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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Invited by editor Laura Geringer to write about "a single night that matters"-about a character kept up all night and transformed by his or her vigil-six authors contribute six stunning stories. Varied in form and content, these entries share a confident, assured pace; the authors know how to build characters and settings, and they do not cut corners. Abrahams, for example, begins "Phase 2" as a girl describes her family's preparations for her father's homecoming from the Iraq war. At the expected hour, however, it is not the father who arrives but a lieutenant and a chaplain; the girl's mother turns white, "the color of a corpse in the movies." This dramatic but controlled setup leads to an emotionally nuanced encounter between the grieving mother and a medium, with the narrator and her younger brother crossing the most unexpected of barriers. The other stories, including Bray's '70s-era "Not Just for Breakfast Anymore," about a girl coming to terms with her father's recently announced gay identity; Patricia McCormick's "Orange Alert," in which a 15-year-old short-circuits an abusive relationship; and Gene Luen Yang's graphic-novel format "The Motherless One," featuring a chimp searching for "some small sign that... someone wanted me to exist," are equally complex and surprising. Of special interest: the publisher is sponsoring a story contest for teens. Ages 12-up.

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Review

"Superb short story collection" (ALA Booklist)

This collection will keep teens reading long into the deep, dark night. (Kirkus Reviews)

The authors' names alone will get teens to pick up this book, but it is the writing that will impress them the most. (School Library Journal)

About the Author

Peter Abrahams is the *New York Times* bestselling author of twenty-five books, including the Edgar Award-winning *Reality Check*, *Bullet Point*, and the Echo Falls series for middle graders. Writing as Spencer Quinn, he is also the author of the Chet and Bernie series—*Dog on It*, *Thereby Hangs a Tail*, and *To Fetch a Thief*. He and his wife live in Massachusetts with their dog, Audrey.

Libba Bray is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Great and Terrible Beauty* and *Rebel Angels*, both of which have appeared on ALA's Best Books for Young Adults list.

David Levithan is the critically acclaimed author of eight books for teens, many of which have appeared on ALA's Best Books for Young Adults list, including *Boy Meets Boy*, for which he won a Lambda Literary Award.

**Sarah Weeks** is an author, singer, and songwriter. Her many books for children include the *My First I Can Read Book Splish, Splash!*, illustrated by Ashley Wolff, *Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash*, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott, and the middle-grade novel *regular guy*. Ms. Weeks lives in New York City.

Gene Luen Yang is the bestselling creator of *American Born Chinese*, which won the Michael L. Printz Award and was the first graphic novel ever to be nominated for a National Book Award.

**Patricia McCormick** is a former journalist and a two-time National Book Award finalist whose books include *Cut*, *Sold*, *Never Fall Down*, *The Plot to Kill Hitler*, and the young readers edition of *I Am Malala*. Patricia lives in New York. You can visit her online at [www.pattymccormick.com](http://www.pattymccormick.com).

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