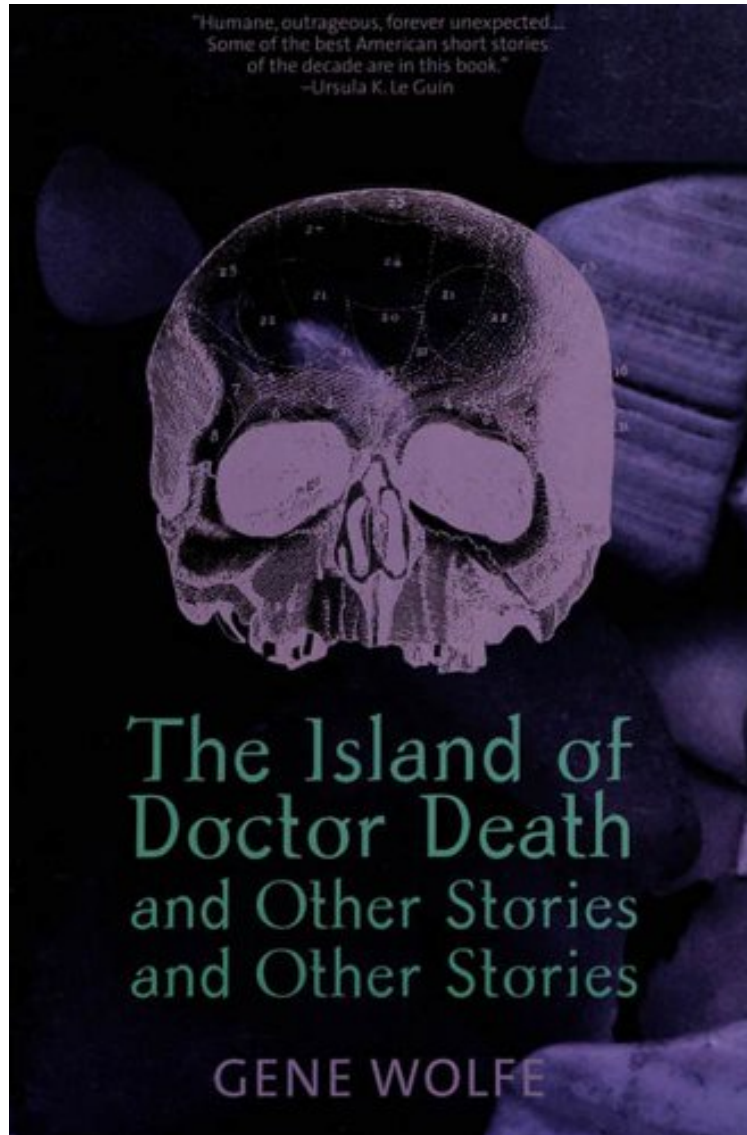


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is one of the best short story collections ever.Von Ein KundeI'm usually hesitant about rating books as 9s or 10s on 's scale. There are only perhaps a few dozen books of all time that I'd rate as 10s, and they tend to be written by the likes

of Tolstoy and Cervantes. Even within a narrow category, where 10 means "best of this category," I'm hesitant about giving 10s. But, whether the category is "modern science fiction" or "20th century short story collections," Gene Wolfe's *The Island of Dr. Death and Other Stories* and *Other Stories* gets at least a 9 or 9.5 (and we can round that off to 10 since 9.5 isn't one of the choices). Wolfe's collection is superb. It features all three of his Island -- Doctor -- Death stories ("The Island of Dr. Death and Other Stories," "The Death of Dr. Island," and the "Doctor of Death Island"), all three of which are superb. The collection also features such wonderful short works as "Seven American Nights," "Alien Stones," "The Hero as Werewolf," and "The Eyeflash Miracles." As you can probably guess from the title, the three Island -- Doctor -- Death stories form the heart of the collection. They are amazing not only in that all are great stories but that, despite the title similarities, each is different from the other. "The Island of Dr. Death," deals with a young boy who flees life by entering the fantasy world of the book he is reading -- a book that sounds as if it were *The Island of Dr. Moreau* as written by Edgar Rice Burroughs. "The Death of Dr. Island," possibly the best story in the book and one of the best SF stories ever written, deals with a three young sociopaths receiving therapy in a space station. Dr. Island is the "island" in the space station providing the therapy. The story examines human interaction, as well as what we do and don't value in life, on multiple levels. "The Doctor of Death Island" involves a prisoner who awakes from a cryogenic sleep only to find that humans are now virtually immortal and that a life sentence is still a life sentence. The ending is literally Dickensian. There is not a bad story in this book. The collection as a whole ranks with the best Wolfe has produced, which means that it compares favorably not only to any SF you care to mention but to any modern fiction you care to mention.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A collection to treasure. Von jtouhey@compuserve.com "The Island of Doctor Death ..." has finally been reprinted by Orb Books after being out of print for many years. It is, quite simply, one of the most remarkable collections of short stories in contemporary American literature. "Seven American Nights" recounts the travels of a foreign tourist in a future Washington, D.C. "Tracking Song" is a haunting tale of a man in search of his identity as he struggles to survive in an alien environment. "The Eyeflash Miracles" tells of a remarkable and innocent young boy who falls prey to a couple of con artists. These are some of my favorites, but each of these fourteen tales has its own magic to work upon the thoughtful reader. What makes Gene Wolfe special is not only his wonderful imagination and evocative use of language, but his humanity, which is evident in the colorful and surprising characters you will encounter on page after page. I first read this book several years ago and I made the mistake of lending it to a friend who was clever enough not to return it. I have been searching for another copy ever since. I bought a copy of the reprint the day it arrived in stores and have come back to the stories again and again. No doubt my new copy will soon be in the same tattered state as my old one--but I won't make the mistake of lending this one out. Do yourself a favor--buy this book, read it and reread it, and never, ever lend it to a friend. I guarantee it will never be returned.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant masterpiece of storytelling Von Ein Kunde The true art of the storyteller is often built on what is not said as much as what is said. Gene Wolfe is a master of this, and in his collection of short stories "The Island of Doctor Death and Other Stories and Other Stories" he truly excels at telling the reader no more than they need to create a clear image in the imagination. One brilliant facet that makes this collection so interesting is his breadth of topics...from Lycanthropy to future psychology, from toy making to the future of warfare, this collection takes the reader on a breathtaking journey into the imagination. The ability to wholly transport a reader to another place in the span of a few sentences is a real gift, and this collection is a showcase of that talent. Highly recommended for the sci-fi, fantasy and story-loving buff.

Kurzbeschreibung A superb collection of science fiction and fantasy stories, *The Island of Doctor Death and Other Stories* and *Other Stories* is a book that transcends all genre definitions. The stories within are mined with depth, charges, explosions of meaning and illumination that will keep you thinking and feeling long after you have finished reading. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Pressestimmen "Humane, outrageous, forever unexpected....Some of the best American short stories of the decade are in this book." --Ursula K. LeGuin "This collection makes his work readily available and makes clear that his is one of the names most to be reckoned with...in the literate science fiction of today." --"Foundation" "Wolfe is simply a superb writer." --"The Washington Post Book World" "Gene Wolfe is among the best writers working in this century." --"Fort Worth Star-Telegram" "One of the literary giants of science fiction." --"The Denver Post" Humane, outrageous, forever unexpected....Some of the best American short stories of the decade are in this book. "Ursula K. LeGuin" This collection makes his work readily available and makes clear that his is one of the names most to be reckoned with...in the literate science fiction of today. "Foundation" Wolfe is simply a superb writer. "The Washington Post Book World" Gene Wolfe is among the best writers working in this century. "Fort Worth Star-Telegram" One of the literary giants of science fiction. "The Denver Post" "Humane, outrageous, forever unexpected....Some of the best American short stories of the decade are in this book." --Ursula K. LeGuin "This collection makes his work readily available and makes clear that his is one of the names most to be reckoned with...in the literate science fiction of

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