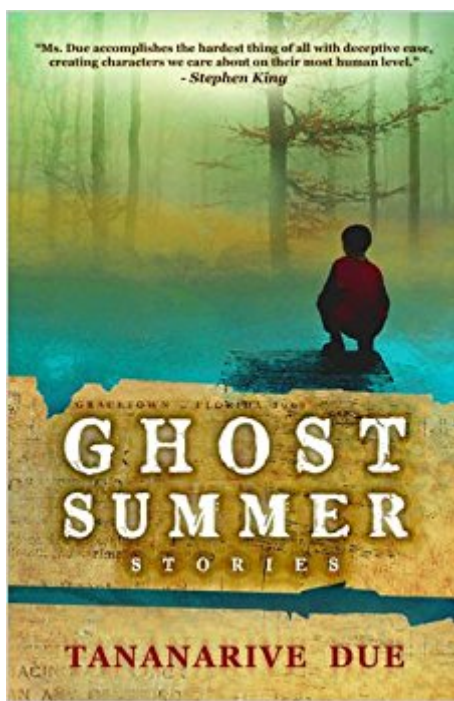


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# Ghost Summer: Stories



## Synopsis

Nominated for an NAACP Image Award! Named one of The LA Times Best Books of 2015! "In these extraordinary tales, American Book Award-winner Due (My Soul to Take) uses a clear-eyed view of history to explain (but never excuse) the present." - Publishers Weekly (Starred) Stephen King says, "Ms. Due accomplishes the hardest thing of all with deceptive ease, creating characters we care about on their most human level." Whether weaving family life and history into dark fiction or writing speculative Afrofuturism, American Book Award winner and Essence bestselling author Tananarive Due's work is both riveting and enlightening. In her debut collection of short fiction, Due takes us to Gracetown, a small Florida town that has both literal and figurative ghost; into future scenarios that seem all too real; and provides empathetic portraits of those whose lives are touched by Otherness. Featuring an award-winning novella and fifteen stories-one of which has never been published before-GHOST SUMMER: STORIES, is sure to both haunt and delight. The title novella, Ghost Summer, won a Kindred Award from the Carl Brandon Society (originally published in The Ancestors). This collection includes Patient Zero, The Lake, The Knowing, Herd Immunity, and many other stories. With an Introduction by Nalo Hopkinson and an Afterword by Steven Barnes.

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3.5VANISHINGSSeÃ ora Suerte (2006) â “ 3.5Vanishings (2015) â “ 3.5This is a truly good collection of shorts stories (and one novella). I can say the only fault I see is that every story could be a book. I will not write a review on each story for two reasons. First, the review would be way to long and second I feel that the stories should be read with no knowledge what they are about. I feel that they should be experienced without the reader knowing what they are about. But I will say something about how I have rated the stories. The ones I gave 3.5 stars to are really good, great writing and everything. But I can't give them 4 stars because either they feel too short or the subject doesn't touch me as some of the other stories did. The 4 star stories are really good. I was tempted to give some of them 4.5 stars, but I do feel that they were a bit too short, they would have been incredible good if they just had been a bit longer because they are so good written and I love the characters. That is why Ghost Summer gets the 5 star; here we have the books only novella. And, it's incredible good; yes it could have been an incredible book as well. But a novella is still a good length when it comes to a story. The story is given enough length to really get to know the characters and to tell a story. I loved this collection. I would without doubt buy this collection because every single one of the stories is good. I received this copy from the publisher through NetGalley in return for an honest review! Thank you!

This is a beautiful collection of stories. That might seem like an odd description for horror stories but it is exactly right. The world in each one is lush and vivid. The horror rises up from within as though it has been there all along waiting for the storyteller to come along and reveal it. I'll be reading all the Tananarive Due books now!

A fascinating set of stories from a really good writer. I had a great time reading some of those stories. I wish some of them were longer, maybe even a full novel size. The first story â “ â œThe lakeâ • makes a good introduction. As the author wrote in a summary â “ itâ™s a tale told from the monster's perspective. Yes, I probably spoiled it for you right now :/. Sorry for that. I really enjoyed this story of transformation. I felt for the heroine, I just couldnâ™t dislike her. The title story â “ â œGhost Summerâ • is really good. It is a typical ghost story set in Gracetown. This is a very interesting place, full of ghosts and people who see them. A young boy discovers some secrets while visiting his family. Some people would prefer those secrets staying hidden, though. Then there was â œThe Knowingâ •. Itâ™s about a girl with a special power. Or rather a curse, or at least she thinks itâ™s a curse. And after reading this I canâ™t blame her. I wouldnâ™t want a gift like that if I could do nothing to use it. Story begins with this quote and I think itâ™s rather perfect: â œOur

teacher said one day that knowledge is power, and I had to raise my hand even though I don't like to; I like to sit and be quiet and watch people and wait for lunchtime. But I had to ask him if he was sure about that, or if maybe knowledge isn't just a curse. The stories from the third part of the book are of a post-apocalyptic kind. As much as I might not be a big fan of zombie stories I really enjoyed reading "Danger Word". It's about a boy and his grandfather have a very active and dangerous vacations. And it seems this story actually was made into a book. I should have a look at that one :). To sum it up "this story set is really worth reading if you like this type of stories. Author has a gift with words and quite an imagination.

This book was wonderful. I could have gone on and on reading each story as if devouring meal after meal, as long as Ms. Due would have kept writing. I wouldn't describe her writing as horror, as much as 'human.' Even though each story has an element of the paranormal, it's the element of relationships and feelings as human beings toward one another that really drew me in. Being from Florida and having lived in Georgia and Washington state also made me feel a connection, as I felt I could picture the settings clearly in my mind and was there looking over the characters shoulders as the stories unfolded. I highly recommend this book! I can't wait to read more of her work!

I was so excited when I heard about this collection. Ghost Summer lived up to my expectations. All the stories are amazing, but "Removal Order" is just incredible. I'm a huge fan of paranormal/sci-fi/supernatural/horror, and this book fed my appetite.

This is a collection of stories that are not so much scary as mysterious, suspenseful and surprising. These are not the type of stories I normally read, but once I started I wanted to see what happened in the next story. Some are shorter than others and can be read quickly in one sitting which is always a plus with "Ghost Stories". As Stephen King said in the description of the book, "Ms. Due accomplishes the hardest thing of all with deceptive ease, creating characters we care about on their most human level." I was rooting for the characters to come out on top. A great selection that readers of a wide range of ages and interests will enjoy. I received a copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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