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Sow Details

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Kimberly says

First off, a word of advice: this is NOT the story you want to read before making dinner for your family. The images and smells that Curran conjures with his words have the power to actually nauseate you! By the time you have finished this amazing novella, you'll find yourself physically needing to scrub yourself clean.

His characters, as usual, come alive instantly, and are so well fleshed out that you feel like you're actually witnessing the scenes before you. It takes a true master to take something so impossible, and turn it into something that actually feels plausible while you're reading. This is what Tim Curran does so well. I have read many novels/novellas by him that easily fall into my "top ten"--SOW has just join the ranks, among other favorites such as PUPPET GRAVEYARD, and FEAR ME.

Highly recommended!

Scot says

I tried, I really tried to like this book. It just didn't happen. I truth the book is fantastic, amazingly well written. Characterization with astounding depth. Detail - the filth pours from the page. One can really understand and feel the disgust experienced within it's pages. Unfortunately, with all of this going for it, I just couldn't get into it. I have seen all of the reviews written by readers who loved it and wished I was one of them. I have other books by the author in my collection and I will be giving Tim Curran another chance.

Kate says

Rated 4.5*

I've read only a few of Currans novellas but Sow is another rock solid read from him. The book cranks up the tension from the start when the father to be, Richard, is wondering about the strange transformation of his pregnant wife, Holly. In the beginning you wonder if Richard is actually imagining it all but as Holly's behaviour becomes more bizarre it becomes clear there's a lot more at play.

This was such a fun read. I'm a big fan of gruesome, disgusting horror so this was right up my alley. The writing is so vivid that at time you feel like you're placed right in the action, able to smell and feel everything that Richard is describing. I'm extremely glad I couldn't as some of the scenes are stomach churning.
Highly recommended.

Chris says

Richard has noticed his pregnant wife, Holly, has suddenly been not acting like herself, and not in the usual way befitting a woman soon to give birth to their first child. At first, its subtle, and he thinks its just hormones, but then she begins to change, her voice, moods, appetite suggest otherwise...and when she takes

on the horrific appearance of an infamous midwife named Mrs. Crouch, Richard realizes what has happened to his beloved wife is nightmarish beyond comprehension. And he may be powerless to stop it.

Tim Curran has crafted another stunningly chilling novella that will never make you look at swine, or that lovely and delectable Easter ham, the same way again. And if you haven't read Curran, you should.

Karl says

This mini-hardcover is copy 17 of 100 copies produced. signed by Tim Curran.

Kaisersoze says

It may not be the most memorable Tim Curran novella; in fact, it may not even be in the best five of his books I've read. But **Sow** is a dense, descriptive ride into the darkness of a different kind of possession.

Sow goes where you think a Tim Curran book will go, and offers little in the way of surprises, but there are some very intense scenes where Curran effectively conveys the helpless horror of his protagonist.

And as always, Curran's eloquent, evocative prose is on display, with some wonderfully written moments - even if he does occasionally slip into unnecessary detail, and this slows the pace of what should be a fast pulse-pounding read down to a stuttering staccato.

Recommended to fans of Curran or body horror.

3.5 Squeals of an Animal Kind (3 Here; 4 on Amazon) for **Sow**.

Ms. Nikki says

With this seed I do sow.
Seeds of evil do grow,
within my loins do they burrow.
For in the sowing of my oats.
A force took over to corrupt.
I did not get to say my goodbyes.
It smothered my soul in the blink of an eye.

by Nikki

The story of Holly being taken over by an entity during her pregnancy is a sad one. Her and her husband Richard didn't seem to have a chance at fighting what was stealing their happiness and ruining their family.

I think that is the reason this read did not get more stars. It was hopeless. When Richard thought he could be strong, the witch would implant some images in his mind to cow him.

The descriptions were well done, but his execution is still off. Where were the twists and hills? We walked a predictable line to a predictable ending. There were no detours or unexpected hail-Mary's. And having the baby name be Damien was lame.

Still, Tim is a good writer. I just expect more. I can see his work on the big screen like King. He just needs some hidden doorways and forks in the road.

Paul Nelson says

Richard's joy at his wife's pregnancy is extremely short lived as his bed-ridden wife Holly changes before his eyes, possessed it seems by something completely evil, yet gone in an instant as soon as visitors appear.

His wife now reads a very old book on witchcraft and has a strange mid-wife that only visits when he's out. He must backtrack and find out what's transformed his wife from a loving person to an old witch with ancient and diabolical intentions.

This is disgustingly dark fiction from a warped mind but what an imagination Tim Curran has and it's well worth exploring, I now have the majority of his work and plan to read it all this year.

Char says

4.5 stars!

This book put me off of bacon. Forever. I will never again enjoy a pork chop or a pulled pork sandwich. OK, I may be exaggerating a little bit. But seriously? I won't be eating any pork at all for a while.

A previously happy couple have their lives turned upside down. However, the pregnant wife (Holly) is not privy to any of it. How could that be? You will have to read this to find out.

Tim Curran, once again, showcases his talents for description. Especially his descriptions of loathsome and revolting things. Some of the scenes in this book necessitate the use of brain bleach. Since such a thing does not exist, expect these scenes to live on in all their nastiness in said brain, for a long time to come.

Once again, the Darkfuse Kindle Club delivers. The novellas released by this publisher have time and again impressed the hell out of me. Most especially those by Tim Curran, such as Fear Me and Puppet Graveyard. Mr. Curran has fast become one of my favorite authors and Darkfuse one of my favorite publishers. I know when I receive my novel and novella every month that they will be top notch reads. I don't have to wade

through reviews or ask my friends because I KNOW they will be good.

As far as SOW goes, if disgusting descriptions make you laugh or wince, but you still continue reading anyway? SOW is for you. Buy it now! (But eat some bacon before you start reading, because AFTER reading, you may not be eating bacon again for a long, long time.)

? Irena ? says

I hated this story. Everything I write will be biased because I hate pigs.

With that out of the way, let me explain why I hated it and why I am not rating it lower. I hated it because one of the most prominent things in this story is a huge, disgusting sow. What saves it?

First, I knew what I am getting into when I started reading it. The blurb is quite clear without being spoiler-y.

Second, it has paranormal elements - that definitely saves it since I am not a fan of real life horror stories. I know people do horrible things, I don't need to be reminded of that when I want to be entertained.

Third, Tim Curran has a way with words when it comes to describing terrible things. The imagery he creates is quite powerful, here even nauseating. This is one of the most disgusting stories I've ever read; to use his own words it is appalling and offensive. I was sickened by the changes Richard's wife goes through, her behaviour and physical descriptions.

The thing is, I do see how well written this story is. I still hate it. I wish I skipped it.

Bill says

Tim Curran is one of my favorite authors and he does not disappoint with Sow. Tim wastes no time thrusting us into the upside down world of Robert and Holly, who are expecting their first child. It hits the fan in a big way and needless to say the pregnancy does not go as planned. As a matter of fact they go very, very wrong. Ancient evil has come to breed and is using Roberts's wife as the incubator.

Tim's colorfully nasty and descriptive prose is absolutely amazing and as usual, he weaves one hell of a tale. At times while I was reading this, I swear I could almost taste the fetid smell of pig sh*t. The character Pigwicken was classic! Curran has some serious issues...(and I'm glad) 4.5 Stars! Highly Recommended!

Dianne says

A young married couple, deeply in love, prepares for the joy of having their first child, and life is perfect. Cue the soft focus, birds chirping, happy sunshine, right? Nothing can ruin this time in their lives. Don't be too sure about that. Enter the vilest of evils, far beyond spinning head and projectile green vomit! We are not talking pregnancy hormonal changes or pre-fatherly fears, we are talking evil, dark, malevolent, foul.

Nothing could have prepared me for **Sow** by Tim Curran. Nothing. If you're like me and tend to enter the world created by the author by jumping in with both feet, I suggest you watch where you step! Oh, and do NOT eat prior to or during the reading of **Sow**, and maybe you might want to hold your breath, close your eyes and stuff your ears with cotton! I swear I was in a nightmare I couldn't wake up from! Did I put the book down? Oh heck, no! Will I ever look at bacon the same? Probably not for a long time! As a matter of fact, **Sow** could be THE secret weapon in the battle to lose a few pounds, just read or think of one of many select passages and voila! No appetite!

Tim Curran has a gift, a HUGE gift for building each scene and filling it with such graphic detail, the images will be forever burned into my mind, every hair, every fly, and every bodily fluid. The thoughts and actions of his characters had me giving mental advice, trying to will it through my Kindle. For imagination and execution **Sow** and Tim Curran deserve 5 stars, the creepy-gross-disgust factor alone is off the charts! **So, you're all thinking I loved this book-NOPE, I loved the author's creative genius, and I'm going to take the average of the two ratings in my mind.**

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Mike says

As always, another creepy macabre story by Tim.

Dan Schwent says

Richard is convinced his pregnant wife Holly is possessed and carrying something unholy within her womb. Does it have something to do the centuries old account of a witch she'd been reading about or is Richard simply going out of his mind?

This is the seventh book in my Kindle Unlimited Experiment. For the 30 day trial, I'm only reading books that are part of the program and keeping track what the total cost of the books would have been.

With the rise of the e-book, the novella is making a comeback as a viable form of writing. Tim Curran is pretty damn good at using that form.

Sow is a revolting tale of a man and his bedridden, pregnant wife. As the pregnancy progresses and she continues changing, it quickly becomes apparent that things aren't exactly kosher. It plays on the fact that men can never know what it's like to be pregnant and runs with it.

I just mentioned the tale is revolting. As far as I know, it's the only time I've ever felt nauseous from something I've read. Holly's transformation is disgusting, especially during the later stages. The book didn't end quite like I wanted it to but it was pretty apparent early on that it wasn't going to be a joyous pig roast at the end.

The DarkFuse novella series continues to knock them out of the park. I'm really glad this was a novella and not a full length book since I don't think I could have stomached much more. 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Current Kindle Unlimited Savings Total: \$38.11.

karen says

i'll give you a second to read the description of the book:

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in another author's hands, this could have easily become a psychological suspense-y type book springing from that male discomfort with the feminine mystery of fertility and childbirth, and the fear of impending fatherhood and its responsibilities, where there might be an ambiguous disconnect between what he "sees" and what really "is." is he going mad, or has his wife in fact turned into a giant pig-creature with a terrifying number of nipples and a demon watchdog-creature glowering malevolently nearby??? do others see what he sees, or is this all simply delusion?

but not with tim curran.

tim curran writes about giant worms coming up out of the sewer to kill people through their genitals, after all.

he's not going to be coy.

this is not anything more than what it appears to be on the surface: a woman turned into an incubator for a dark and ancient power. a dark and ancient power that will not let anything prevent it from being born, least of all some puny human who has been rather foolishly attached to the body of his wife before it got taken over by the eeeevil. silly puny human. you, your friends, your furniture, your genitals..... none are safe from THE SOW!!

wonderful sicko fun.
