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June's instalment of The Year of Short Stories is The Queen's Birthday Telegram. Released as one of a limited number of digital shorts released to celebrate the publication of Jeffrey Archer's magnificent seventh short-story collection, Tell Tale.

Taken from And Thereby Hangs A Tale, Jeffrey Archer's sixth collection of short stories, The Queen's Birthday Telegram is an irresistible, witty and ingenious short read.

Albert Webber and his wife Betty are utterly thrilled when he receives the honour of a telegram from the Queen, on the occasion of his hundredth birthday. The whole town celebrates in style, and Albert looks forward to the time when – in three years – his beloved wife can also celebrate with her own telegram. But when Betty's birthday comes, there is no telegram. Albert decides to take this up with the Palace . . .

## **The Queen's Birthday Telegram: The Year of Short Stories – June Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Queen's Birthday Telegram: The Year of Short Stories – June for online ebook**

**Swarali Vaidya says**

**Short and sweet**

I just loved how it is short and sweet. The definitely puts a smile on your face, and also tells a lot more than is written!

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**Shirley Revill says**

A very short but well written story that I really enjoyed.

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**Karunakaran N. says**

The Queen's Birthday Telegram by Jeffrey Archer ... Remembering the spouses birthday is equally important as remembering the year of birth when age creeps in.... Great read...

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**Divya says**

Age is not just a number!!!

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**Amit Sareen says**

A nice short read. One of those stories which I may have seen or heard before, nevertheless, enjoyed reading it. It's one of those endings which gives you a pause... And you smile for all the love a couple shares.

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**Saby says**

**A Jeffrey Archer signature piece for sure!**

My rating is for the brilliant manner in which the story is related - I was lulled into complacency by a boring - sounding narrative and then suddenly did a double take following the hallmark twist in the tale right at the end.

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## **Shabana Mukhtar says**

Part of Jeffery Archer short stories series.

As soon as I began reading this, I had this vague feeling of familiarity. I couldn't place the story and continued to read. Almost half way through, I remembered the ending, but kept on reading. Even if you're reading the book for the first time, you can see the end coming. However, what makes it more enjoyable is the old couple in love.

I can't explain it, but I love the way JA expresses the love and affection between a couple. It is sweet and intense at the same time.

If you're a sucker for short stoies, do not miss.

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## **Matt says**

Master storyteller Lord Jeffrey Archer has chosen to please his fans with a new venture; a short story released each month. Those familiar with Archer's work will know that he can not only spin long and involved pieces, but also the short story that compacts adventure into a handful of pages. June's story is brief, but very much a winner, when Albert Webber receives a telegram from from the Queen on the celebration of his one hundredth birthday. This is in addition to all the fanfare the town and his family have to celebrate this milestone event. When, three years on, Albert's wife celebrates this same cake-worthy event, there is nothing that arrives. Hurt on her behalf, Albert waits for a time before placing a call to determine if there's been a mix-up. A few transfers and cross-references later, it all becomes clear and Albert cannot help but chuckle. A wonderful re-release for Archer fans that can be read in a few moments, with a smile factor that will surely linger.

Lord Jeffrey Archer's work is always full of unique perspectives, be they complete novels or shorter story such as this one. I am so pleased to have come across this collection and have reviewed each story based on its own merits. Now I await each instalment on a monthly basis, hoping they will be as interesting as the first half of the collection. This was definitely one of the faster reads, one that I remember devouring in a past collection. Even with a lack of character development, Archer pushes a wonderful story along to the reader, adding his trademark zinger by the final sentence. I have enjoyed all these pieces and now must be patient for the rest of the series to come, released for free each month to Archer fans!

Kudos, Lord Archer, for a masterful new story collection. How you find so many effective ideas that produce high quality publications I will never know.

Love/hate the review? An ever-growing collection of others appears at:  
<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

A Book for All Seasons, a different sort of Book Challenge: <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/...>

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**Coco.V says**

?FREE on Amazon & on iBooks today (7/30/2018)!?

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**morton connell says**

**Archer does it again**

Yet another example of spellbinding writing that captures the reader to the end well done we look forward to more

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**Vinay Leo says**

Ends abruptly just when I was curious to know more. Disappointing.

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**Prasanna says**

The story was too short and it ended right when things got interesting.

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**Sarabjeet Singh says**

Decent one but the ending wasn't as smooth and swift as you see in other Jeffery Archer works.

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**Ruchika Pahwa says**

**A nice read**

I liked the way the story was initiated and continued at a good pace, but not that the ending was rushed and open-ended. It needed more in terms of content and was very short in length. Still, not bad for a free read.

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**Shorty6904 says**

Great short story but I wanted more from the end.

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