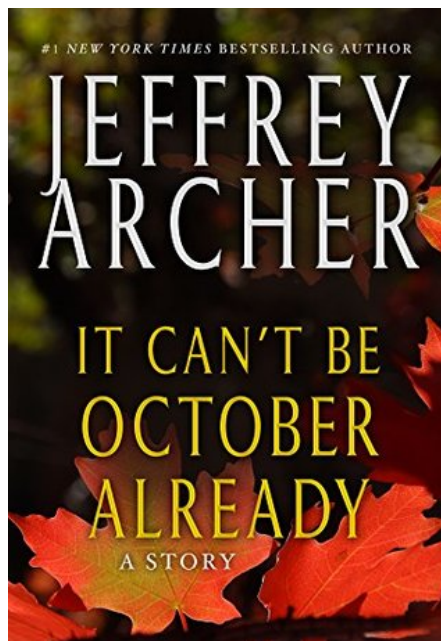




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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jeffrey Archer demonstrates his mastery of the short story in *It Can't Be October Already*. In this engaging and funny episode, Pat O'Flynn returns once again for his annual internment in the London jail system. Along the way, he'll reconnect with the staff and inmates of his sometime-home and perhaps even reach the punchline of his favorite joke. Archer is at his best in this delightful and surprising story.

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♥ Sandi ♡ says

4 stars

A nice little short story from one of my favorite authors.

Irishman Pat O'Flynn commits a crime every year to be thrown in prison before the snow flies. The story takes us from his crime, to his court date, to his final destination, as he cordially greets all the policemen and court attendants he once again meets along the way. Everyone knows Pat. Pat is quite the orator and loves to relate stories from his past. He is polite, joyful and respectful - as long as his sentence will keep him behind bars throughout the winter. We see him happily settled back in prison for the winter.

The story ends on a sad note. We are not told why it ends this way, but are left to conclude on our own, after being given hints throughout the story.

A sad story of another man who chose homelessness as freedom, rather than to be in debt to anyone.

Gary says

I enjoy reading Jeffrey Archer books and admire his gift of being an excellent story teller. He is one of the few authors that I enjoy reading short stories such is his talent. This story is well written and draws the reader in from the very first page, building the suspense and keeping you held until the very end. With this story it is maybe not so difficult due to the length and I can't help feeling I would like to have read a much longer version.

The main character Pat O'Flynn returns once again for his annual internment in the London jail system. Along the way, he'll reconnect with the staff and inmates of his sometime-home and perhaps even reach the punchline of his favourite joke. Pat is a great character and with a touch of humour brings this book to life. Having read this short story I am keen to read another Jeffery Archer book real soon.

I would like to thank Net Galley and St Martin's Press for supplying a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Lynne says

Again, I love Jeffrey Archer's books. He has his own way of narrating, which might not be shown in such a short length. He's more like a family chronicle author. His expertise in politics and business brought his books to another level.

I've read about a story in high school about a person trying to get into prison during winter. This one is quite similar. And from the ending, I think it is a true story happened to him. From one side, this showcases how extreme and cold can winter get in U.K.(where Archer's from), but on the other side, you can see how wardens and officers stuck to the rules. They would've been able to get rid of him if they thought about trying something creative and new. And the prisoner just took the advantage of the plughole in the system to survive.

However, at the end, the author said that he died of coldness in 2005, which means that there must've had a change in the law or he met someone jumping out of the box. The society is progressing, in a good way.

I can imagine one day in the future, his books got put up in the textbooks all around the world because his books really represent the big social environment at a certain time. He's a big name!

Fictionophile says

Delightful and interesting short story written by the inimitable Archer. A quick, fun read that I really enjoyed.

Judy says

Love the ironic twist at the end! A very short story about Patrick who, every October, commits some crime to serve time in jail. It makes you think about what fate it worse - jail or homelessness. Well worth the read. I will be pondering this one for a while.

Thanks to Jeffrey Archer and St. Martin's Press through Netgalley for the advance copy in exchange for an honest opinion.

KAREN RUTH ULLOM says

LEAVE IT TO ARCHER TO TELL US THE REALITIES OF REAL LIFE!!

As a former public health and a emergency room nurse, I can verify how the hungry and homeless live--like Pat. The main difference is that Pat had a happier outlook than others in his circumstances. Leave it to Mr. Archer to give us a humorous twist to a sad ? reality. My last patient died under an Atlanta bridge after which he could no longer greet us on the cold nights.

Wendy says

It Can't Be October Already

I've read many times that Jeffrey Archer is one of the top ten best authors but he is the number one top author as far as I'm concerned. This is the first short story that I have ever read by him but it is just as good if not better than any novel he has written. I highly recommend him. Jeffrey Archer is phenomenal.

Carrie says

Pat O'Flynn is what you might refer to as a frequent flyer in the prison system. Now that it is October again Pat picks up a brick and throws it at the jewelry store window and awaits his fate with the police. Being

brought into the station Pat rekindles his friendships with the officers and hopes to find someone to tell his favorite joke.

It Can't Be October Already is a short story by Jeffrey Archer. The story was rather cute and quirky as you get to know Pat and try to figure out why he wishes to be arrested every October. He's very familiar with the system and seems to have his own agenda which had me quite interested until the end. Pat was also such a likable character with his sense of humor and interactions that this was a nice little read. Would definitely recommend this to the short story fans.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Kirsti says

I thought this was a short novel, but it is actually a long joke. Disappointing.

Janet says

Pat O'Flynn is caught red handed throwing a brick at H Samuels window. He returns once for his annual internment in the London jail system. Along the way, he reconnects with the staff. An endearing & engaging very short story. If you like to read Jeffrey Archer's stories then you'll enjoy this & even get to the punch line of Pat's joke. Be warned though it's extremely short & read in about half an hour. Even in such a short story Pat is brought to life.

My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read

Kim says

I have long been a fan of Sir Jeffrey Archer and have read most of what has been in the public purview. I have found his writing to be charming, witty, reflective, honest with well constructed story lines. This short story is all of the aforementioned but also a very poignant social commentary.

Thank you NetGalley & St. Martin's Press for an arc.

Matt says

First and foremost, a large thank you to NetGalley, Jeffrey Archer, and St. Martin's Press for providing me with a copy of this publication, which allows me to provide you with an unbiased review.

Lord Jeffrey Archer continues to prove that he is a wordsmith, showing off those skills in this wonderfully succinct piece. Patrick O'Flynn is caught red-handed as he is in the midst of committing a crime one October

night. O'Flynn seems to be well-known to the authorities, all of whom wonder if it can, again, be October. As he is taken in and processed, O'Flynn continues to greet those who know him well. A brief encounter with the courts earn him six months in jail, which seems to play into the larger plan that he has concocted already. After he is sent off the Belmarsh, O'Flynn reveals his larger plan to his cellmate, at which time it all makes sense. Quick witted throughout this short piece, Archer keeps the reader guessing through to the 'aha' moment. Perfect for a coffee break and sure to impress a cross-section of readers.

I remain impressed with the work Lord Archer produces (or resurrects) at the drop of a hat. He has a way of pulling the reader in from the early pages and not letting up until the final phrase lingers in the air. While there is little time for character development, Archer does present enough backstory for the reader to feel some connection to O'Flynn. From there, it is the short back and forth as the narrative builds through to the end, where Archer injects his notable twist. Any reader who loves a full novel by this English master will adore the short stories that keep things light and highly entertaining. Well worth the invested time and effort.

Kudos, Lord Archer for this wonderful piece. I look forward to all you have going on and sketched out for future publications.

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<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

Beth says

Jeffrey Archer shows his mastery of the short story genre in this book. It is a quick read, which is both good and bad because you reach the conclusion quickly but then the characters are gone.

The characters aren't as developed in this book as in some of his others, but I chalk this up to the brevity of the form.

Pat O'Flynn, the lead character, comes around every October and does something that lands him in jail. Jail is not an unpleasant thing for him, and as he goes to jail in this story he greets everyone with enthusiasm. It seems that O'Flynn has a larger plan that required getting into jail where he could then work on it.

This is a mystery with laughs. I liked the read, although I am not a fan of short stories in general. But I am a fan of Archer - and he didn't let me down.

Amina says

Funny with a hint of sad. The relationship between Pat and most of the officers is heart worming, the end though was heartbreaking.

Thanks Hitesh for the great recommendations

Michael says

This is a nice little short story that is perfect for your lunch break at work. The author does a nice job of quickly making you feel a part of the story and, while entertaining, it is a little sad. If you like entertaining short stories, as well as something written by Jeffrey Archer, you will get more than 99 cents worth of

entertainment value out of it.
