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The world around ten-year-old Sunni Brown is crumbling. War, disease and crushing poverty are everyday realities. For a while, she counts herself amongst the lucky. But will she survive when she's forced to live in an abandoned parking structure?

This is a scary future; but there are no werewolves, vampires or zombies...in this future, human beings are the scariest creatures of all.

The Shelter Details

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Mark Morris says

A brief introduction to the series.

A short. But good look at one version of a future I would not want to live in, but possibly could.

Amos Cassidy says

I flew through this short story. Despite the lack of world building, or any proper explanations as to what has happened to the world and society, this story had me hooked. I understand that it is a prequel to a novel out in the fall, and I will definitely be buying it! I loved the writing style and the author succeeded in creating an atmosphere of dread and desperation.

An intriguing taste of the novel to come.

TL says

Ten-year-old Sunni Brown lies upside down on a tweed couch with her head hanging over the side and her feet thrust into the air. Wearing pink ballet slippers and a white tutu, she flutters her pointed toes through the five positions. A television blares a short distance away and a dust covered fan blows lukewarm air across the girl's face. "Food riots have broken out for the second time this week," the newscaster announces, but Sunni doesn't pay much attention. Her ears strain to hear another conversation only a few feet away.

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*His pistol drawn and pointed in Shannon's direction, the sheriff wears a tired expression, "Don't make this hard Ms. Brown." His cautious forward movements mirror those of a battle worn soldier. And it is like war, the endless jobs, desperate people and hopeless situations have all conspired to rob him of his vitality. Three sentinels hover nearby, but not too near, lest they get caught in the crossfire.*

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Their red, peeling skin bakes under the midday sun as Shannon and Sunni drag two suitcases and a backpack through a cluttered alleyway. A seven-story parking structure looms ahead, its concrete banisters adorned with long rows of tattered clothing hung out to dry. The scent of unwashed people, cooking food and raw sewage drift out of the entrance. Two guards clutching semi-automatic weapons stand on each side of the entrance as Sunni and her mom approach. One of the guards, Adam, tightens his grip on his weapon and gives the woman an unblinking stare.

3.5 stars

Sad, also at times gritty and slightly disturbing...The Shelter is a compelling read and I found myself flying through this.

I wanted to kick two certain people in the head and where the sun don't shine *glares*

While I felt bad for Sunni's mom at first, I wanted to shake her for how she was treating her daughter.

Sunni broke my heart, a sweet girl in a tough situation who ends up doing what she has to to survive.

(view spoiler) If you really want to know (possible triggers) go ahead and click on it.

The world building does leave some questions but in this case I didn't mind as much.

It does have me curious for the book though. , we shall see.

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Art Putman says

A very gripping story did not put it down until it was finished.

christina dale says

Weird but...definitely original ♥♥♥ so far

Original, terrifies interestingly keep your attention I think because it's a little girl and you don't want things to get anymore horrifying for her than they already have.

Shadow Girl says

This is a short story of a sad & lonely little girl.

It begins with addict, and her daughter, being physically evicted from their home. All of their belongings are being put out by the street, with no way to move them, or protect them. The sheriff seems kind, but he has to do his job.

Within an old parking garage, the former parking stalls are now used to give shelter to the homeless.

With a mother whose only concern is getting high, the daughter tries to make friends, and tries to not starve.

She is left alone all the time, and that fact does not go unnoticed. She is small, and cannot protect herself.

But, as she sees a man who has food to share, her hunger tells her that it can't be worse than the first time, and it definitely can't be worse than starving to death.

This short is a prequel, and I'm ready to read the next book! It felt like reading a V.C. Andrews book, without the second half of the book - the parts where things get better. I hope that the little girl finds help, and happiness in the next book.

Inoye says

This book was in third person, narrated by the author. He mainly focuses on a ten year old called Sunni

who's life seems to dematerialize like a house of cards.

We aren't given precise place of the location or time period. From the use of the television and phone at the beginning of the book, I can only guess that the story is based sometime near the 21st century.

The message that I have perceived from this allegory was that we should be gratified for what we do have. The protagonist was deprived and often faced hardship which is what made her envisage that she has to be happy with what she does have.

This was a dystopian fiction, written by SunHi Mistwalker. This is the first book to his sequel.

The story is about Sunni, a ten year old ballerina, whose life starts to go downhill. She lives with her mother Shannon but not her father who is addressed as a "bastard" at the beginning. It was an ordinary day for her until she and her mother are evicted from their apartment. Two days later from endeavoring on the streets, she lives in a shelter. This is the start of the suffering she is forced to endure and confront.

The book was okay however I didn't find the storyline engaging enough.

K.J. Chapman says

This story highlights the fall of humanity in every sense in a dystopian environment. Sunni's experience is told in third person, but I reckon first person would have engaged me a little more. The author doesn't shy away from the realities that the tenants face in the shelter, especially the women and girls.

This short story is a prequel to a novel. However, there wasn't enough explanation and backstory for my liking. What happened to civilisation? Why are they in that hideous situation? I understand it is only a short story, but it didn't tick all the boxes for a prequel.

Jett Cat says

Disturbing, in that there are activities, actions, and events in this world that we like to partition into corners of our minds.

We know there are events occurring every moment in our world that would make us fall down and just reach for sweet oblivion if we really acknowledged them. This is how this book is disturbing. Much like comedy that makes you laugh because if you don't laugh you would have to really confront an issue, this book is disturbing because it puts you in a situation that as much as I don't want to believe happens, I know deep down that not only can it, but it does.

I know I am a bit vague here, it is a short story and I don't want to ruin it for anyone, but it is written so well I found myself wanting to yell at the book as if I were watching a horror movie.

The horror of this book is it is too easy to imagine the events actually happening. Somehow in very few pages the main character comes to vibrant life and even though you can predict that something bad will happen, you hope against hope that you are wrong and that a "fairy tale" ending will swoop in at the last moment and make this a happy story!

Bravo, to the author. I was disturbed on so many levels.

I don't recommend reading this if you are currently disgusted with humanity. I do recommend it as a must

read for anyone who thinks life is just perfect and there is nothing wrong with our society, or someone who just likes to be a little introspective and doesn't mind receiving more reasons to believe their life isn't as bad as they think it is.

Denise Weldon-siviy says

Cliffhanger...

This is well-written although definitely depressing. Unfortunately it doesn't provide a resolution of any plot twists. It just stops somewhat abruptly with an ad for the next installment... I suppose if the follow-up was included in Kindle Unlimited, I wouldn't mind. But it's not...

Tatum C. Rose says

The Shelter is a short, addictive, bone-rattling prequel to a yet-to-be-released full length novel due out this year. I recommend this novella for adult (or mature YA) lovers of dystopia. The Shelter had me itching for more...more pages, more descriptions, more explanations...and with that, SunHi Mistwalker did very very well, I am looking forward to the release of the full length book.

This novella was a bit disturbing in parts, but much more of a realistic version of life in a parking structure with hundreds of other families. Cookie-cutter YA dystopia is getting a little old. I do not recommend this for the faint of heart or youngins, but it is definitely a short read that I will be suggesting to my friends and goodreads folk.

I received a copy of The Shelter in exchange for a review, however, my thoughts and opinions expressed above are 100% my own **Go Download THE SHELTER Today! Totally Worth It!**

Mort says

Sorry, guys, I am not an optimist, but Fuck ME, this was bleak...

It should be called "The handbook to demotivational speaking"

Lizzie Winns says

Pretty good book

Elsa Carrion says

I'm kind of glad that this was a short story. I read it was a dystopian and I loved these types of stories. I was

enjoying the story very much, the characters were believable the situation was sad the mother should have been sterilized. But the synopsis left one very important detail off.... Sunni is 10 years old and is about to be part of a real world sexual abuse situation. When it comes to innocent children I can't seem to enjoy reading about how they suffer. Although the story does not go into detail it is one of those that one must read between the line, and it adds up to the abuse. It broke my heart to see Sunni suffered from the one person whom is supposed to love and protect her unconditionally. When she meets her pinky sister I was happy and thought "great she will have someone that is going to protect her" but of course it could not last, what happened to her sister was terrible...never did figure out who it was, although I have narrowed it down to two very terrible people. When Sunni finds herself alone again...alone with her crack head mother...Sunni catches the attention of the wrong person. The landlord is a very sick individual that also need to be clipped.

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nikkia says

Ok

Wish it was one book but I'm waiting for part two the things people go through it's sad it's ok short story book
