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The story begins with a description of the place and environment in which the astrologer meets his clients and does his work. He begins his work every day at midday in a public place under a large tree that is close to a public park in his town.

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Manas Thakre says

my favorite story was the last one "Under the Banyan tree" . I liked Nambi-the storyteller's character. Really, I think our lives are like that. we are all here to narrate stories and when. we do not have any story left, it's time to go....

Anitha Soundararajan says

RK Narayan takes a pick on astrologers this time. And he does it in his style - a narration filled with humour, quick wit and vivid descriptions!

Some excerpts that I enjoyed-

"even a half-wit's eyes would sparkle in such a setting."

"All the same, it was as much an honest man's labor as any other, and he deserved the wages he carried home at the end of a day."

""You have an impetuous nature and a rough exterior." This endeared him to their hearts immediately, for even the mildest of us loves to think that he has a forbidding exterior."

Ram says

A great collection of short stories. Some of them I read in my childhood, reading them again was quite refreshing and fun, brought back the memories of my childhood. No wonder, why R. K. Narayan was the favourite author for many!

Bibipersaud's Fire says

Great

Satyajeet Prabhu says

While it still has the essential Malgudi element, the stories are simply not engaging. Most have really random endings. So technically, I stopped midway.

Anuradha says

R.K. Narayan is a literary master, and there is no doubt about that. He writes about the most ordinary people, like that schoolmaster that you hated, or the sweetmeat seller that brought joy on children's faces. But what he writes, he writes beautifully. And no one, I repeat no one can do humour like him. In The Astrologer's Day, he very cleverly mocks astrologers, and portrays them as we see them; as con men who cannot predict what their wife has cooked for dinner, let alone when a stranger (to them) will get married.

I don't much remember what other stories this collection contains, but I'm sure I'll remember the stories if someone reminds me of the title. Because Narayan is unforgettable. I can still quote lines from Swami and Friends, a book I read when I was eleven or something.

??? says

Nice and very simple.
