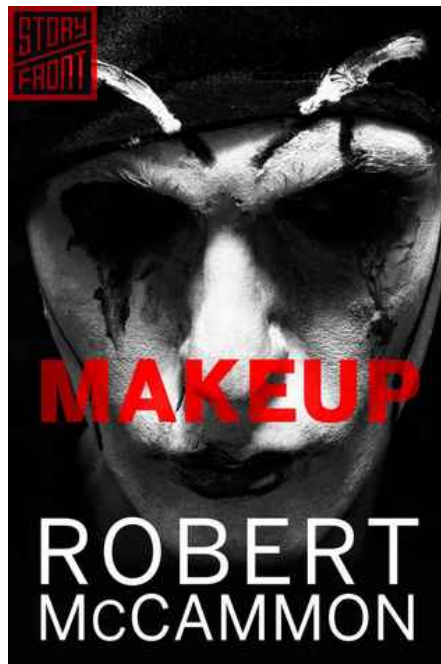




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Anne (w/ an E) says

Good story

This was the second McCammon story that I have read and I have to say that it was not a bad short story.

Mageesgirl=Jan Hayes says

What a fun read! Plays with your mind a bit, great ending!

Alondra says

3.5 Stars

Nice short from McCammon. I read this previously in his collection, Blue World.

A loser steals an antique box, which turns out to be the wrong item to be stolen. Now, that he is stuck with this box, fate steps in. One bad decision after another leads our loser to a final and inevitable conclusion. Loser.

Lisa Cleveland says

Yeah, I kind of loved this shorty. It's every kids dream, and just because you get old doesn't change the fact that we would all love to have a make-up case like this. I was left grinning at the ending! Yep, I'd recommend this story and author.

Mike Holliday says

Fun little story with a classic EC comics feel.

Kim Taras says

Quick, creepy story! Love McCammon.

Mandy says

I am giving this four stars solely for the ending, because it's rare that something makes me react the way this one did. Short, sweet, and well written, that's how I like my stories, and this one was great. Perfect way to spend my break at work.

Shandra says

A quick, short horror story. I loved the concept!!! This was a well executed story. I think this would be a great full length novel!!

Gisele Siegmund says

This story kept me interested. I liked the concept of the makeup being representative of different aspects of the roles the actor(original owner of the makeup case) played.

Lucas M says

Awesome

Another entertaining story with a quick pace and a great twist ending. The story reminded me of something Richard Matheson might write. HIGHLY recommended.

Gloria Teague says

Good short scare

This was great. Short enough to read between household chores, interesting enough to hold my attention and spooky enough to stick with me for awhile.

Kate says

Nice and creepy- plus I love the potential of the makeup box and all the monsters it could transform someone into. Especially love the ending- classic! Read for R.I.P. IV short story challenge.

Edward Lorn says

This short story made me feel like a kid again. Growing up, I was a huge fan of AMAZING STORIES,

TALES FROM THE CRYPT, TALES FROM THE DARKSIDE, and THE TWILIGHT ZONE (both the old one and the updated version, as well as the movie).

McCammon's MAKEUP is a child's dream come true, even though it doesn't feature any children. Imagine coming across an old makeup bag that was once owned by an actor who was famous for his monster makeup, like Lon Chaney and so forth. Well, what if the makeup gave you the powers of those same monsters? Wanna be a vamp? Slather on some greasepaint. Wanna play Jack the Ripper? Paint yourself up for a night on the town. Wanna run around as the wolfman? Somebody get me a mirror! This story is just uber cool, and my only criticism is that it's way too short. I don't say this often, but I wish I'd thought of this. Man, I'm jealous!

My dumbass already owns this story though, as it's part of McCammon's collection BLUE WORLD (thanks for bringing that to my attention, Char), and I have that one on ebook. Just haven't read it yet. I think I bought it when all his books were \$1.99 for a limited time... but I can't be sure. Anyway, even though I have this one, I'm not returning it. That's how much I liked it.

In summation: So, so, so much fun. Brought back some awesome memories of falling in love with Universal Monsters and my adoration for films like MONSTER SQUAD. Highest possible recommendation.

Rhiannon says

A fun & scary short story!

Makeup is a short, easy read, yet packed with that signature McCammon brilliance of telling a well-rounded, disturbing tale. I love the way he seems to effortlessly intertwine horror with tragedy and comedy.

The story centers around Calvin Doss, a small statured thief that takes a job to steal a valuable makeup case. Calvin isn't the luckiest guy in the world and seems to be a doormat to most people in his life, but he is about to discover that there's something remarkable about that makeup case that could change everything...but for better or worse?

I recommend this story to any fan of horror, for sure. I read Swan Song years ago, but I've only recently been reading McCammon's other works and I have yet to run into one I haven't liked. He really knows how to tell great stories and I especially enjoy his use of metaphors to paint a picture. McCammon is the real deal.
