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Winslow Remington Houdstooth, notorious outlaw, handsomest heartbreaker in the American South, has just finished a lucrative job, but he's faced with a hippo-sized problem that would test even the most seasoned of hoppers. "Worth Her Weight in Gold" is another slyly funny, raucous adventure in the alternate America of Sarah Gailey's *River of Teeth* and *Taste of Marrow*.

Worth Her Weight in Gold Details

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Cathy (cathepsut) says

Short story, barely more than a snippet, about Houndstooth and his Ruby. It was ok, but so short and with so little happening, that is was barely worth reading.

Lori says

"Dr. Bantou Was a Scoundrel a Charlatan a No Good Son of a Right"

<https://www.tor.com/2018/04/18/worth-...>

Richard Derus says

Don't start your trip down Gailey's Harriet (aka the bit of the Mississippi River dammed to produce hippo habitat) with this story. It's too short to introduce you to the world and the characters are best savored after getting to know them at slightly greater length.

Definitely read as part of the American Hippo omnibus or free at Tor.com.

Hannelele says

Vahepeal kuulsin lakkamatult igast allikast neist Sarah Gailey alternatiiv-ameerika raamatutest, kus lõunaosariikides ratsutatakse jõehobudel ja kui sain teada, et sama maailma novelli saab tasuta lugeda, haarasin võimalusest. Tore palake.

Due to the likes, a translation appears (much like a hippo). Recently I've heard from all over about these Sarah Gailey's alternative history books about hippo-riders and when I found out you can read a short story from the same world for free, I immediately took the chance. It was a lovely little tidbit. I enjoyed it, just wished there was a little bit more :)

Justine says

A very short story where Mr. Houndstooth demonstrates once again just how much he loves his Ruby.

You can read this short story for free here at Tor.com: <https://www.tor.com/2018/04/18/worth-...>

JM says

A pretty short read giving you a taste of Sarah Gailey's series about an alternate-history US where people ride hippos. I have to confess, the premise sounded kind of dumb to me at first, but reading this short-short story it actually seems fun. Guess I'll have to track down "River of Teeth" and see how good it is.

Igrowastreesgrow says

I enjoyed this a lot

Devann says

This is a very short read - probably about 5 minutes - but it's really fun and I definitely enjoyed it. It is a prequel story that explains why Ruby has gold plated tusks, which is something I had always wondered about while reading the first book. Also Houndstooth is by far my favorite character in this series so I always love to see more of him. ALSO Also, that cover illustration is just gorgeous!

karen says

“Bloody stubborn—move!” Houndstooth shouted into Ruby’s face as loudly as he dared.

Ruby did not care for shouting.

i broke my own rule with this one -i try not to read any free tor shorts that are attached to books i haven't read; whether they're prequels or fill-in-the-gaps or whatever. even when they *claim* to be standalones, there's always some detail or treat a newbie'll miss out on that is a reward for a fan.

i would rather be someone who is rewarded than someone who misses out, so i generally bookmark any that look interesting to me with a note about whatever series it's tied to and i figure i'll get to it later. aren't you glad to know all about my process? well, hold tight, because there's more of that to come - this is a series i've wanted to read for a while, because - duh - hippos.

River of Teeth was gifted to me by keith - THANKS, KEITH!! - but i haven't read it yet because they're so damn short i wanted to read them both at once to avoid frustration and when i saw that this two-in-one (LGM) was coming out in may:

i figured i would just pick that up instead of buying the second book whose cover doesn't even have a damn

hippo on it so why even bother?

now that you know all of my life choices surrounding this book/author/series, shall i speak to the story itself? fiiiiine.

basically, it confirmed what i had suspected about reading shorts branching off other works (HA - so all that "who cares?" personal info up there had a purpose! bask in my relevance!) it's a cute story, but i'm pretty sure i would have appreciated it more if i already had these characters under my skin. on the plus side - i liked the rhythm of her storytelling, i was intrigued by the situation, and i even giggled a little bit, so i have a feeling that when i do get around to reading the full hippo tales, i will enjoy the ride, perhaps even more than keith did - HI, KEITH!! i already love ruby the hippo. she's a winning combination of pet and predator and i would like one, please. with or without dental bling.

but i might not be the best hippo-mama - i've had American Hippopotamus on my nook for *years*, as unread as River of Teeth, so i might just be a hippo *hoarder* which is not gonna be cool with my landlord.

read it for yourself here:

<https://www.tor.com/2018/04/18/worth-...>

Ben says

3 stars!

Boy is it always fun to come back to this world!

This (very) short story was sweet and filled with humor and managed to make me smile constantly throughout.

Every time I come back to Gailey's hippopotamus world I'm filled with joy and excitement. It's just so action-packed and cool. Hopefully she won't abandon it just yet for a new one.

Until next time!

[Instagram]

carol. says

It turns out that Sarah Gailey is not my kind of author.

For those who would like to read it:

<https://www.tor.com/2018/04/18/worth-...>

Laura says

i think i might be a lil bit in love.

Joe McClure says

Intriguing and compelling. I'll definitely be looking for her other work set in this universe.

Alex Sarll says

Hijinks in an alternate America where an outlaw can escape with rather more loot than he might on horseback, on account of how he's riding a hippo instead. Assuming, of course, that he can get the hippo moving, which is easier said than done if that's not the hippo's plan. Part of me wonders whether his beloved Ruby isn't more hippos as we think they are from their appearance - enormous and intransigent but basically affable, much like a bear - as against the stone cold psycho killers they really are. But fuck it, if you're positing an alternate America with loads of hippos, why not one with hippos as they ought to be, too?

Lorre says

Ruby-Roo is my favorite hippo so having a short story about her and Houndstooth is great! This story explains how Ruby got her golden tusks.
