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# A Good Marriage



## Synopsis

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Kristen Connelly, Joan Allen, and Anthony La Paglia, Stephen King's short story, "A Good Marriage" from *Full Dark, No Stars* is now available as a stand-alone audio edition! Bob Anderson, Darcy's husband of more than twenty years, is away on one of his business trips, when his unsuspecting wife looks for batteries in the garage. Her toe knocks up against a box under a worktable and she discovers she doesn't know her husband at all, but rather has been living with a stranger. This horrifying discovery, rendered with bristling intensity, could be the end of what Darcy thought was a good marriage.

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen King is the author of more than fifty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent work includes *The Bill Hodges Trilogy*—*Mr. Mercedes* (an Edgar Award winner for Best Novel), *Finders Keepers*, and *The End of Watch*—and the story collection *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*. His epic series, *The Dark Tower*, is the basis for a major motion picture starring Idris Elba and Matthew McConaughey. It is also now a major motion picture starring Bill Skarsgård. King is the recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

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other great stories, and might not feel so ripped off. Below I am posting the product description for Stephen King's Full Dark, No Stars. The acclaimed #1 New York Times and undisputed King of Horror Stephen King delivers five unforgettable short works, two of which will soon be adapted for film, and which Booklist called "raw looks at the limits of greed, revenge, and self-deception." Like Different Seasons and Four Past Midnight, which generated such enduring hit films as The Shawshank Redemption and Stand by Me, Full Dark, No Stars proves Stephen King a master of the long story form. "I believe there is another man inside every man, a stranger" writes Wilfred Leland James in the early pages of the riveting confession that makes up "1922," the first in this pitch-black quartet of mesmerizing tales from Stephen King. For James, that stranger is awakened when his wife Arlette proposes selling off the family homestead and moving to Omaha, setting in motion a gruesome train of murder and madness. In "Big Driver," soon to be a major Lifetime movie starring Maria Bello, a cozy-mystery writer named Tess encounters the stranger is along a back road in Massachusetts when she takes a shortcut home after a book club engagement. Violated and left for dead, Tess plots a revenge that will bring her face to face with another stranger: the one inside herself. "Fair Extension," the shortest of these tales, is perhaps the nastiest and certainly the funniest. Making a deal with the devil not only saves Harry Streeter from a fatal cancer but provides rich recompense for a lifetime of resentment. In the last of the tales, soon to be a major motion picture, Darcy Anderson's husband of more than twenty years is away on one of his business trips and his unsuspecting wife looks for batteries in the garage. Her toe knocks up against a box under a worktable and she discovers the stranger inside her husband. It's a horrifying discovery, rendered with bristling intensity, and it definitively ends "A Good Marriage."

I was very disappointed to find that I had already read (and purchased) this before. Just one of his short stories found in Full Dark No Stars. 10/13/14 - I am glad to see they have updated the description and now mention that this was previously published in Full Dark, No Stars. I believe I will leave my rating at 2 stars though because of the original dishonesty and the fact that the better value would be to just buy Full Dark, No Stars for \$1.25 more.

Both of these stories were great, vintage Stephen King. I guess the first story asks the question: how well do we really know our spouses? The first story is about a couple who's been married for

28 years. One day the wife accidentally finds some ID cards of women in her garage and realizes that her husband is a serial killer. Her husband quickly finds out that she knows us secret and the rest of the book is about how they try to deal with the wife's discovery. The book was great in the beginning, but kind of fizzled in the ending. The second book addresses how far we are willing to go when we want something and what are the consequences of really bad choices. The husband in this story is ticked off with his wife because she wants to sell some land she owns to a company that wants to turn the land into a slaughterhouse for pigs, the husband wants to use the land to expand his farm. The story then shows us how far the husband is willing to go to ensure his wife doesn't sell the land and how he tragically loses everything bc of the choices he makes. This story was really eerie. I put it down a couple of times bc the story features rats, which I am afraid of. Kings description of the rats is so detailed and grisly that it made my flesh crawl. Several times I vowed not to finish the book but I'm glad I pressed my way thru bc the story was great!! Reminds me of Stephen King's earlier work from the 1970s. I would give the 1st book 3.5 stars and the 2nd book 5 stars.

I was not aware that this was just two short stories. I thought it was a novel, on "A Good Marriage" but that story is over and concluded at about 1/3 of the way through the book. Strangely enough, the "bonus story" takes up more content than the primary one. I had no idea, and was expecting the two stories to tie together somehow. Needless to say, very disappointed. I've since learned that this story (A Good Marriage) is also published in the "Full Dark, No Stars" book of his, and it's certainly worth paying the \$8 or so for that one because this should have been priced at about \$1-2, since it was so short. I was also expecting more of a surprising/shocking ending to the primary story, but it was very bland, almost predictable -- unlike many other of King's books I've read and enjoyed.

I am usually such a fan of Stephen King, but this set of stories just did nothing for me at all. I feel like Stephen King went through a slump and somehow these got published in spite of the mediocrity of this compilation. I even went back and tried to re read a story, thinking maybe I just missed something along the way, but these stories just didn't work for me. I'm sorry to say that these are just Not up to his usual fantastic writing standard.

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