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What is the nature of insanity? Follow one doctor's hunt for dark Truth through a series of patient accounts, each further from the light than the last...

Contains all six of the popular Asylum series of horror stories, brought together for the first time to create a single nightmarish journey into the realms of fear.

## **The Asylum Details**

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# From Reader Review *The Asylum* for online ebook

## Rebecca McNutt says

I liked *The Asylum*; it was simple, concise and effective initially, a decent book of horror stories that would be right at home at any campfire or summertime scout gathering, but it quickly loses momentum and it turns out that much of its brief length is dominated by a lecture of sorts, which was vaguely interesting but took away from the frightening effect of the stories. That said, it's generously very inexpensive and it's still worth reading even if for just the short stories alone, which have all the makings of small classics.

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## Karen Goss says

### Good

Not what I expected but bloody brilliant, well done that man . . . . .

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## Nightmares Unleashed says

*Asylum* is a series of short horror stories written by Matt Dymerski which if you follow my blog you know I have mentioned before.

It seems that Dymerski is the only author other than Lovecraft that I've been following quite a bit. From the "Psychosis" and "An empty prison" to "A shattered life" his stories have always been some of my favorites.

*Asylum* tells the story of a worker in a mental institution who begins an investigation to uncover a dark truth surrounding some of his patients. The story is told in 6 chapters:

Eating Disorder

The Bonewalker

The Scholarship

The Friend Zone

The Escape

The Truth

The first story talks about a young girl with an eating disorder who keeps finding disgusting things in her food becoming paranoid that one of her friends is pulling some sort of sick prank on her. The only way that they could feed her now is intravenously.

In the second one, a man talks about a man who he bumps into that spills blood on him. That same night he wakes up to find a razor deep inside his body and finds something living crawling out of his shin bone. This is where some of the things make our protagonist suspicious.

Part three is about a young girl in desperate need of finances to finish her education. One night she gets an email about a scholarship which seemingly would solve all her problems. She becomes obsessed with earning it and it takes over her entire life leading her to insanity. Here, the protagonist concerned that there is

more to this tries to tell the chief of medicine about all of it but he just tells him off.

The fourth part is probably my favorite one. It starts with the protagonist listening to the story of a man who was horribly disfigured talk about a woman that he loved and how he got to the state that he is now. The darkest and the goriest one so far but that is not the part that was interesting. During his questioning he discovers something that will change how he thinks about the asylum completely and things become much more complicated.

From here on out I can't talk more without spoiling the direction of the story. All I can say is that it becomes much deeper and philosophical.

At the start the writing style might throw you off but remember they are the ramblings of mental patients.

I remember the first time I read this series. I was returning to my hometown on a bus and was immediately drawn into the story. It was fantastic and I was really blown away. There was also a really interesting connection with one of his other stories which I love – Psychosis. Reading it for the second time though it did not leave the same impression on me as the first one. It's an amazing concept and I did really enjoy it, don't get me wrong but it did feel a bit too "edgy" at the end with all the social commentary about society. But It is still definitely worth a read.

<https://nightmaresunleashed.com/2018/...>

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### **NayDoubleU says**

**Totally confused.**

What the heck did I just read? It started off so good then failed and lost me in last two chapters. Thankfully it was free. Not worth a buy.

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### **Derek says**

Kept me hooked from start to finish. Very fun writing style that paces for an easy fun read that will make you not want to put it down. Several instances of the imagery really bring home the horror.

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### **Jessica Blair says**

An absolutely fabulous book i would recomend this to anyone who likes horror stories aswell as psychological thrillers. This is such a good book i bought another of this authors books and for me thats rare.

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### **Lisa says**

I don't get the 4 and 5 star reviews. Did we read the same book? I honestly couldn't wait for this story to end, and the social commentary at the end was too much. I wouldn't recommend this story to anyone.

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## **Donna Diamond says**

### **Great read**

I loved it. I was disappointed when it ended. I love short stories of the horror variety and this was great. More please!!!

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## **Jennifer Varnadore says**

This novel was dark, suspenseful, and thrilling. It delved into the deep recesses of the human mind and weaved a tale both complex and intriguing. It left you wondering about the different motivations and thoughts that go through peoples' minds. There were graphic displays of the otherworldly, and the stories all seemed to come together nicely.

Matt Dymerski's work will leave you begging for more. I first read his work on Nosleep. I've never been disappointed by the sheer smoothness of the stories as they each lead the reader wherever Matt Dymerski wants them. It's as if one is being lured into a trap, and when the trap has been sprung, they're left wanting for more of the lure still. He leads the reader into a dark, sweet delusion that is both terrifying as it is gritty and real. It leaves you to wonder what truly is out there all around us?

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## **Serena says**

### **Scary and cool**

This was a really good book. It was pretty scary. I would recommend this to anyone who likes scary books.

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## **Rikke Petersen says**

I loved this story, all the way to the conclusion... It's not like I missed the point of the story, I just think it's lame - it's a free book, so I won't judge it too hard, and also because the story is actually really great up to a certain point, great world building and characters - and a plot that keeps you invested - until it just doesn't. But I still absolutely recommend you to get the book, even if only then for a quick, fun, engaging read.

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## **Emy M. says**

The truth shall set you free is given a whole new meaning with this story... A wild read from beginning to end and a pretty enjoyable one at that. The reason I had to retract some stars was the ending. The plot sort of crossed over from psychological horror to science-fiction for a bit there but even that was worth a read. I just

preferred the first half better, personally.

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### **J.B. says**

#### **Underwhelming...**

I really thought this story had so much more potential than what it actually put out there. I kept waiting for some grand reveal, but it was just muddled, and slightly confusing. I think I would have been more entertained if I had just watched a few episodes of *The Twilight Zone*, instead.

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### **Lör K. says**

*The Asylum* totally blew me away when I read this, in one sitting, constantly telling myself I needed to go to bed, I needed to go to bed, but I couldn't stop turning the pages to this at all. Dymerski has created an amazing story, set within an asylum, with a plot that keeps you hooked. A possible secret behind the way things are within the asylum? Gripping.

Now of course, there is slight gore in this at the start, it does focus on an eating disorder within the first chapter -- as someone with EDNOS I didn't find it triggering to read at all, and I thought it was actually really well written as use of a horror device -- and there's some disturbing stories about abusive relationships and drug use. Please read this with caution.

The short world that Dymerski has created within *The Asylum* is all too true to life, honestly. I was sat there, reading the end plot twist and just went "welp. That's our society for you". No spoilers from this review, promise.

I do feel like the plot was slightly rushed at time and I think Dymerski would have done good to extend the story a few extra pages and just take the time to iron these few occurrences out, but either way, it's still an amazingly good story. The ending was very satisfying, very, very satisfying to me as a reader myself, and it seemed to close the book perfectly, looping everything back.

This book is a seriously good page turner and I recommend this to any horror fan out there looking for a short read.

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### **Jeshika Paperdoll says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this little selection of connected short stories, despite the fact the last one turned me into a numb, squirming, ball of mess.

It's only a short work but a winner of multiple awards on the reddit nosleep forum, which, if you have any knowledge of such thing, should give you an inkling of what to expect here.

The story begins with an asylum worker looking deeper into patients' accounts and soon descends into pure chaos and madness. As it's such a short work I feel it's better to know as little as possible going in, but just a

warning, it has a fair bit of gore.

I think this is definitely worth the read for any horror fans, especially considering its £0 price tag!

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