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A classic short story set in WWII.

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Neda says

A nice anti-war short story..

Shane says

Roald Dahl takes a drastic change from his typical children stories in this short story. In "Beware the Dog", Dahl writes an ending that leaves you chilled and with a desire to read more. It is a shame that the story is short. Well written and crafted, Roald Dahl's "Beware the Dog" is in all sense of the word, a good read.

Jackson Wingo says

I thought this short story by Roald Dahl was interesting and well written. It contained many vivid descriptions and a suspenseful buildup to a surprising end. Although the end had a great twist, it was very abrupt and felt like it was paced differently than the rest of the short story.

Amrita says

A short psychological story with a spine-tingling ending.

Shovelmonkey1 says

If you mentioned Roald Dahl to people you'd most likely elicit two or three common responses. Ah yes, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the man who wrote James and the Giant Peach and the BFG. Or isn't his granddaughter that super model who used to be bigger and is now very skinny and isn't she married to the very short musician even though she is very tall? Or even, isn't he the man who wrote scary stories to freak children out because really, he did not like small children and their self serving and mendacious ways?

Some of these things are half true. Some are not true at all but exist as a sort of wall of myth which surrounds Roald Dahl. The best thing about Dahl is that he wrote some truly excellent adult stories which have seem to have been overlooked by the public at large who are rather more fond of the chocolate rivers, giant fruit and abusive bearded guardians. Beware of the Dog is a short, well crafted war story which describes the downing of a plane and its wounded pilot. With a few hundred well placed words, Dahl takes you on a journey into the pilots mind as he considers what will happen when he returns to base, wounded from his mission and minus a limb. Never one to tell a straightforward story there's a neat little twist in the tale, after all it's not only children who enjoy surprises.

Stacy says

For the majority Roald Dahl is known as children writer. The same was with me. Of course, I have read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach or Danny the Champion of the World and I was always fascinated by the Dahl's writing ability and style - somewhere between the dream worlds with hints of reality and, definitely, kindness of stories.

As it comes known Roald Dahl has some adult stories as well and this is one of them. For the first half of it, I was still expecting the story to be meant for children. Then - just kept reading to see the ending. Which is left completely up to reader and keeps you thinking and considering, not letting forget the story as easily as it happens with the majority of modern literature pieces.

Highly recommended for everyone able to think.

Patrick Stooks says

I found this book very enjoyable due to the manner in which the story progresses, with Peter so suddenly yet casually revealing the loss of his right leg, as well as the slow reveal, through the use of subtle hints most would not notice, that he is captive in France. I also enjoyed the end of the story, with Peter knowing the steps to take to secure the safety of himself and his fellow troops.

Dan says

Amazing prose that got me from the start. Wish the ending was more of a bang, it's pacing felt a little off.

Regina Fleck says

Beware of this short story

Contrary to what the title - and the name Roald Dahl - may suggest, this story is not about an angry, foaming dog who goes through a redemption arc and becomes some kid's sweet, bubbly pet. It is, actually, a skilfully crafted psychological short story about a pilot who lost his leg during WWII.

Avery says

Personal Response: Overall the story was really amazing and i feel like i could relate to the book because of how much i like history. WWII is a big part in history and i know a lot about it.

Plot Summary: Peter other known as the man is in a Plane where he is missing his right leg. As he is trying to stay awake he faints. He then wakes up in a hospital where the Nurse tells him is in Germany. Peter lost his leg in the plane crash, so he had to be nursed and bathed and treated. When the nurse left the room for the night he crawls out of bed to the window to see where he really is because things didn't seem like they would if it were Germany. When he moves the curtains from the window he see three words "Garde au chien" these

words are not in German they are in French. After he realizes that he is actually in France he finds out a General is coming to see him to report a combat injury forum. When the French General comes in he asks for his ranking and his number so he can report his injury for the "French soldier" the man says "My name is Peter Williamson. My rank is Squadron Leader and my number is nine seven two four five seven . . ." This means that Peter is now telling the French General that he is an Ally not an Axis. This then concludes the story. Peter betrayed his country instead of saying he was the enemy.

Character Analysis: The main character's name is Peter Williamson, he is a German Pilot whose plane was shot down by the Allies in WWII. Later in the story he finds out that the only way to survive is to pretend he is a French Pilot and betray his country.

Recommendation: I would like to rate this 4/5 stars and recommend this short story to anyone that is a fan of history that include WWII.

Debarati says

I really liked the way it ended... shocking because it is so abrupt.

Maya Hyman says

I really loved this book and would love to read more of his stories from WWII. Roald gives such a different perspective of history of events or scenario, which makes his writing so unique from others. The way he describes the internal dilemma that the British soldier is having in the fake hospital could be a very real casino during that time period, Nazi-occupied countries would do anything to captivate and or capture their enemies to find out any necessary information. I recommend this book because it gives a real-life situation that could happen, that's not a very happily ever after.

Victoria says

Beautifully revealed, excellent story.

Prashant says

I hadn't read the introduction and review of this story and so wasn't expecting a story for adults coming from the mind of Dahl.

But the fact is, Dahl have actually written some stories for adults and this is one among them. The story goes fine but the ending is a little abrupt and it left me confirming twice if the story has actually ended.

It's a short story of a pilot who lost his leg in the combat and it gives the thoughts going on his mind vis-a-vis his reunion with his friends in the light of the recent developments. The story has it's twists but still it left me wanting for more.

I just read that in reality Dahl hated children and abhorred their shenanigans. That's interesting, especially for the most acclaimed children's books writer.

Kimi says

I think I had a hard time with this short story because the subject matter is so foreign to me. I know extremely little about WWII so I wasn't able to pick up on some small but important details, and it left me a little confused and unsure of what was going on. I had to look up a summary of the story afterwards for all the pieces to click into place, but I can appreciate it a little more now.
