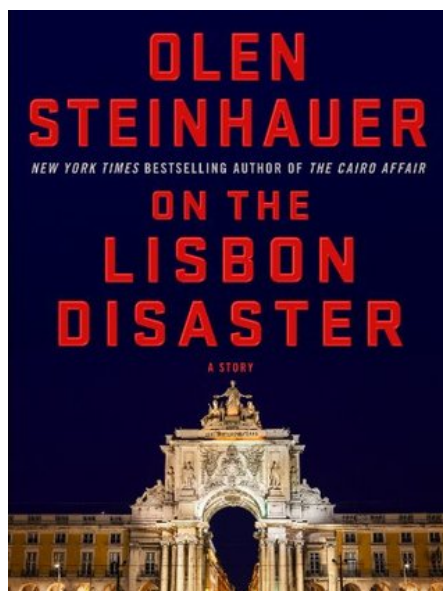




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In a thrilling e-original story, *New York Times* bestselling espionage master Olen Steinhauer introduces the enigmatic and alluring characters of his upcoming hardcover *The Cairo Affair*.

## **On the Lisbon Disaster Details**

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## From Reader Review On the Lisbon Disaster for online ebook

**Ben Scofield says**

**Highly recommended**

Clearly, this is intended to draw readers into the Cairo novel, and I assure you it does. Quick, but effective

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**Maria Carmo says**

My first glimpse at this Author. In a short story, he can reveal all the mastery of his writing and plotting. I am now looking forward to reading other books by him, such as the "Cairo" case... I was also astonished at the incredible knowledge he revealed about Lisbon streets and also suburban areas...

Maria Carmo,

Lisbon, 2 June 2017.

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**wayne says**

**Read it on the plane**

This is a very easy read and will help pass the hours of a long trip. It washes over with a foreigner's view of a European capital. There may be an independent movie one day

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**Denise says**

Essentially a prologue of sorts to The Cairo Affair, this novella introduces one of the book's main players and certainly did its job in getting me hooked and eager to move on to the novel it precedes.

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**Ana Branco says**

Um pequeno conto de espionagem que nos deixa com algumas questões em aberto....mistérios que ficam por desvendar. Fico à espera que o livro seguinte seja mesmo uma continuação deste!

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**Col says**

Synopsis/blurb.....

In a thrilling e-exclusive short story, New York Times bestselling espionage master Olen Steinhauer

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introduces the enigmatic John Calhoun, an international security contractor who plays a prominent role in Steinhauer's latest novel, *The Cairo Affair*.

Before his assignment to the CIA's Cairo office, John worked in Lisbon, Portugal, where he took part in an extraordinary rendition - the apprehension of a wanted individual for interrogation. But from the beginning of the operation nothing goes as planned, and for John, it soon becomes much more than a career-defining moment; how he handles this crisis will define who he is as a person.

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My take.....

A 60-odd page long e-book (probably 20 of these are the first two chapters in *The Cairo Affair*) and an introduction to one of the minor, but important characters in Steinhauer's *Cairo Affair* – John Calhoun. We pick up where Calhoun is the “outsider” involved with a tight CIA team about to conduct a rendition operation on the brother of a suspected terrorist. All goes to plan until it doesn't and a fatal car crash derails the operation. Calhoun shows his capabilities by fleeing the site with the target before the police arrive on the scene.

Spending time with his man, gives us the opportunity to delve a bit deeper into Calhoun's psyche as he engages with Mohammed el-Malik. Calhoun has his doubts about Mohammed's involvement in his brother's affairs, believing him an innocent in Lisbon for academic reasons. Kind of irrelevant in the end as the CIA send in a clean-up crew to cover everyone's tracks.

Calhoun - having shown us his conscience and moral compass; in a landscape where distrust and suspicions are the natural currency and the decisions are always made by those higher up the food chain – finds himself re-assigned to Cairo.

Really good; interesting and Steinhauer gets you thinking, as always. I would probably have enjoyed this a wee bit more if I had read it prior to *The Cairo Affair*, but it worked well enough for me. I'd probably be entertained if I read Olen's shopping list. Worth an hour of anyone's time.

Link to review of *The Cairo Affair*, something I read and enjoyed back in April is here - <http://col2910.blogspot.co.uk/2014/04...>

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Bought sometime earlier this year on Amazon.

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## Marty Fried says

This was a short story, which I believe was simply an introduction to the John Calhoun series. It may have even been a free sample, and it included the first part of the next installment of the series, *The Cairo Affair*.

It was a decent, quick read, but not much plot. I think it did introduce the character fairly well

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## **Margarida says**

Esta pequena obra de 47 páginas é vendida num pack com o volume seguinte "O Caso do Cairo" e apresenta-nos a personagem John Calhoun. Passa-se em Portugal e é surpreendente o nível de conhecimento que um autor estrangeiro revela sobre Portugal e a austeridade (a acção passa-se aquando da Cimeira da NATO em Lisboa), o terramoto de 1755 e a movimentação das personagens por Lisboa torna-se verosímil para um português, pois são dados pontos de referência e nomes de ruas autênticos.

Um pequeno prólogo para a obra seguinte, que nos abre o apetite para a leitura das aventuras do agente contratado da CIA John Calhoun.

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## **Inês Beato says**

Este pequeno conto serve de apresentação ao protagonista do livro "O caso do Cairo" e, apesar de bem curto, é um bom pronuncio do que aí vem, já que a escrita é bastante agradável e o personagem me cativou. Aliado a isso, foi muito interessante observar a descrição das ruas de Lisboa e a análise do estado social e do ambiente de crise no nosso país através dos olhos de um autor estrangeiro.

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## **César says**

Um aperitivo.

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## **Jim says**

This is an interesting short novella in the espionage genre. It is also a nice demonstration of one of the things that ebooks are doing for us - the return of short/shorter fiction and nonfiction. This is important as we see the decline of magazines offering this fare. Here you have a quick and enjoyable read.

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## **Kevin says**

Really a e-teaser for the forthcoming novel The Cairo Affair but a very well done one at that. Tension, bursts of action, the complex sorting of turth from lies and the inevitable gray, questions about identity and the choices we make. Classic Steinhauer really. Certainly made me want to read the full length novel but whether it is worth \$.99 is up to you. Since I would gladly give the author a dollar given all the great books he has delivered it is an easy choice for me.

Now on to Cairo ...

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## **MisterLiberry Head says**

This is an "e-original" story that takes about the length of one hot bath--with or without Mister Bubble--to

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read and enjoy, but Steinhauer poses an interesting question. What might happen during a CIA-run rendition in Lisbon if the subject turns out to be innocent and the contract muscle hired to help with the job unexpectedly has both a brain and a conscience? The muscle is a guy named John Calhoun--resourceful and enigmatic and African-American--who apparently turns up again in the hardcover thriller, THE CAIRO AFFAIR. Looking forward to seeing Calhoun again ...

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### **Susan Shay says**

Interesting book. It was only about 70 pages long and really is a book introducing the new character John Calhoun who then becomes the main character in The Cairo Affair: A novel another one of Stenhauer's books. On the Lisbon Disaster is fast paced but fails to link some of the pieces together. Since I haven't read any of his books before, I have ordered The Cairo Affair so will give him a try. Since we lived outside of Lisbon for 2 1/2 years I was excited to read this book. but, there is very little about Lisbon, or Portugal for that matter, in the book.

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### **Michele says**

A short story that serves as a prologue to the novel The Cairo Affair. Not absolutely necessary to read it, but a very good story nonetheless that introduces The Cairo Affair's protagonist.

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