

Bedtime Stories By Russell Smeaton **Free bedtime stories for kids kindle download** I did think that the POV character could have taken longer to puzzle over events before he grasped what was happening and that the ending could have been strengthened if the characters had wrestled more with the moral implications of the situation. **Disney bedtime stories book** I also especially enjoyed: THE STREET (a large cast of characters who are really well sketched-in with just enough detail and a light-hearted yet decidedly creepy plot); STONED (writing that drags you along like a tide; Lovecraft fans will probably guess early on what's happening but that's for the best because this is very much a story about the journey not the destination); SPIDER CHORDS (a three-minute hero pop song of Lovecraftian story-telling: comes in hard and fast does what it has to and doesn't overstay its welcome leaving the stage with feedback ringing in the air); and SNAKE CHARMER (one of the longer stories in this collection and an absolute page turner with the feel of an episode in the Hammer House of Horror TV series) On a few occasions I did feel that ideas could have been developed further. **365 bedtime stories book** More contemplative than nightmare-inducing these tales are a mixture of horrors both heartbreaking and strangely heartwarming including everything from futuristic horror to Lovecraftian tales carnivals to sea creatures and sympathetic devils to philosophical cats. **Bedtime stories about love** A few of my favorites were The Street which mixes two holidays together in an oddly fun and yet completely awful way; Milk which features a goat farm from hell; and The Path Out of Ulthar which pays homage to Lovecraft in a sweet and lovely way. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** Now is that a bad thing? Maybe although isn't that the point of short fiction; leaving the reader desperate for more? These 15 stories of mostly flash fiction and a few longer pieces were a dynamic offering of the horrific humorous and at times heart-warming. **Bedtime stories books for kids** This was a nice change of setting for this kind of story; instead of a secluded off-the-beaten-track community we're thrown into another country where the strangeness of the place to a foreigner really heightens the tension. **Bedtime stories cinderella** I had the pleasure of reading Smeaton's Short Sharp Shocks! Series release 'Apples and Snail Trails' and after my review was featured Smeaton messaged me and asked if I'd be willing to check out his release 'Bedtime Stories. **Bedtime stories lost dreams walkthrough** Bedtime Stories \*\*\*this review originally appeared on The Ginger Nuts of Horror website\*\*\* The moment you crack open Russell Smeaton's Bedtime Stories it becomes apparent that this isn't your average horror collection. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** The 15 pieces within Bedtime Stories are driven by story character and emotion rather than by purple prose or pointless padding; these are quickly paced no-frills page-turners that encourage you to keep reading from the moment you crack open the front cover until you reach the very end. **Bedtime stories kids 8-10 years reading** Right off the bat "Monday Morning" wins you over with a darkly comic slice-of-life portrait of a mid-level pencil-pusher trying to improve his love life despite the unfortunate practicalities of corporate-mandated cannibalism. **Bedtime stories to read to your kids book** Following that "Balls" goes for a somewhat more serious Twilight Zone approach focusing on the before and after of an unexplained apocalypse that transforms all humans into strange stationary metal spheres. **Bedtime stories hbo** Beginning as a breezy Bradbury-esque snapshot of childhood nostalgia "The Street" lures you into thinking it might be at most a spooky-fun story about neighborhood kids trick-or-treating and encountering a weird lady handing out Easter eggs instead of Halloween candy. **Disney princess bedtime stories book** As if sensing the need for a palate cleanser Bedtime Stories follows "The Street" with "Spells" an over-before-you-know-it charmer (with a delightful undercurrent of fridge horror) about a doting father all too happy to humor his 7-year-old daughter's attempts to do magic. **Cbeebies bedtime stories book** Utilizing a similarly bittersweet tone "Stoned" details the last earthly moments of a lonely beach-bum who lives in his van and spends his days getting high and surfing all the while yearning for something he can't quite name. **Bedtime stories dvd 2009** It's hard to say more without giving away too much so let's just say that "Milk" reads a little like a mash-up between the 2016 film The Witch and Piers Anthony's controversial short story "In the Barn. **Bedtime stories dvd 2009** Following that Bedtime Stories again wisely let the air out of the room summoning forth its first (but certainly not last) overtly Lovecraftian tale "Spider Chords" a winking druggy riff on

"Nyarlahotep" and "The Music of Erich Zahn. **Bedtime stories book pdf** "Snake Charmer" return to the HPL well for a grisly little chiller about a vaguely xenophobic white tourist investigates the serpent deity Yig within the context of India's pungy street-performer tradition. **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** This shift makes the whole story feel uneven and undercooked; it's arguably one of Bedtime Stories' few glaring missteps detracting from an otherwise enjoyable if slight dalliance with Lovecraft's Deep Ones. **Bedtime stories horror podcast** Taking a more comical approach to the Old Gent's legacy "Destination R'lyeh" concerns a Cthulhu fanboy who types the watery resting place of everyone favorite's favorite Old One into his GPS... and actually receives directions there! Finally closing out Bedtime Stories is "Circus of Crows" which combo-breaks the recent string of Lovecraft-centric yarns in favor of something more akin to Bradbury albeit with a surprising streak of perversion. **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** "Milk" is a perfect example; as previously noted "Milk" makes excellent use of suggested horrors rather than explicit ones showing how much more a writer can achieve by not saying anything as opposed to saying too much. **Bedtime stories for babies pdf** While this kind of omnipresent "god's eye view" approach to narration does give the piece an enjoyably homespun vibe—it feels less like you're reading a story and more like someone is telling you one perhaps 'round the proverbial campfire—it is nevertheless confusing at times. **Bedtime stories little red riding hood** Throughout Bedtime Stories he showcases an impressive talent for flipping the script on a dime going from fairy tales to Weird Tales without warning occasionally within the very same piece. **Fantasy bedtime stories for kids** He makes you care in oblique subtle sometimes perverse ways; the stories contained in his debut collection range from maudlin to playful horrific to childlike dark & light intermingled with an addictive eldritch whimsy that keeps pages feverishly turning. **Bedtime stories book free** At 196 pages Bedtime Stories is a quick & gripping ride one that leaves the reader rabid for just one more tale of Ulthar or another fable of personal transmutation - or stark terror. **Bedtime stories episodes** but where is everyone? What looks like being a really shitty day turns out otherwise! Weird cult and a weird but good story! SNOT - hayfever sucks we all know that but this is worse than your average hayfever worse even than your worst hayfever! Or is it.... **Bedtime stories llp ?** Gross but sweet!BALLS - what a lot of balls!! Giant squirrels and brothers reunited! Very eerie and intriguing!!THE STREET - something has been awakened and summoned this Halloween night. **EPub Bedtime stories !KING BRYAN** - having the ability to slow down or speed up time enabling you to see things others can't through cats eyes! □STONED - Andrew is enjoying the freedom of surfing sunshine and being stoned as much as he likes but with the possible lure of an inheritance he heads back home only to get lost on the way.... **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** until he disappears! Creepy!SPIDER CHORDS - Band practice with a special strain of weed playing music that may just conjure the devil...NINE LIVES - what comes after you've used up your 9th life? What a beautiful little story □SNAKE CHARMER - a visit to India after the death of his brother our MC looks through his laptop and discovers some interesting stuff that may just link to his brothers strange murder! Unsettling!THESE GUYS - a group of friends have set up a Halloween beach party through Facebook invites when they get some extra unexpected guests things turn bizarre and bloody!THE PATH OUT OF ULTHAR - in a city full of cats one stands out! Eerie almost beautiful. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** DESTINATION R'LYEH - Colin has a flash new car and picks a made up destination or is it?CIRCUS OF CROWS - when the circus came to Rolla it was so rare a thing that the whole town turned up on opening night it turns out the ringmaster is a true animal lover and our MC was meant to be a part of it all. **Bedtime stories book pdf** Looking for some quick reading when you can steal away for a few minutes bite off one story at a time or go for broke and read them all in one sitting! From a cat with nine lives to a snake charmer without...well you need to read this collection to find out. **Bedtime stories books for kids** Russell Smeaton has cobbled together his short tales of horror under one cover called BEDTIME STORIES and seriously you could read these before bed as long as some grossness doesn't bother you or give you nightmares because each story is entertaining clever sometimes humorous but always a little surprising and complete. **Bedtime stories copy and paste** Altogether though this is a pretty good collection that doesn't need chapter

after chapter to get the plot across! I would say save a couple for that campout in the woods great fireside tales to share and of course right before bed is the perfect way to test your ability to maintain sweet dreams! Pick this one up! You won't regret it unless you are prone to nightmares or dreaming about the last book you read...I received a complimentary copy from Russell Smeaton! This is my honest and voluntary review. **Disney princess bedtime stories book** Publication date : September 21 2019 Publisher: Russell Smeaton Genre: Short Story Collection - Horror Print length : 113 pages Available from: Amazon For Reviews Giveaways Fabulous Book News follow: <http://tomtender>,

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Definitely a well-written and fun quick read that left me unexpectedly craving milk and goat cheese: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** Bedtime Stories As I discovered when I read his 'Apples & Snail Trails' Smeaton has an engaging writing style and an enviable imagination: **Bedtime Stories Science fictional** Of the 15 short stories in this collection my Top Three were: KING BRYAN: This was probably my favourite. **Bedtime stories books for kids** I don't want to give any spoilers so all I'll say is that this is a lovely idea which has convinced me that my own long-held suspicions are correct, **Book bedtime stories BALLS**: Excellent opening line and a brilliant idea that has the feel of a Stephen King-flavoured episode of the Twilight Zone: **Free bedtime stories epub NINE LIVES**: The title makes it clear this is likely to be a story about a cat and if you are a cat person you will 'get' this one. **Bedtime stories for adults** I also liked the way it linked back to a previous story in this collection. **Bedtime stories for adults** Not a scary tale; more a strangely touching fantasy which brought back with some force how much I miss my own beloved furball. **Bedtime Stories kindle unlimited** Also several stories lack conclusive resolutions which might not be to everyone's taste, **Bedtime Stories fantasy name** Personally however I'm a fan of the sort of horror that creeps under your skin and leaves you uneasy and wondering, **Disney bedtime stories book** All in all an entertaining at times funny and always eminently readable collection, **365 bedtime stories book** Bedtime Stories Russell Smeaton must have a twisted sense of humor if these are what he considers bedtime stories: **Horror bedtime stories** Fifteen tales most no more than five or six pages introduce readers to the wonderfully dark and twisted warren of alleyways that is Smeaton's imagination, **Bedtime story books for kids ages 4-8** I suppose that really these do make for great bedtime stories: **Bedtime stories book free** I kept my copy of the book on my bedside table and read a few each night over several nights and enjoyed them all immensely. **Bedtime stories for adults** Bedtime Stories Russell has done something truly interesting and weird here, **Book bedtime stories** He has blended horror fantasy and a bit of science fiction into what is a remarkably seamless collection, **Bedtime stories llp** Many of these stories I've seen before but the ones I haven't (particularly those about his cat Bryan) were real treasures: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** A reason that the collection is called Bedtime Stories rather than anything else: **Horror bedtime stories for adults** Alongside stories like The Street you have ones about people finding happiness of unconditional love and a fairy-tale life-after-death: **Bedtime stories for kids pdf free** But I hope maybe one day that the collection and its author will get the sort of mass publicity that they both deserve: **Disney bedtime stories book** Bedtime Stories This collection of short stories certainly left me craving for more. **Bedtime stories about love** There were a few that didn't quite work for me (the heart-warming ones of course - ha) but overall this was a really enjoyable collection. **Bedtime stories for adults** I'll give you a little run-down of some of my faves! Monday Morning starts off quite normally much like most Monday mornings, **Bedtime stories book** A guy arrives at his office for yet another week of slaving to the grind. **Bedtime stories book pdf** But things go on in this office of a certain cannibalistic nature: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** This is the first story and is a great way of introducing the horror and humour aspect of Smeaton's writing. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** Snot is a body horror nightmare that may have some readers turning away but not me, **Disney bedtime stories book** The

goings on in suburbia is the focal point of *The Street*: **Cbeebies bedtime stories book** It's Halloween evening we follow a group of kids trick-or-treating and peek into the lives of those they're visiting. **Bedtime stories book pdf** Secrets and supernatural occurrences are rife in this street some more shocking than others. **Bedtime Stories fantasy baseball** Spells is a short tale about a little girl with a magical spell book that may actually be the real deal. **Bedtime stories episodes** A family move to the country where a mysterious milk farm is run by strange women who don't take too kindly to our man Dave. **Bedtime stories dvd 2009** The family welcome a baby into the world a boy whose hunger can only be satisfied by the farm's milk. **Bedtime stories books for kids free download** One night Dave visits the farm to make a ghastly discovery. **Bedtime stories horror book** This is one of the longer stories and builds the tension throughout, **Disney bedtime stories book** The farm isn't described as creepy exactly but there's something off there that you can't quite put your finger on: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** Oh Dave why did you have to visit there at night? Another super short tale was *Spider Chords*: **Bedtime Stories Science fictional** I love stories related to music and bands especially when strange and evil forces are released through the playing of music: **Bedtime stories barry nottingham** A man travels to India where his brother has recently died only to find out there was much more his brother was up to than he thought. **Bedtime stories book pdf** A cult of snake worshippers? Scary stuff! *These Guys* is quite the bizarre tale with a clever and enjoyable story-telling mechanism. **365 bedtime stories book** Three dudes each narrate their own experiences at a gathering on the beach with booze girls and a couple of strangers, **Bedtime Stories Science fiction books** Two stories with heavy Lovecraft love are *The Path out of Ulthar* and *Destination R'lyeh*; the latter of which was a really fun tale but one I just hoped had been longer. **Bedtime stories audible** This short collection is a blast and one that you'll sail through in no time. **Bedtime stories episodes** With scares and laughs in almost equal measure this is a horror collection that even when frightening the pants off you never takes itself too seriously, **Fantasy bedtime stories** Get your hands on this one!! *Bedtime Stories*



\*\* Edited as review is now live on Kendall Reviews! \*\*Am I a sucker? Probably, **Bedtime stories book** We follow each other on most social media platforms and interact a bit and I kept seeing him post about the struggle to get reviews. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** Then I saw my arch-rival my metal hombre my devil horns bearded brethren Morgan K. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** Tanner review the book and I said 'AHHH! Morgan!' with an angry shake of my first to the red beast in the sky, **365 bedtime stories book** So yeah Morgan read it and enjoyed it so I bumped it up my TBR. **Bedtime stories horror** It runs between flash fiction and short stories and could easily be done in a single sitting: **Bedtime stories pdf** I took two sittings as I was finishing off another book and engrossed in three others: **Bedtime Stories fantasy football** Made up of 15 stories I found only a few didn't resonate with me which is impressive from a newer author: **Bedtime story books for kids ages 4-8** For me personally the first three stories were my favourites of the group. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** 'Monday Morning' was a very fun take on work-life and colleague relationships. **Bedtime stories to read to your kids book** 'Snot' was great grotesque fun and makes me wonder about the nature of my month-long congestion right now. **Bedtime stories for**

**kids pdf** An innocent stop at a rest area turns into a horrifically amazing post-apocalyptic journey, **Bedtime Stories fantasy island** Throughout Smeaton takes some fantastically simple starting points and transforms them time and time again into nightmares: **Bedtime Stories kindle direct** ' A straight forward story about a man who goes on a sort of walkabout only instead of the outback he buys a surfboard and a van and takes to living at the beach. **Bedtime Stories fantasy** Then Smeaton throws a curveball and it goes off the rails. **Bedtime stories audible** ' A man heads to India to try and get answers about his brother's death. **Cbeebies bedtime stories book** I could legitimately tell you exactly what happens in this story and it's so amazing and so bonkers you wouldn't believe me, **Disney bedtime stories book** Smeaton created fifteen really unique worlds and as a reader you dive in incredibly quick which speaks to the ease and welcoming nature of his writing style: **Kindle Bedtime stories online** While a few didn't click they weren't without merit and as always a collection like this will have variable results based on each reader: **Bedtime stories for adults** This was a really fun collection and I'm always about helping authors get reviews and eyeballs on their work. **Bedtime stories for adults** There's no congratulatory foreword self-aggrandizing introduction or overly indulgent author's note, **Bedtime stories copy and paste** Turn the page and the first thing you see is a table of contents. **Bedtime stories copy and paste** Of the 15 tales included here only five run longer than ten pages. **Bedtime stories for adults** The whole thing runs less than 200 pages total with the final two reserved for a short acknowledgements list and a roll-call of the book's Kickstarter backers: **Bedtime stories little women** Even the graphic design adopts a kind of slick minimalism that makes this look less like a collection of fiction and more like a professional software manual, **Bedtime stories book** At first glance you might worry that such austerity reflects bland utilitarian writing, **Horror bedtime stories for adults** A tongue-in-cheek final line helps maintain a disarming sense of playfulness but that only serves to make you drop your guard as "The Street" comes ripping around the corner, **Bedtime stories english** Maybe there will be a mordant Edward Gorey-style punchline you think: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** Then you read a line like "The creature felt the summoning pull at its bones: **Uncle arthur's bedtime stories pdf** It followed the calling to a large garden where it found small animals that had been prepared carefully crucified on small wooden crosses" and your stomach drops out, **Free bedtime stories for kids on kindle** While "The Street" sneaks in a few touches of wry humor this tale pulls no punches, **Bedtime stories copy and paste** This is Horror-with-a-capital-H; it's violent twisted and grim with a narrative that includes occultism suicide child murder monstrous birth and even references to pedophilia, **Bedtime stories hbo** "The Street" shows that while Smeaton's authorial voice is often amiable that same quality doesn't always carry over to his subject matter: **Cbeebies bedtime stories book** "King Bryan" follows with a sweet-but-sad tribute to living loving and dying told from the perspective of a surprising source: **Bedtime stories books for kids** " Like "The Street" before it this story hits you like an uppercut to the jaw, **Bedtime Stories Science fiction meaning** Here a happily married couple visit a recently opened goat farm whose dairy products are becoming unusually popular with the locals. **Little stories bedtime books** Soon enough the wife becomes pregnant and soon finds that her baby has an insatiable craving for... well you can guess. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** " What really makes this tale stand out is the choice to leave its greatest horrors unspoken, **Bedtime stories hbo** Smeaton implies more than he explicates and even if his hints aren't always subtle the effect is still strong: **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** " After that "Nine Lives" offers a thoughtful meditation on reincarnation as viewed from the perspective of a sentimental cat. **Bedtime stories copy and paste** Seemingly in retort to the old-school pulpiness of "Snake Charmer" "These Guys" meanwhile takes a somewhat unsuccessful stab at experimental story-structure. **Bedtime stories to read to your kids book** The first half of "These Guys" unfolds via the stream-of-consciousness inner monologues of a trio of horny dudebros attending a rowdy beach party, **Bedtime stories books for kids** But then the second half unceremoniously returns to a more standard third-person POV. **Bedtime stories book pdf** "The Path out of Ulthar" fares far better adopting a romantic dreamlike tone as it shares the final reminiscences of a frequent visitor to HPL's fabled feline metropolis. **Bedtime stories for**

**adults** Here a flock of black birds heralds the arrival of a traveling carnival to a dead-end midwest town and a young girl finds herself drawn to its handsome ringmaster: **Bedtime Stories fantasy football** Unfortunately the man's ahem unconventional appetites require greater sacrifice than his would-be lover realizes, **Horror bedtime stories** All told Bedtime Stories makes for an ideal afternoon read one you'll likely finish in a single sitting, **Book bedtime stories** That's a testament not simply to the stories' length but to their effortless readability as well: **Cbeebies bedtime stories book** These stories are short for no other reason than Smeaton knows what does and does not need to be said. **Bedtime Stories fantasy** Even when Smeaton does try his hand at longer stories his instinct towards stripping a narrative down to its most essential parts serves him well. **Bedtime stories for adults pdf** It's only when Smeaton tries to embellish instead of simplify that he stumbles, **Bedtime Stories fantasy baseball** "The Street" for instance has a tendency to switch character perspectives frequently. **EBook Bedtime stories online** The POV switches can come so quickly that they feel jarring and they're sometimes all too easy to miss: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** What's more "The Street" feels like it's building to an ending that doesn't come until later. **Pdf bedtime stories** The story slightly overstays its welcome losing momentum in the process: **Bedtime stories dvd 2009** Arguably it could have had a much stronger impact by ending earlier and going out with a bang. **Bedtime stories adam sandler** That said despite its flaws "The Street" is still one of the best and most memorable tales in Bedtime Stories so make of that what you will. **Bedtime stories books for kids** Its grotesque nature is made all the more horrifying by virtue of the contrast between it and the tales directly preceding and following. **Bedtime stories book pdf** Indeed Smeaton's range as a writer may be his most appealing feature, **Horror bedtime stories for adults** More importantly it keeps you turning those pages eager to see whether what waits for you is a nightmare or a dream: **Disney bedtime stories book** Bedtime Stories Russell Smeaton's debut collection Bedtime Stories began as a Kickstarter project: **Bedtime stories book free** If you backed you got a physical copy; the ebook was available for non-backers, **Bedtime stories llp** However after persistent & clamorous demand Bedtime Stories is now available in physical format for everyone to purchase & savor: **Bedtime stories books for kids** It's all up for grabs - each story is radically different the author displaying a willingness to explore & syncretize genres, **Bedtime stories book free** One can only hope there will be more collections - more stories - from this gifted writer of the Weird macabre & cosmically playful. **Bedtime stories to read to your kids book** Bedtime Stories This is a great collection of tales from Russell. **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** A quick fun selection from light horror to bizarre and horrifying horror! Definitely something in there for everyone: **Bedtime story books for kids ages 4-8** There were a couple that ended with me wondering what had actually happened but the rest of them I enjoyed, **Bedtime stories english** My favourites were BALLS THE STREET CIRCUS OF CROWS and my standout was NINE LIVES! □As always I will give a few words for each story...: **Bedtime stories good night baby pack m4a** MONDAY MORNING - It's the usual monday morning gray dreary miserable and Richard has an important meeting to attend at work... **Bedtime stories jigsaw puzzle** Kids are doing well on the trick or treating getting plenty of treats..., **Bedtime stories hbo** Easter eggs!?! Mysterious creepy bizarre! **SPELLS** - Wendy is disappointed when her spell to turn her Dad into a frog doesn't work...: **Bedtime stories to read to your kids book** MILK - Dave and his family are moving into a new home in the countryside the new baby is craving goat milk...: **EPub Bedtime storiesig** □ Bedtime Stories A touch or two of horror a little quirkiness and fifteen short sometimes very short tales come to life each with their own little twist. **Science Fiction Bedtime stories online** com Bedtime Stories A collection of short stories by Russell Smeaton containing 15 of his previously published works, **Bedtime stories copy and paste** These contain horror weird literature as well as some rather dark comedy pieces. I especially enjoyed The Street Spells and well Milk. Even so very enjoyable. I certainly did. Despite the terror there is a tenderness in these stories. There's a commitment too to irony. To toying with and subverting expectations. My only complaint was that this run was limited. It's short gross and lots of awesome fun. Her dad doesn't believe her but he soon will. My favourite story was Milk. This one is frightening yet funny. Snake Charmer is a

story involving ancient cults and sacrifice. This was one of the weirder stories on display. It seems Sat-Navs really can take you anywhere. Easily persuaded? Probably. Changing my ways? Probably not.' I said absolutely but I wasn't sure when. This was a fun read. And the third story was 'Balls.' What a story. Take 'Stoned. Same with the fantastic 'Snake Charmer. I highly suggest you give this a go. Turn the page again and you're onto the first story. No muss no fuss. Many are half that. What it really reflects though is unpretentious writing. Gorey? No. Gory? Yes. Then comes "Milk. There are few wasted words here. Or more accurately it feels like it ends twice. For a reader that's enticing. It keeps you guessing. Sometimes it's both. Why? Because Russell Smeaton is a writer who makes you care. & then all too soon it's over. Finished. An easy 5 stars. All were good stories well told and engaging. and....but not for long.... A beautiful tale. Did I have a favorite? Yes. Did I have one that really didn't wow me? Yes. [blogspot. Bedtime Stories.](#)