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Charles Grimly has marital problems you wouldn't believe. His mommy issues are even worse. He may not be all there, but he's going to have to pull himself together if he plans on making it through this day in one piece.

Enjoy this free short story based in the world of my novel Don of the Living Dead.

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Nikki "The Crazie Betty" V. says

3.5 Stars

Most of what I have to say about this story is summed up in my review of *Primrose Court Apt. 205* as the spelling and grammar errors are about the same as they were in the first mini story. I do appreciate that all 3 short stories revolve around each other and we basically get to see the viewpoints from 3 different people while they go about their lives in the Primrose Apt building. This one was probably my favorite out of the 3 short stories because of the serious effed up factor to it with the main character. The main character is going through some pretty heavy stuff but he has no idea that through all of his dark planning and preparations it will mean nothing because zombies don't care what your plans or priorities are. I also find it interesting that it doesn't bother me at all that the stories just up and end without finding out what specifically happens to the characters. I love stories where we get a brief peak at a character's life while the veil is pulled back and then just as quickly the curtain drops and we are left wondering what happened. I will definitely be reading *Don of the Living Dead*, which this story was a spin off of. If you aren't sure if you're going to want to read the actual novel then you can read the first 2 or 3 chapters in any one of the Primrose stories as 50% of the story (according to my Kindle) is actually a peak at "Don" so only 50% of the Kindle length is actually the Primrose story.

Author has some potential so I will continue watching out for his work. I just wish more time was spent on spelling and grammar so I could've given this a higher rating.

Erik Gustafson says

This zombie short follows Charlie, a fellow with very low self-esteem and high frustration, and his mom as he deals with his lady. It is reminiscent of the Psycho films and I couldn't stop thinking about Norman Bate and his mom! Overall it was a good read. Give it a try!!

Angela says

The second story of three from DeCoteau's zombie world. I didn't enjoy this one as much as *Zombie Tales: Primrose Court Apt. 205* as the humour wasn't as sardonic but still a fun short story to read.

One thing really annoyed me whilst reading this however, and that was the terrible misuse of 'your/you're'.

"This is you're mess, you have to be smart".

This happens 23% into the short story and is a damning mistake to make.

That really should have been picked up and corrected in the editing process.

Other than that, good story but not as much fun as the other two in the series.

Brett Grossmann says

50% of the book is an excerpt of Don of the dead. The same excerpt that was in the first book of the series. Why use the same excerpt? Book deals with the viewpoint of one tenant. Very little here and nothing you haven't read before.

Simon Parker says

Great little stories from different viewpoints. Neat idea and well enough written to keep me turning pages.

Scott Leffler says

I read all three of the Primrose Court short stories in one setting, going from 502 to 305 to 205. I don't think it matters what order you read them in, but I have to implore anyone who loves to watch good character development to read all three.

Robert DeCoteau really takes a different tone with this book, much to this reader's delight. Charles Grimley is a bad guy who talks to his dead mother, ala "Psycho." And his wife might be hot, but she's not really pleasant. He's so involved in his own life that he fails to notice that the zombie apocalypse is upon him ...

I liked that these stories all tied into one another but each stood alone, as well.

I noticed a few typos, but it still wasn't bad for a Kindle book.

Looks like I'll have to buy Don of the Dead to get more of DeCoteau's zombie writing because when I was finished reading these books, I really just wanted more.

Felicia A says

Ok, so, even though this is my THIRD review of one of Robert DeCoteau's short/parallel stories related to his Don of the Living Dead book, I really want to reiterate that I generally abhor short stories with a fiery, stinging passion. But that maybe, just MAYBE, he has changed my mind a smidge.

The concept of the "Zombie Tales" books, perspectives (in separate novellas) of different residents of an apartment building set in the Don world during an impending zombpocalypse was such a novel (heh, novel, I made a joke!) concept, that I overlooked my general dislike and decided to take a chance.

Not only was this very well written (some minor editing complaints, though), but it was surprisingly well done in so few pages.

Robert DeCoteau has written his main character, Charles Grimly (and equally so his unfortunate Mexican

stripper of a wife) superbly well in such a small space. Charlie is...disturbed. I mean, he makes a good living and all, and somehow was even able to convince a hot stripper to marry him, when his own appearance is less than desirable. But seriously? Charlie? Whacked. He's been taking abuse from both his wife and his mother, who does not approve of the marriage, for far too long. Charlie is fed up, and he's not gonna take it anymore.

So, of course, he WOULD decide to finally stand up to his wife and just say "NO" to her abuse on the same day as the onset of a zombie apocalypse...

Netanella says

Crazy Charles in Apt. 305 picks the perfect time to give some personal 1:1 attention to his whiney wife in this short story spin-off of "Don of the Dead." A fun read for zombie fiction.

Doug says

This is one of a set of three short stories (also *Zombie Tales Primrose Court Apt. 205* and *Zombie Tales Primrose Court Apt. 502*) written about the same series of events, through the eyes of the residents of three apartments in the same complex. These stories lead up to the full length book *Don of the Living Dead*. The first three chapters of the book are previewed at the end of each of the short stories, though I'm going to wait to read because I have a feeling I'm going to want the entire book at hand when I start.

One thing I'll say about the series so far is the author does an amazing job at introducing his characters so the reader is able to get a good picture of each of them in such a short section of reading, and leave the reader wanting to know more.

This story, my least favorite of the three, tells the tale of a married man (the fat slob) and his wife (the gold-digging stripper). The fat slob seems to be an interesting character with a dark past of his own, the gold-digging stripper was just down right annoying. Nevertheless, a must read if you're going to read the other parts of the story.

Paula says

'Zombie Tales: Primrose Court Apt 305' is the second story of three short stories which are in the same universe of 'Don of the Living Dead' by Robert DeCoteau. Charles Grimly who lives directly above Theodore Granger is having problems with his marriage, his young wife is demanding and refuses to give up her job as a lap dancer, she also constantly undermines Charles about everything, something which Charles is unfortunately used because of his mother but Charles sorted out that problem, just like he is about to sort out the problem with his wife.

As Charles's day becomes steadily worse, he walks outside into chaos but he knows he must get away before its too late.

Charles Grimly, he is such a poor soul, unhappy and not sure what to do next, as with the previous story, its keeps you interested and you want to know what will happen next.

Shovelmonkey1 says

Is there ever a good time to murder your wife?

Yes.

The best time to murder your wife is when everyone in town has become a brain-nomming zombie and is too busy chowing down on the brains of acquaintances, friends, neighbours and their own wives, to notice that you've murdered your wife.

Is there some way that I can arrange an inner-city zombie based apocalyptic chow-fest in order to detract from my culpability in a wicked spousal dismemberment?

Er, no. Not really. However, if you are really lucky, like Charles Grimly in *Zombie Tales: Primrose Court Apt 305*, then these things will all just coincide quite nicely. Charles has a lovely lapdancer wife called Mariana. Mariana is a nice lady who likes older men, fast cars, hooker heels and withholding the conjugal goodies to keep Charles on his toes. Charles has an inner monologue with his dead (murdered) mother who, daily encourages him, to annul his marriage to Mariana in the most final manner possible.

As Charles is merrily taking a chain saw to his dearly beloved, the rest of the world is turning into a splashy gorefest which makes his efforts look like minor abrasion which could be repaired with a band-aid. So the world is going to hell in a handbag and Mariana is going to the municipal dump in a suitcase (or two) At least there will be one less zombie lurching about the apocalyptic scenery of Primrose Court... unless Mariana is really good with a sewing kit.

Amusing short story spin-off generated by Robert DeCoteau's *Don of the Dead*.

REYN says

I was almost turned away with the beginning, but I'm glad I stuck around. It was a unique thrill to be in the passenger seat of the main character. Charles had a retro, 1950's feel to him. The vivid descriptions and mannerisms made him very easy to picture. We all know someone disgusting like him. Believe it or not, I'd rather the apocalypse started a little later in the story, but it is a short story so you can't expect too much. I enjoyed the story and I would have rated it higher, however...

The *Don Of The Dead* excerpt that followed was God awful. It brought the value of the entire book down when I saw it was written by the same person. The excerpt contained too much fluff and social commentary without presenting the audience with anything new. Why is his zombie novel any different than any other zombie novel? It wasn't the main character (a boorish, half-wit malcontent with his mediocre life). It wasn't the catalyst to the apocalypse (the old zombie lab test idea). It damn sure wasn't the zombies themselves (slow, stupid, arm-biting, foot shuffling type). Also, DeCoteau either forgot or didn't care about an important aspect when it comes to writing fiction. Interjecting your political opinion in a fiction book (that doesn't

present itself as such) will automatically divide your audience. Primrose Court itself was an acceptable addition to the "Zombie World." But Don Of The Dead (based off the excerpt) is a trite, unimaginative off-putting story. Make no mistake, I enjoy DeCoteau's writing style and he has all the skills a good writer needs. But the excerpt was a poor read for DeCoteau's experience level. That aside, I will check out his other work The Second Ward and Silent Night Of The Living Dead.

Patrick says

it was ok. kind of a rip off of psycho. but with a zombie element.

Karen says

Ok, this time I knew what was coming. The story here centers around a couple, their marital problems and how they play out. You have the same lack of zombies until the end of the story but a nice bit of karmic justice. There is not a lot to say about this since it has no major scenes of carnage or zombie rampage.

The story is good for what it is.

Vix says

having stormed thru' the first apartment short story I was eager for this one....

was amazed at how the author was able to integrate the elements/views of the first story into this one... or maybe I am easy to please!

another fast paced, easy to read shortie.... but again, left me wanting more of the whole....

onto the third!!

have to say... underlying story lines are a bit freaky!! but how can you feel sorry for such an arse of a man!
