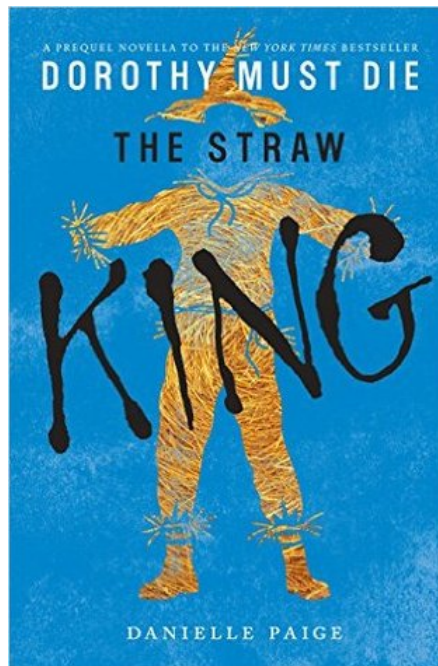




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Once upon a time, the Scarecrow's only wish was to have a brain. This digital original novella is the fifth installment in the prequel arc to the edgy and thrilling *New York Times* bestsellers *Dorothy Must Die* and *The Wicked Will Rise* and follows the Scarecrow after he finally gets his wish.

In *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the Scarecrow received the gift of a brain from the Wizard and was appointed the new ruler of Oz. In *The Straw King*, the Scarecrow's tale takes a crooked turn when his reign is threatened. With faith in his newfound wisdom shaken, the Scarecrow will turn to anyone who can help—even if others have their own interests at heart.

The Straw King by Danielle Paige is a dark and compelling reimagining of a beloved classic and is perfect for fans of *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer, *Beastly* by Alex Flinn, and *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire.

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Candace Robinson says

This one was still good but not what I was hoping for! I was hoping to see the demise of Scarecrow, and for it to be darker like Heart of Tin. However, it still had some pretty cool history, and I definitely dislike Glinda!

Catherine ? says

This one was okay, but I wished it showed more of the Scarecrow's change, rather than just the events that had happened.

I think I just felt a little detached from everything - also because of the random new characters that were introduced, but I did like how it told us more about the history of Oz.

Tiffany says

As sadistic as the Scarecrow is in the series I was expecting this novella to be a little more gruesome.

I was surprised to see the Scarecrow's journey unfold. With the Tinman he was just "in love" and everything else was ignorantly ignored. With the Scarecrow he did not start out cruel or sadistic. He just journeyed down a road where he felt in order to keep up with the rest of villains he had to evolve.

What better way to evolve than to steal the brains of other intelligent creatures? :)

Nancy The book junkie says

Rating: 3.25/5

Review coming soon!

Tabby says

THE REVIEW

Why this book?

Catching up before I read Yellow Brick War

What I thought

I don't have much to say, but it was much better than that creepy Tin Man story!

Oh but Ozma taking down that Ginger bitch and pissing off Glinda!!!!

Clarissa says

The Tin Man's obsession (aka "love") was creepy, but at least it was interesting. Sorry, Scarecrow, but your internal monologue was just boring.

The entire time he was just wondering if his gift from the Wizard (i.e. his brain) was working. He really didn't do a whole lot other than let things happen around him. Although, he seems to have caught on the evil Glinda way quicker than everyone else, so props there.

At this point, I'm too far into this series to stop. I have to finish it now.

Vivian Chen (Vivian's Book Pavilion) says

This is post originally on Vivian's Book Pavilion

Ah! This one is slightly better than the first. I think Scarecrow was indeed an interesting character in the series...before he was crazy as well. I love reading! So I've totally no objection for someone to sit around library all day long. But...you are a king!!!! Or, "were" until the army come to attack and Glinda came.

"You ain't the real king, you old strawbag, and I'm dumping you out on your straw behind."

Someone came to challenge Scare, and since he spent most of his time reading, he had no battling experience, not to mention with guns pointing right between his eyes. And he wasn't the one ask for courage, so it make sense that he ran away first, right? Now, Glinda came! Why aren't I surprise at all? Glinda might seem to be an unimportant character in the novella series, yet she appeared every time, EVERY. SINGLE. TIME. And she was one of the most horrible villains of all. Sorry? Where your sense of taste? Pink? (Which has nothing to do with the point.) SO, HEAR MY POINT NOW!!! Glinda appeared in every novella, and made tons of horrible decisions. What I don't get it is that how can Scare sensed the horrible deeds behind Glinda still help her alone? Where was your brain? Was it made of STRAW??? PLEASE!!!! No, sometimes, even you can memorize doesn't mean you're smart, and Scare was one of the cases.

But, the story was truly exciting, and I love how Lulu appeared as a child and how Ozma appeared as a crazy queen. She really reminds me of Luna!! In a good way, sort of. And I especially love the scene that Ozma stood out to protect her country, even she didn't really know what she was doing. That's a true queen, she was destined to be one.

Emerald says

“The thing you'll never understand is that it doesn't matter how much information you put in your brain. It's about what you do with the information you have.”

Samantha says

Look, I get that these characters all had their own story leading up to the main novels, and I get that they all became who they were for a reason. I just....can't bring myself to care about these rather dull side characters. I only have a couple more of these and then I'm done with them though, so that's something to look forward to.

Shelbie Ammirati says

This novella is a high 3.5 for me, so I am rating it at 4 stars. It was definitely a better novella than Heart of Tin and I enjoyed seeing things from Scare's point of view. I love Danielle Paige though, no matter what!

Rebecca says

A much better installment to the Dorothy Must Die series than that horrible book about the creepy Tin Man. This novella concentrates on the Scarecrow right after the Wizard puts him on the throne as a placeholder till Ozma, the true leader, comes of age.

Scarecrow loves having a brain and plans to use it to read books but an attack on the palace nixes that idea. He's forced to flee with the Lion and meets up with Glinda who's obviously up to no good. The only question is if he'll be smart enough to figure out the play and come up with an effective counter strategy.

Recommended.

Emily says

This novella gives great insight as to the very start of the series. It is definitely a must read!

Drew says

Loved it!

Cami V. Romero says

No espere que me guste tanto esta historia, en serio me sorprendió :D
Nunca me interesó mucho este personaje, pero luego de Wicked... Fiyero <3 <3 jejeje

Reddish says

Creo que de los 3 compañeros de Dorothy en este retelling, *Scarecrow* es el más interesante, o por lo menos el que más me intriga. Me encanta que haya una novela de cada uno de los 3, y sobre todo me fascina poder conocer los puntos exactos en los cuales cada personaje cambia. Simplemente increíble.

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