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Suspense, fear and the supernatural provide the center for this tale by the master prose writer.

## A Tale of the Ragged Mountains Details

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It's the story of a man who took morphine and started hallucinating. This is noticeable in the confusing incidents and messed images he sees. You will get surprised by the story of his doctor of hypnosis who is strangely connected with this poor man. You will dip into the messed world of souls and strange, unbelievable coincidences.

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### **Edgar says**

I'm stumped. When I finished the story it raised more questions than answers. Bedloe, a sickly person who Dr. Templeton takes a fondling over because of a similarity he has to a deceased friend who is quickly introduced in the end of the story. Is he a crazy man? Bedloe who he is caring for, wounded, is being smiled at by Templeton because Bedloe can't accept the fact he is dead? How can a man react like that? This is one of those stories that makes you go. What? At the end of the story because of the twists that occur, and for me, the dated language.

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### **Abby says**

This was an interesting story about reincarnation or something. I was a little confused to be honest.

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### **Quentin Salmon says**

I read a few other reviews for this story on this site and it seems like people are missing the hidden parts of the story. Poe tends to hide things in his stories that you might not notice after only one reading. Bedloe isn't described as being bloodless for no reason. When the narrator asks Bedloe "You are not prepared to maintain that you are dead?", Bedloe's reaction is important. I would urge people who have read this once to go back and read it again, maybe a few times. Each time you do will notice these patterns emerging. There is more depth to these stories than the average reader is going to catch on the first try. Take your clues or suspicions from the last time you read this story, and apply them to a fresh reading. I think most readers will appreciate what they find.

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### **Bob says**

To date this has been my least enjoyed short story by Poe. The story was interesting, but to me lacked that specialness I have come to expect from Poe.

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### **Mary ellen says**

Not one of Poe's best, but I'm glad I read it.

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## Jessica says

Once again, Poe has stumped me with his stories. I needed my dictionary constantly, because there are a few dated words, but other than that, I found the story interesting enough to continue my read.

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## Melanti says

Not as good as his more well-known stories but decent enough.

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## Romane says

I'm glad I read this. An idiosyncratic tale with a twilight zone-like atmosphere.

Towards the end I started to realize that what happened is all about reincarnation — getting a glimpse of the past.

It could also be a different thing altogether. What if it was just the influence of drugs that he began to experience all that?

It's up to the reader to decipher.

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## Alex Cino says

Not very interesting

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## Natalie says

Getting back to my quest of reading all of Poe, I started with this short story and midway through noticed that I'd already made highlights in my kindle. Even though I vaguely remembered reading it last year, it had been so long, I decided to keep going, and honestly, I think I enjoyed it more the second time.

A Mr. Bedloe is quite sickly but still somehow manages to take jaunts into the mountains (???). While on one of these romps he enters some strange hallucination or dream or something. He experiences a strange incident that happened to someone else.

As Poe stories go, this one is not awful. I think the ending was meant to be more startling than it actually was, but that's Poe for you. There's much talk of mesmerism and this idea of *magnetic relation*. If you are familiar with many of Poe's other short stories, you'll know that this is one of his most fave topics. Taking a line from the book: *All was rigorously self-consistent*

Losing so many people he loved to early deaths probably influenced his obsession (I think I can call it that) with the "other side." (Though I have no idea where his mania for hot air balloons came from, Lord save us

all from the hot air balloon short stories.)

There are some wonderful descriptive paragraphs in this one. I especially like the ones describing Mr. Bedloe and the city.

*...His limbs were exceedingly long and emaciated...His complexion was absolutely bloodless. He mouth was large and flexible, and his teeth were more wildly uneven, although sould, than I had ever before seen teeth in a human head.*

*The houses were wildly picturesque. On every hand was a wilderness of balconies, of verandas, of minarets, of shrines, and fantastically carved oriels.*

This is the year I make it through Poe. I'm so close! Some of it has been unbearingly painful which is why I took such a long break, but I'm back now! I'm determined to make it through!

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### **Claudia says**

This book hints reincarnation, and although I find that topic interesting, I have to say I was a bit confuse, there were times when the story was vague and I lost track.

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### **Adam Sprague says**

To me what was great about this story is you really have no idea what happened. Is this the rambling of a drug user? Time travel? Or just a coincidence?

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### **Kevin Hull says**

Weird short story that hints at reanimation and reincarnation, among other things. Solid ideas but unfortunately the writing style is so vague and choppy that it's hard to figure out what even happened.

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### **Courtney Ramos says**

This story was strange but not as dark as Berenice. In the beginning Poe is describing Augustus to looking basically like a corpse to help set the tone for what will happen later in the story. It's a very mysterious and original story. Even though everything in this story is supernatural it's believable and real being told from the narrator. Poe may be describing the nature quality of 'Ragged Mountains' to the 'Blue Ridge' mountains of Virginia. The ending was a little confusing to me and maybe a little random with the leeches and I also want to know if Dr. Templeton was punished for his mistake. A delightful thrilling read.

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