your extraordinariness, and learn to use it in the best ways possible.

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Phyllis Krall says

Since I don't read a lot of short stories, I was more than pleasantly surprised by this book. I loved the characters and found them all to be extraordinary in their own way. When you read this book you will understand that each one of us has some extraordinary quality in their life. It is how we apply this gift to attain one's dreams, that really matter.

I highly recommend this book !!

Karen says

Halley's Gift And Eight Other Extraordinary Tales gives you the opportunity to dive into the lives of interesting people and their stories; each tale has its own pleasant flow.

With Halley's Gift And Eight Other Extraordinary Tales, Carey V. Azzara introduces you to the different main characters with their flaws and virtues; each of them described in enough detail to understand why they act the way they do. I was drawn into the tales as an invisible observer, didn't in the least want to be interrupted while 'being' in one of the stories. These tales will stay in my thoughts for quite a while. Halley's Gift And Eight Other Extraordinary Tales is a great read for readers who appreciate food for thought and/or like to dive into a story and for short story collection fans.

This is a more diversified collection of short stories, introducing you to ten extraordinary main characters and their stories.

The author sent me a copy of this book (pdf format) in exchange for an honest review.

Iesha (In east shade house at...) says

Halley's Gift is an wonderful story an a young girl, whom comes into her powers. Powers she was gifted with as an infant. This story unfolds in an way that I was able to connect and see what Halley experiences. I love Halley's gift to speak to the spirits of animals. I also enjoyed the Native America India aspect that is tied into this enjoyable story. This is a story that I could read more than once as it does captures my attention and interests.

Maggie says

The author of this collection of short stories sent me the book as a gift to read and review. I did read it...and found it to be passably entertaining at best. The stories are plot driven narratives that are long on dialogue and mostly involve action-packed themes. They read like scripts for television dramas more than short stories. My opinion of the collection may be in part to the fact that it isn't the sort of book I would normally

choose, but I am grateful to have had the opportunity to read it nonetheless. My favorites stories in the mix are " What's Worrying Will?", "Final Notice", and "Good Judge of Character".

Monica says

I am not familiar with Carey Azzara's books and I have to say I was pleasantly surprised! These are some interesting and extraordinary stories. Good writing style. Good descriptions and character development which is hard sometimes in short stories. I'd have to say my favorite was Jack's story. Awesome. I have received this book for free in exchange for an honest review. Well done Mr. Azzara!

Whitney Hinckley says

In nine short stories, the reader is introduced to nine different people who overcome trials in a variety of ways. From Halley learning to use her gift to Elysha fighting for her life and her treasure.

I liked that Azzara's stories are about people overcoming their difficulties, even if I didn't think that the way that some of them overcame them was the best way to do so. And I have a lot of respect for someone who puts their fiction out there for the world to see and judge.

That being said . . . I guess it's time for my judgment. It's difficult to turn off my editor's eyes. I've trained to have them and sometimes I can, but sometimes I can't. I think that Azzara would have benefitted from the help of a substantive editor during the revision phase, and a proofreader/copy editor before printing. I came across chronological errors, as well as some typos. In one story, it seemed that Azzara's character bio for the main character was left in--because I couldn't make it fit into the story.

It's obvious that Azzara loves to write. It was clear that he did a lot of research for his stories.

There is some language and sexual situations.

Steven Allen says

I really enjoyed the first two stories in this collection of short stories. I have visited the Southwestern US several times and enjoy stories set in that area. I also occasionally enjoy stories featuring Native American characters - if done well. Mr. Azzara does a good job not making his Apache character appear hokey or unbelievable. I like how the Apache character did a good job evoking empathy without pity in the reader.

As a WW2 airplane buff and fan of airplane racing, I liked the second story about the old fashioned barnstormer. I have attended the Reno, NV air races several times thrilled at the speed and skill of the pilots. I have an uncle in the classic airplane restoration business, so could empathize with the characters attempting to repair an old grand dame of the skies.

The rest of the stories were good as well, but not as stand out as the first two stories. Mr. Azzara did a good job of portraying firearm use without stupid errors (one of my pet peeves) for someone who is probably not a "gun person."

I enjoyed the stories contained in Halley's Gift and Eight Other Extraordinary Tales and would read other work by Mr. Azzara. I am not generally a fan of short fiction, as many authors (including this one) struggle with such a limited format. Mr. Azzara displays skills lacking from many author's repertoire. I hope that he continues to write.

Lisa Brown says

Haley's Gift is the first in a series of short stories, each focusing on a completely unique character, from heroes to villains. The stories explore many different lifestyles and situations, everything from a con artist, to a rescue dog, to a woman in the witness protection program.

With a book of short stories, it is difficult to review them as a whole, however, I would give the book in entirety a 3.5. The first couple stories were not my favorite, but soon I found myself drawn into each character in the individual stories. One of my favorite stories, was the one about Leslie, the ex-con.

I realized as I was reading it, I was often sad that all I was getting from each of these characters was a short chapter out of their lives. I was also a little confused as to what age group the book was written for at first. It is definitely meant for adults, but since the first story was about a teenage girl, I assumed it was a young adult book when I read the first chapter. I enjoyed the book, and although I could have done without some of the swearing, it was a unique and interesting read.

Andrew says

I received a free e-copy of the book from the author in return for an honest review.

I really liked this collection of short stories. My favorites being Halley's Gift, Branded for Life, and The Secret Tunnel, but all of the stories are very good. The stories cover such a wide range of genres that I think anyone will find at least a few that they like. I do not tend to read many short stories, but this is a collection that I would greatly recommend to anyone.

Leah says

Chuck Norris gives this a thumbs up!

I wasn't sure what I was expecting when I started reading the book, but I was almost surprised by how much I really enjoyed the individual stories! I can't pick a favorite because each one was great in their own way. It was well-written, cleverly thought up, and such a great read! If you have any more books, sir - I'm going to get them.

John says

I'm not a real big reader of short stories but I have to say... a wonderful collection of short stories this was. I'd have to say that my favorite was the Secret Tunnel with Halley's Gift being my second, but don't get me wrong, they are all good. I won this great book on GoodReads and like I do with most my wins I will be paying it forward by giving my win either to a friend or library to enjoy.

Cherie Kephart says

Azzara's creative stories spark an emotional charge while delving into the intriguing lives of eight unique characters, the choices they face, and the courage they employ. Azzara gives us a glimpse into several facets of life most of us readers will never experience, and yet from these stories we will gain insight and inspiration.

My favorite story in this collection is about a boy genius who devotes his time and intellect to saving the world one proactive deed at a time. He is a reminder of what Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." May this, and these other stories, inspire us to find our strengths and reach for extraordinary heights.

Kathy Worrell ? says

I received this book of short stories from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I would give this book 3.5 stars overall.

After receiving the book, I saw a question asked by the author: after reading an excerpt of each story, which story do you think you would like best?

I thought that I would prefer the story of the con artist, Jack and the story of the boy genius, William.

After I finished the novel, I actually liked Halley's Gift first, (I might be prejudiced because I live in New Mexico where the story takes place.) and then the story of William.

Thanks again.

Betty Strohecker says

This is an interesting collection of short stories, each unique in its own way, but dealing with very different challenges in the main character's life. Each person undergoes a journey in dealing with the challenge faced, and it is this journey which is the crux of the story. I particularly enjoyed "Halley's Gift" from the standpoint

of the interaction with Native American culture and Halley's ability to communicate with animals, as well as "What's Worrying Will" since I taught gifted students for 15 years. I liked the determination and spirit shown by Leslie in "Branded For Life", a spirit that could benefit anyone reading this story and provide encouragement to never give up. However, my favorite story was "Lucky McGregor" - who wouldn't love a story about a rescue dog!

I was given this book for an honest review. Mr. Azarra has demonstrated the ability to write about varied subjects bringing an expertise to his subject matter, whether it be the behaviors of and challenges of gifted students (right on) or the knowledge of WWII airplanes and barnstorming. The stories are very relatable to everyday life.

Tony Parsons says

+ My favorites Halley's Gift my step-mother was Apache, better looking than Pocahontas is portrayed. I'm old enough I have seen a few of those; The Barn Clipper, & several Air & Blue Angles shows. But, now that's a love story.

My very favorite; What's Worrying Will? As a former school MSW I had the opportunity to work with 2 male gifted children a 6th grader & 9th grader. Both the next Bill Gates.

You gotta see the humor in this 1; Lucky McGregor.

How About That; Branded for Life; A Flawed Life & The Secret Tunnel are all movie material.

- I don't like the split screens, too hard to read & U can't enlarge the print or format it; but I do understand costs of a book.

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. Wow, 10 very well written different genres all rolled into 1 book. They were all very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors I noticed or found, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. Another 1 on my top 10 list for 2015. A very easy rating of 5 stars for the entirety.

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