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A dark moon is rising. A perfect black circle, barely visible in the night sky, the dark moon casts its void over the wind-scorched moor, over the soaring mass of a great limestone hill, and over the town that cowers in its shadow. The dark moon is the absence of moon before the slender silver crescent of the new moon appears again and people can breath a little easier.

The month is March and the night is clear and cold, black as pitch. The full moon in March is known as the Worm Moon, welcome despite its ominous name, marking as it does the end of winter and the emergence of earthworms from the thawing ground. Dark moons have never been named, although they are sometimes called the dead moons. The dark moons reign over nights when people stoke up their fires, draw their curtains tighter and try to think happy thoughts. In the town of Sabden at the foot of Pendle Hill in Lancashire they usually fail.

In Sabden's soot-blackened terraced houses, the sleepers' dreams darken when the moon leaves the sky. Infants wake up cold, mothers tremble with elusive fears for their children and old folks slip a little closer to death. Only the Craftsman welcomes the dark moon. Alone in the town, he is awake, and ready to start work.

Alive is a nail-biting, heart-racing, page-turning thriller that will have you up all night and includes an extract of Sharon's upcoming novel The Craftsman.

Alive Details

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Karen says

A very short taster of what to expect in The Craftsman, takes less than 45 minutes to read and includes an extract from The Craftsman. This creepy introduction certainly whetted my appetite and I'm looking forward to reading the full book.

Nichola says

As this is a short story based on Sharon Bolton's The Craftsman, all I can say is I will be reading The Craftsman. This story was captivating and intriguing right from the opening line. This is my first time listening to an audio book and I Was captivated.

I can't wait to Read her Novel 'The Craftsman' .This short was a great listen to as an introduction to The craftsman. the story opens up to get your attention and continued to get my full attention from the start and I loved it.

First time Reading \Listening to a novel by Sharon Bolton and it will not be my last. Bith creepy and thrilling.

Roz says

So creepy! I can't wait to read The Craftsman after this!

Sarah says

I thought this was a great little read. Dark, disturbing and gives you a taste of what you can look forward to in The Craftsman which is the full length novel.

Lisa says

Sharon Bolton is now one of my favourite Authors in the Prequel to THE Crafts man this short story is mesmerizing , very dark & Creepy is the only word to describe The Craftsman .

Ms Bolton tantalises the reader into the world of the craftsman & leaves you hanging for more.

Kudos to the author who has really stepped up with this creepy dark frightening short story now onto The Craftsman. would give it five if longer but will give it 4.99 stars that's how good it was.

Heidi says

What a perfect little novella to whet my appetite for The Craftsman, to be released in April. Dark, disturbing with the gothic feel Bolton is so famous for. I can't wait to read more!

Hans says

Very atmospheric! A great introduction to The Craftsman.

With a big thanks to Sharon Bolton for the free download.

Mandy White says

Ooh what a dark and creepy teaser for the new book.. can not wait for its release after reading this!

H.A. Leuschel says

A quick and engaging teaser to entice readers to buy the upcoming novel! Perfect for when you are having to wait at the dentist's or have some time to kill.

Lucy Meakin says

Free download from Sharon Bolton, a taster for The Craftsman...which I've now got to read when it's released.

Gary says

This is a short story that aims to give the reader a taste of what they can look forward to when Sharon Bolton's new novel 'The Craftsman' is released. 'Alive' is a short story that tells of the abduction and killing of a teenager in 1969. This is a teasing taster of what is to come and I intend to read ASAP.

I always find it hard to give anymore than a 3 star rating for a short story but I have no doubt that I would be scoring an higher star rating with a full length novel. Bring on the Craftsman.

Lorraine Southern says

All I can say is roll on May 3rd!!!! After having my appetite whetted by this, I cannot wait for the Craftsman to be released!!!

Anya says

It seems I'm the first one reviewing that little "novella". In fact I will not be reviewing. I won't put on any stars for now, because I think this is more kind of a first chapter than a story on her own. It will just be like a very little candy while waiting for the big meal, the Craftsman, which is not out yet! A very juicy "amouse bouche"..I will be reading it again when I will be starting the Craftsman, and anyway it's free for now on kindle and on audible, so it is your occasion to take a look at how Sharon Bolton can write. If you like it than you're ready for the real story, I will grab it as soon as it's out! Enjoy!

Ted Tayler says

"Was this necessary?"

So, these three children with their own back story end up being taken by this serial killer, Larry, or The Craftsman. That's covered in three chapters just for them. Then, a minor character with a cameo appearance in one of the chapters returns to Sebden for his funeral. She sees the ghosts of the three kids and... then we need to buy the next book. Unless I'm missing the point, all the suspense has been eliminated. We know what the book's about. Or maybe that isn't the plot-line for the full novel. Either way I can't see the point of this, especially if it was a marketing exercise to drum up sales of the novel. I'm mystified.

Richard says

Having received my copy of The Craftsman it was time to take the bait and read the precursor to that book. The prequel short story set in the world of the Craftsman but unlikely to give anything away other than spine tingling chills and goosebumps.

Bolton's writing is economic and almost every word seems chosen carefully to enrich or darken a particular story. She is an author at ease with things that may go bump on the night or keep the innocent from restful sleep. Her writing can be dark and frightening and it appears this is the world the Craftsman inhabits.

Alive is the story of three teenage children who are abducted around the time of the dark moon. His identity is pointed to and his work alluded to beyond just snatching the youngsters.

It appears it may be third time lucky for him and not so fortunate for his victim where death seems to be a welcome relief.

Of course this is speculation although the short story is followed by the first few pages of the long awaited novel.

The short story tells something of each young person and suggests they have things in common. That they are watched and chosen not taken at random although chance may play a part. They may not be completely innocent but surely their guilt is no more than that of any post-pubescent young person making their way towards adulthood.

What is a given is that you do not have to read Alive to enjoy The Craftsman however having read it one will find it almost impossible to delay reading the longer novel for too long.
