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Burn Marks: A Strange Time for Letters is a highly entertaining collection of short stories portraying actual historical moments while adding a fictional storyline.

Author Robert Rice II gives us five stories centering around Abraham Lincoln, Lee Harvey Oswald, D.B Cooper, the Rosenbergs, and Leopold and Loeb. While these are well-known figures from the past, Rice presents us with a sub-story of fictional characters surrounding the famous events. The recurring theme of a written letter connects each story.

I found the premise of this book quite unique and thought-provoking. Looking through the eyes of these fictional characters gave me a different perspective on the crimes. Much of what we learned from school history books is now disproven. Therefore, who can say for sure what happened on the periphery of these historic crime scenes?. I enjoyed pondering the storylines, characters, and scenarios presented in *Burn Marks*.

Since this is a collection of short stories, it's difficult to discuss much of the plot without giving away the twists and turns each story presents. I can say the creative license of fiction allows for some awesome "what-if's".

I recommend this book to readers looking for a great speculative fiction book. The short stories make it a quick, easy read.