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This collection offers twenty-one stories from the literature of America, a nation which has always been particularly at home in this form, and which has produced many of its masters.

Some of the stories included — those by Poe, James and Hemingway for example — are already widely known. Some will be less familiar to the English reader. Taken as a whole, *The Penguin Book of American Short Stories* is an excellent and entertaining introduction to the rich diversity of pleasures that the American short story at its best can offer.

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- *Wife-wooing* by John Updike

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Blanca says

As with compilations often, specially with the ones that do not focus on a theme, I think having so many types of stories leaves you with the sensation that it is an irregular book in terms of how much you like it.

Some of the stories I loved ("Children on their birthdays", "The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg", "The Real Thing", "Bartleby" or "Neighbor Rosicky"), some were merely ok, and a couple bored me to tears ("Delta Autumn", I'm looking at you).

Gutemann says

Mixed bag with some goodies in it.

Here are the good ones:

"Children on their Birthdays" by Truman Capote

"To build a fire" by Jack London

"The man who corrupted Hadleyburg" by Mark Twain

"Bartleby" by Herman Melville

Mihaelas says

The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving **2.5 stars**

Young Goodman Brown by Nathaniel Hawthorne **3 stars**

Angela says

I did not read all of the stories but most of the ones that I did, I loved; such as Henry James, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway and John Updike. Possibly this is not a fair rating because I didn't read the whole book but that's another reason I enjoyed it because of the flexibility to be selective.

Unicat says

To be honest, I only bought this book for Washington Irving's Sleepy Hollow, and that is the only short story I read in it. I do not know if I will read the other stories or not.

I quite liked the Sleep Hollow story, even though it felt a bit long at times. I really liked the plot, but not the author's prose that much. But that is only my point of view.

