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For the first time on CD! Vintage Stephen King at a great low price!

Stephen King's unparalleled imagination is in full force in this collection of four unabridged short stories originally found in the classic, *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*. An all-star cast of readers bring to life these timeless stories from the darkest places.

One man's pursuit of world peace turns deadly in *The End of the Whole Mess*. Stephen King puts his spin on the familiar duo of Holmes and Watson in *The Doctor's Case*. In *The Moving Finger*, menace arrives poking out of the drain of a bathroom sink. And a young, pregnant widow takes on a zombie attack in Home Delivery.

Matthew Broderick, Tim Curry, Eve Beglarian and Stephen King lend their voices to this haunting collection of classic stories that no Stephen King fan should be without.

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From Reader Review The End of the Whole Mess, and Other Stories for online ebook

Janith Pathirage says

Stephen King's 'The End of the Whole Mess' is just like a cross breed of sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Disintegration Machine" and Gogol's "Diary of a Madman". An entertaining sci fi story (that type is extremely rare) with a good ending. One does not simply mess with the mother nature, for good or bad.

Rebecca says

Cynthia says

I listened to this one. The reading was fantastic, but the stories didn't hold my interest as much as others have in the past.

Sherri Smith says

My least favorite story was the one called moving finger. That being said, I really loved this set of stories! They were classic Stephen King!

Missmath144 says

Listening to Tim Curry and Matthew Broderick read the first two stories was awesome. Horror isn't generally my genre; in fact this is the first book I have tagged horror. However, a good reader can make anything a great experience. Eve Beglarian and Stephen King read the last two stories, and were good readers, but since they were more traditional horror stories, they didn't appeal that much to me. If you love horror, you should love all four of them.

Rinku says

It was interesting to read his short stories. King likes to amplify our simple fears into something that takes our breath away.

Shannon Dyce says

Interesting concept, makes you think

Patrick Tumblety says

I'm on the last story of this audiobook collection, and it has been a quality production all the way through. Stephen King is a master, and they found a great cast to read his stories. These four stories are great together, and quite different in content:

The End of the Whole Mess: Read by Matthew Broderick.

An excellent cautionary tale about a man recalling, in his hours before certain death, the relationship with his brother and their involvement with the end of the world. Matthew Broderick is perfect.

The Doctor's Case: Read by Tim Curry

Really all I have to say is "Tim Curry" to entice you to listen to this story. It's also an awesome Sherlockian mystery told from Dr. Watson's point-of-view years after Sherlock's death.

The Moving Finger: Read by Eve Beglarian

A creepy story about a man who finds a finger trying to escape from his bathroom basin like a worm crawling out of a hole. This one digs deep into the psyche of those plagued by an itch that they can't scratch...

Home Delivery: Read by Stephen King

I'm almost done with this one, but I can say that I LOVE when King narrates his own work. He really gets into it. If you haven't listen to his reading of the incredible short LT's Theory of Pets, I HIGHLY recommend it!

Austin says

Sometimes when it's a mediocre Stephen K. novel I think he tends to rattle on. Sometimes when he's on I want the book to last forever. This book of short stories had both. A few I was grateful they were short. However the two apocalyptic tales, one including zombies and alien worms were way too short. I would like to see these pieces expanded into 1000 page novels.

Rob Hermanowski says

This is a short apocalyptic story by Stephen King - I actually read it in a collection ("Wastelands"), not as an audiobook. King does the Apocalypse well!

Honza Prchal says

The voices chosen to read each story were perfect.

The stories were not nearly as terrifying as the King stories I read as a teen, but some of the imagery will stay with me nearly as long without the accompanying loss of sleep and confidence in my own home at night, and the stories were at least as macabre as those I read when first encountering King, and not NEARLY so occasionally annoying.

Stephen King has really honed his voice and cut back on asides that do not move the story along. He is certainly far more sympathetic to other people now that he's aged, which is fairly typical of aging, but less so for those who are celebrities surrounded by sycophants. It's certainly rare to read an author who not only doesn't despise but actually understands working class folks whose values he doesn't share.

innae says

The End of the Whole Mess- read by Matthew Broderick -- first hearing Broderick's voice takes me back to the 80's and War Games, a happy time :-). I liked this story as told by someone partially responsible for the End of the Whole Mess. Reminds me of the same theme in Jurassic Park, just because we can doesn't mean we should -- and the consequences that come with that decision.

The Doctor's Case - read by Tim Curry - as I mentioned in another review, I could listen to Tim Curry read the dictionary...so it was a pleasure to listen to this Sherlock Holmes story. I have not read any ACTUAL Sherlock Holmes stories, only those written by folks other than Arthur Conan Doyle, perhaps I should remedy this, as I enjoyed this story quite a lot.

The Moving Finger - read by Eve Beglarian - DISTURBING. I loved this story (mostly because of how it ended) -- The ending is what made this story so creepy -- it just ends...you are not really sure if our hero saw what he saw or is just crazy...but there are clues to lend to the truth that he is not crazy...

Home Delivery - read by Stephen King - NEVER underestimate a pregnant woman. This story was a little sad, but also good. Another end of the world story, this time it is not our fault though...damn aliens.

Gabriella says

One of my thrift store finds was a brand new unopened audiobook of Stephen King stories called "The End of the Whole Mess and Other Stories". These short stories were originally in "Nightmares and Dreamscapes" and include "The End of the Whole Mess" read by Matthew Broderick, "The Doctor's Case", a Sherlock Holmes story read by Tim Curry, "The Moving Finger" read by Eve Beglarian and finally "Home Delivery" read by Stephen King himself. I am a huge fan of Stephen King and love his writing. It was a joy to hear these stories read by famous people and I especially love hearing Stephen read his own stories. A wonderful collection of classic Stephen King stories.

Jami says

I vaguely remember reading at least one of these stories when the collection, Nightmares & Dreamscapes,

came out years ago. These were entertaining, though not my favorite King short stories. Matthew Broderick does a good job reading The End Of The Whole Mess; however, I didn't really like how it ended. King is known for his hanging endings and they often leave me wanting more, but this one really left me feeling like he could have done so much more with it. I thought it was odd that the story that had the female protagonist was read by King and the The Moving Finger, which is centered around a man's fear of what is lurking in the bathroom sink was read by a woman. No matter, all four were entertaining.

Gabriel says

Not his best work, but good enough. A take on a Sherlock story was fun.
