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Burn Marks: A strange time for letters

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A never before perceived dimension to the most famous events in history. This book presents five short stories that show a different side to the stories of Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest after the Kennedy assassination and the reaction his mother Marguerite had. This shows the other people whose lives were affected by these historical events but on whom the light never shone. Not in a controversial kind of way though. These stories make for great exchanges and interesting conversations.

While these stories cover historical events, they are more entertaining than a simple relaying of historical information. The

book would actually make great material for school. The casual writing style is approachable and one effortlessly retains information. Robert D. Rice makes the material captivating and engaging.

There are five stories, each focusing on a different notable historical event. The letters are quite interesting and provide an explanation for the title of the book. They are written at the weirdest of times with the weirdest of intentions and even weirder material. The letters leave the reader wondering about the state of mind of these people. Such is the beauty of this book. It evokes interesting questions about people whose lives are suddenly thrust into high profile and strange situations.

The stories, while engaging, lack a smooth flow. I found myself getting lost in the flurry of activity. Marguerite can be confusing. She calls a newspaper so that she can get some money out of it. On the other hand, she refers to Lee as her boy and it seems almost profound. This can leave the reader with a bit of whiplash.

In all cases, these short stories are captivating and punctuated with moments of levity. They refer to important times in American history.

It is a brilliant collection. The stories are like little bits of literary joy, easy to digest in small bits while traveling. Robert D. Rice has a way of sculpting the English language that is simple yet brilliant. The result is a hilarious and charmingly witty book that readers are bound to enjoy.

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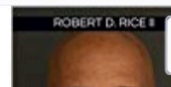
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