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It starts with a knock at the door, something reclusive ex-detective Garrison Gage hates. When it's his teenage neighbor, whose girlfriend has gone missing just before Thanksgiving, Gage gets reluctantly pulled back into his old line of work—and ends up facing some fears of his own in Oregon's dark woods.

A short story introducing Garrison Gage, who also appears in *THE GRAY AND GUILTY SEA*.

EXCERPT:

IT WAS A KID, sixteen or seventeen by the looks of him, painfully thin and soaked to the bone. His short-cropped brown hair, made nearly black by the rain, was plastered against his forehead. His Stanford sweatshirt and acid wash jeans clung to his bony frame. The skin on his neck was cratered like a moonscape, the survival scars of a nasty bout with acne.

The pounding rain made tiny white explosions on the gravel driveway, and crackled on the overgrown ferns surrounding his house. "Well?" Gage said. "Candy bars for the track team? A subscription to Good Housekeeping so the band can go to Disneyland?"

"No, sir," the kid said.

"You look familiar."

"I'm your neighbor, sir. Marty Kleppington. I live--um, just on the other side of that hedge."

That explained it. The kid had just been a runt when Gage moved in five years earlier, hardly recognizable in the young man before him, but he remembered a few terse exchanges when the kid's basketball bounced through the arbor vitae.

"Well, congratulations," Gage said. "Now if you'll excuse me--"

"I'd like to hire you, sir."

It was such a wholly unexpected thing to say that Gage actually froze--door cracked open, frigid air snaking past him into the house. "I think you're confused," Gage said.

He didn't open the door. He couldn't see the kid's face, but there was a long pause.

"I know what you do, sir," the kid said. "I know--I know you were once a great detective. Garrison Gage. That's you."

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Courtenay P. Adams says

This book is one of those "teases" you can read in less than an hour. An appetizer, if you will, of what's to come in the series, BUT it was the book that said "go get as many books written by Scott William Carter that you can find!" Incredible read! I was hooked immediately, and cannot wait to read the first in the series, The Grey and Guilty Sea.

Linda Look says

I'm not a fan of short stories but the characters were likable

Mikal Lambert says

Pretty good for what it is: an intro to the series.

Vannessa says

A very short review for a very short book! Garrison Gage is a retired private detective who was once a big shot until his wife died as part of a big job he was doing, he was severely injured and consequently retired. He is now living in a little seaside town.

His neighbour, a young teenage boy, asks to hire him to find his missing girlfriend and in a couple of conversations, Garrison has worked out where she is and they go off to rescue her, only the kid gets caught by the kidnappers and Garrison saves the day.

The excerpt for the next book was way longer (about 70% compared to 30%) than this novella, and that was quite interesting, so may read that one day. I guess this novella gave just enough to whet your appetite for the real thing!

Tammy says

This was a entertaining short story.I actually enjoyed it.It was a little short , but all in all well written.

mary schrecengost says

Review

I liked this book because I keep moving and the characters were well defined. It stuck with me after I put it down.

BJ says

This is a Novella introducing an interesting new mystery series. The protagonist is an ex-detective, Garrison Gage. He lives in a small, seaside town in Oregon. This story give you just a hint of what has happened to him and why he is the way he is. Just enough to make you want more. This e-book also includes a sample from the first book in this series and I can't wait to read it.

Linda says

The writer is a word craftsman. His mechanics are good. He is not verbose. I rate the short story four stars. A prequel to a novel was just as good as the short story, but I was reading in a short story frame of mind, and the chopped off ending of the prequel was a little annoying. Still, over all, I enjoyed the read. Thank you, Mr. Nolte, for a good read.

Allen 'gramps' says

This wasn't even a book but a short story and then an previewd for another book. Actually there was more of the preview book than the title book.

The short story was good and but there wasn't a lot of suspense to it as the whole story was maybe 20 pages.

I didn't start the preview as I didn't want to get all rapped up in it and them have to buy the book to finish it. If I didn't have so many books in my library that I haven't read yet I might have read the preview, it was the same character so it might be a good read and I will probably come back in the future and check out some of Nolte's books.

Gloria Flick says

Garrison Gage is a retired detective and does not want to do that job anymore. He limps from having been hurt doing a job. Garrison gets pulled back into his old line of work by his teenage next-door neighbor, Marty, whose girlfriend is missing. Gage figures out where she might be by clues Marty gives him. They find her locked up in a cabin by 3 men who are planning to rob the bank during a parade. Gage and Marty are almost killed, but of course, Gage saves them all...limp and everthing.

This was a pretty sappy story. It was a bit far-fetched how Gage figured out where Tammy was just by what Marty left out of his explanation.

SkiPPy says

Great intro to Gage.

Gage is a troubled man with a past that I'm not to sure he's completely proud of. Or maybe he is truly just trying to get away from it all. Either way, this intro was a good look into his charts her and demeanor.

ElaineY says

This was short (23,000 words), and doesn't add anything to the MC that you couldn't get by reading the blurb. Gage's neighbor hires him to find his missing girlfriend; a little bit of action, gf is found, bad guys lose, end of novella. You wouldn't have missed anything if you don't read this. I listened tyo the first novel in the series immediately after the prequel and recommend skipping the latter (even if it's just 99 cents).

Lois Carkhuff says

Okay I guess for a short story

I have read several other Garrison Gage books before this short story. Carter does a good job developing the characters as the books progress.

Nicole says

This story had potential but fell short in many ways. It starts out as though the reader has already read half the book and should understand the charactersand setting. It was a good story-line but very underdeveloped. This story did not leave me wanting to read more from the series.

Desley (Cat fosterer) says

This was an OK short story, but at only 27% of the book, I was glad it was free. I also felt that while the concept was OK (an ex investigator gets drawn back in by a neighbour), it was just too short and lacked substance. I would consider reading others by this author.
