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A Vintage Shorts “Short Story Month” Selection

Nkem is living a life of wealth and security in America, until she discovers that her husband is keeping a girlfriend back home in Nigeria. In this high-intensity story of passion and the masks we all wear, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author of the acclaimed novels *Half of a Yellow Sun* and *Americanah* and winner of the Orange Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, explores the ties that bind men and women, parents and children, Africa and the United States.

“Imitation” is a selection from Adichie’s collection *The Thing Around Your Neck*.

An eBook short.

## **Imitation (A Vintage Short) Details**

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## From Reader Review Imitation (A Vintage Short) for online ebook

### Rogene Carter says

So amazing to get a small glance into the life of such a rich character. I instantly wanted to know more about Nkem and how her story is settled.

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### dameon says

#### Good short story

Very well written, one of the stories in the things around your neck, read it a second time from a different perspective.

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### Molly says

I have fallen in love with this author and cannot wait to read more

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### Wendy says

Like a satin rope in my head, I ran down it never fearing the end. She's like that, this author. Like americanah, a taste of standing in someone's shoes.

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### Alex Linschoten says

A sad story. Not really like Americanah, the only other book by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie that I've read. You get to spend a few days in the company of Nkem as she starts to realise her life may not be the idyll she once thought.

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### Emmanuel says

Very captivating and gave me a good insight on what kinda place Lagos is

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### Emer says

*"It is one of the things she has come to love about America, the abundance of unreasonable*

*hope"*

What is love within marriage?

Is it a promise of fidelity of name... *but not of the body*?

Is it providing a house for your children... *but not a home*?

Is it keeping up with some idea of what is right and expected of you... *or is it dancing together with four left feet?*

At its core this short story examines love. The expectations, the hopes, the dreams, the loyalties, the betrayals... As ever Adichie's prose leaves a wake of victims in her trail. No one is perfect. Hearts are torn open and innermost thoughts are laid bare for all to see. And it is these imperfections, this unrelenting frailty of humanity, that make this feel honest.

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**four stars**

**Cate says**

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An interesting read. It felt very unfinished and I would have liked more of a resolution. I suppose that is the nature of a short story. Perhaps I will invest in the full collection.

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**Tshiamo Motiang says**

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This story really touched me. I felt sad for this woman

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**Nain says**

3.5 stars.

Ahh, nooo.

This one felt like it was cut too short. I was intrigued enough to get through what I thought were the "boring parts" in order to get to the interesting part where I felt like I would learn something. That part never came. Maybe this is because my experience with Adichie has consisted of her "Single Story" TEDTalk and her other vintage short "We Should All Be Feminists." Both of which I highly recommend. In comparison this older work of hers felt mediocre.

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**Martin says**

I was in the mood to read a short story and I found this one on kindle (which is part of a vintage short story collection apparently), and decided pretty quickly to read it since I've heard so much about Adichie's writing, and been meaning to read "Americanah" for some time now.

The story is simple, but effective. It illustrates in a clear and concise way the reality of a woman and in doing so reveals an entire culture behind her.

The writing was clean, but not without beauty. I'm so glad I read it.

I think "Americanah" won't have to wait much longer on my shelf.

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### **Kay-Leigh says**

The story starts with shocking news; Nkem's husband Obiora has a girlfriend. Over the course of the story we realise that his having a girlfriend is not that shocking, she too had dated married men when she was younger and single. Through this news Nkem's eyes are opened to who SHE is and where her life choices have led her.

Full review here <https://plainjayne.wordpress.com/201...>

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