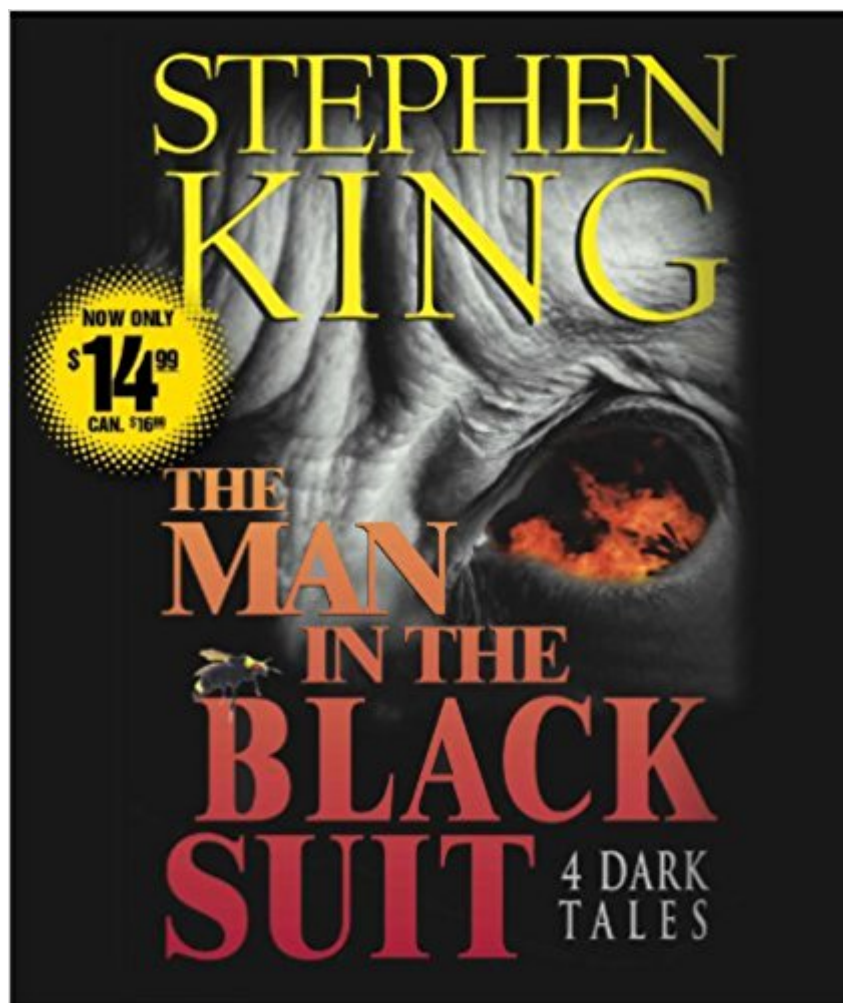


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# The Man In The Black Suit : 4 Dark Tales



## Synopsis

An intense, eerie, and instantly compelling collection of unabridged stories from Stephen King — now available from Encore for a great value! "The face of the man in the black suit grows ever clearer, ever closer, and I remember every word he said. I don't want to think of him, but I can't help it, and sometimes at night my old heart beats so hard and so fast I think it will tear itself right clear of my chest." A haunting recollection of a mysterious boyhood event, *The Man in Black Suit* read by John Cullum, leads off this masterful collection from Stephen King. Other dark tales include: *All That You Love Will Be Carried Away* read by Peter Gerety, in which a man checks into a Lincoln, Nebraska Motel 6 to find meaning in his life; *That Feeling, You Can Only Say What It Is in French* read by Becky Ann Baker presents the ultimate case of *du vu*; and *The Death of Jack Hamilton* read by Arliss Howard — a blistering tale of Depression-era outlaws on the run. Whether about encounters with the dead, the near dead, or about the mundane drudgery of life — Stephen King's *The Man In The Black Suit: Four Dark Tales* is not to be missed.

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen King is the author of more than fifty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent work includes *The Bill Hodges Trilogy* — *Mr. Mercedes* (an Edgar Award winner for Best Novel), *Finders Keepers*, and *End of Watch* — and the story collection *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*. His epic series, *The Dark Tower*, is the basis for a major motion picture starring Idris Elba and Matthew McConaughey. It is also now a major motion picture starring Bill Skarsgård. King is the recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the 2003 National Book

Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

Another four short stories from EVERYTHING'S EVENTUAL (a 14-story collection) begin with the title piece, read by John Cullum. While his performance of Satan appearing to a little boy captures evil incarnate, the boy's accent--indistinctly Western or Southern--clashes harshly with the story's setting in western Maine. A better choice is "All That You Love Will Be Carried Away," read by Peter Gerety, who nails a traveling salesman's suicidal despair, which is tempered by a flicker of hope burning on the thin wick of his graffiti collection. Becky Ann Baker offers a competent rendering of "You Can Only Say What It Is in French," and Arliss Howard gives a spirited performance of the Dillinger gang on the run. R.P.L. Â© AudioFile 2003, Portland, Maine-- Copyright Â© AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

Stephen King is writing novels, and in this case short stories that are supposed to be read in the night to put yourself to sleep with a pair of nightmares as fodder of your soul. But here they are read, and it is different. Quite different indeed because the visual reading we are used to is replaced by hearing the reading of the tale by someone else. You become in other words inactive. And the reading by the actor simplifies the text and reduces it to one possible interpretation, whereas your own reading might open more doors. So you have to follow the reader. At times it even brings up readings you may not have thought of at all. For instance, the fourth tale, "That Feeling, You Can Only Say What It Is In French" read by Becky Ann Baker brings up that the *deja vu* feeling comes from the fact it is a second honeymoon and a second honeymoon has to be *deja vu*. Hence the hell or purgatory the text speaks of becomes that second honeymoon and not at all the hell or purgatory that might follow death. The tale becomes then very strong in the idea that you must never take second helpings, especially when the first one had been good. The second one can only be second grade. So try to listen to these tales and you will enjoy them as much as I did but in a quite different way you had enjoyed your own reading of them as printed on paper.

I bought this while on a listening to book on cd kick but I'm more into music now and books on cd just take too much space on my mp3 player. So, as a result, I gave it away to my local public library for the less fortunate to enjoy.

Very cool story...typical Stephen King.....I loved it! Good price and fast shipping too!

Love the stories! Huge Stephen King fan!!! Little disappointed in the delivery time but well worth the wait!

thanks

Excellent Service.The product is in excellent condition. I am sure that I will enjoy it much. Delivery was in a very timely manner.Thank you so much,Dee

4 dark tales. dark apparently means boring. Not scary, not clever, not his best work. I'm a huge King fan but this was terrible (worse even than From a Buick 8).Dare I say, he's retiring just in time. The idea well is dry.

The Man in the Black Suit could be a template for how true horror stories should be written. As I was listening to this story, I felt truly frightened right down to my bones. It's been a while since I listened to this story so I don't recall all of the details. I do recall the description of the man in the black suit, though, and I had never heard or read such a visceral description of evil incarnate. No description in the Bible even comes close. Stephen King is truly a gifted writer. I don't remember much about the other stories, but sure they're great too. This one is a standout, however, and is not to be missed.

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