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In an isolated diner on a storm-swept night, a cook, a waitress, and a cop pass the time, speculating on a recent shoot-out at a local motel. When a stranger stops in for a cup of coffee, they can't help but be suspicious. He's shaky, surly, and looks to be teetering on the edge of a breakdown. As tensions rise and violence erupts, reality crumbles—and everyone in the diner bears witness to the horror of a veteran terrorized by gruesome memories of war.

## **Night Crawlers Details**

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## From Reader Review *Night Crawlers* for online ebook

**kathy says**

**Good read!**

Impressive development of the story line. Only wish it had been longer. Great way to recognize vets and their challenges.

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**Graeme Dunlop says**

Good. Certainly a very quick read but it's a well-told tale.

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**Mike Holliday says**

Another fun short story with an old-school EC Comics feel.

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**Gilda Felt says**

I've come to expect the best from McCammon. He didn't disappoint here. But it's not a book, but a short story previously published in *Blue World*.

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**Hannah says**

**Urgh**

How can something so short seem to drag on for ever? Surely the point of a short story is to get in fast, not dribble on for like 60% before anything actually happened.. blargh

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**Fiona says**

This was a great short story - written in 1984, the end of the Vietnam war was as far away for them as 2007 is for us. Really great fiction is a form of time travel, and this definitely captured the almost surreal nature of America at the time.

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## **Matt says**

### **Not bad...**

If McCammon writes it, I'll read it! This was a decent short story that I am sure will branch into a small series.

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## **Natalie says**

### **Awesome**

Love all his books.. have read several more than once... hate doing reviews just wanna read the books  
Hope you enjoy

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## **Curtis says**

### **Terrifying Short Story**

A Vietnam Veteran called Price stopped in Bob's diner to get some coffee. A small conversation between an officer, a waitress, and Price ended badly. Price opened up about how he was the only survivor out of his unit called the Nightcrawlers. He told them his dreams and reality converge when he sleeps, so he doesn't sleep. Price freaked out and the officer knocks him unconscious. While he is unconscious, the Nightcrawlers wreak havoc on the small diner, shooting the place up and ultimately killing Price. No can explain what had happened because the Nightcrawlers don't leave evidence, but Bob found a list of names, and he contemplates finding the people on the list.

It is a great short story, and probably one of my favorites! I highly recommend this short story to any who likes suspense, horror, or the military.

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## **Julie Kellner says**

This was a great short story, my only criticism is it wasn't long enough. This would have made a great novel

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## **Penny Benoit says**

Wow! That's quite a story. Short, fast-paced, and exciting; this is a quick read, but it won't be quick to leave your mind.

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## **Jayrchase says**

### **Good story**

There are a lot of good novelists out there!!! Short stories.... not so much. This supernatural short was beyond awesome. It will stick with me for a long time. It covered the scene, the back story, and the actual story in a spare elegant fashion. I highly recommend this story!!!

All the best,

Jay

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## **Lucas M says**

### **Masterful**

Eerie, creepy, and completely incredible. I have read this story before and it was even better the second time around. HIGHLY recommended.

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## **Edison says**

### **Another brilliantly realized vision of the borderland between the real and the surreal**

Within the bounds of this story, McCammon brings in the wholly necessary backstory with seeming ease, until the reader's comfortable lounge remote from the story's setting becomes an uneasy perch in itself, filled with the tension and blood-filled horror of the battlefield.

It's a short story long on suspense. The characters erupt off the page, so much so that one feels compelled to check their own self from time to time for shards of flying glass. The length is perfect to its events, economically written without a word wasted. More importantly, and much harder to pull off, there's no sense of something missing while at the same time the reader is left wanting more.

The story has a gritty feel, and one true to its subject matter. This might be anti war propaganda without the preachiness, or perhaps a glorification of the folly of war. The reader is exhausted by the end, but it's a thrilling kind of exhaustion, one laced with the satisfied sense of a journey well traveled. And rather than breathlessness, we breathe deep the fumes of a bygone place and a troubled time. In this way, the story rekindles memories, albeit from a safe distance.

Five stars, brilliantly earned.

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## **Lisa Cleveland says**

I had forgotten how much I loved this story. Mr McCammon knows how to breathe life into his characters. I had always wanted a follow up to this tale, but I'm guessing after 25 years that's probably not going to

happen! Lol! This story can be found in the excellent book, Blue World. Yep, I'd recommend this story and author.

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