

Mooncalves: Strange Stories By John W.M. Tompson **EBook mooncalves** I had no idea what was coming from story to story which was thrilling and I was introduced to so many great authors I hadn't read before including Janalyn Guo Jeff Wood Christi Nogle J. **Mooncalves kindle books** I truly enjoyed every other story in the collection-- there were no losers nothing I felt was weak in comparison to the surrounding material nothing that gave me that feeling of I'm not sure if this isn't very good or if I just don't understand what the author is going for nothing that I could recognize as a well-crafted piece of fiction but still struggled to get through or disliked. **Mooncalves kindle direct** While each is quite distinct in style there are overarching similarities of tone and theme and certain motifs that seem to echo from story to story that pull them together as a coherent whole. **Mooncalves meaning** Corbacho writes about wild/feral animals in a way that conveys personality and evokes real awe-- she seems to have a clear-eyed love and respect for the natural world in all its bloodiness and entanglement with human civilization. **Mooncalf stuffed animal** The real disturbing element here is that civilized world the worlds of wealth and privilege within it how the protagonist's family quietly politely contorts itself to indulge & accommodate its abusive matriarch. **EBook mooncalves fantastic** The lunar setting is used extremely well as both a metaphor for the bleak conditions & ejection/quarantine from society experienced by prisoners in real life & as a literal speculative fiction conceit. **Mooncalves hogwarts legacy** This guy is having a total blast writing-- he swings for the fences with maximalist excitable intentionally purple prose that harkens back equally to the Decadents and like Poppy Z. **Mooncalves definition** Somehow Cotman makes a gem-encrusted zombie unhinging its jaw to swallow a man's head whole and the dirty kitchen of a pair of college girls equally hyperreal grotesque and emotionally weighted. **Mooncalves epub** The story becomes so fantastical seemingly out of nowhere in its climax that I can imagine some readers complaining of randomness or of not being sure what exactly is supposed to have happened. **Mooncalves bookworm** Personally I didn't give a fuck! This rocks!! Heavy metal!!!!!! \m/Sasha Geffen's Pastiche is one of those stories that's simultaneously very dark and very warm/sweet; it's a tough dual mode to pull off without watering down the darkness or making the sweetness seem sour and insincere but Geffen sticks the landing. **Mooncalves hogwarts legacy** & one of my favorite devices— a central premise that's both an obvious metaphor (for at least one thing; likely for several pulling at least triple-duty with its three-bodied protagonist) \*and\* a literal fact of life within the story that's explored in its practical everyday ramifications (from the comical to the horrific). **PDF mooncalves** Meghan Lamb's Mirror Translation feels like a close cousin to "The Debauch" in some ways-- both are stories of strangers in strange lands both have bisexual protagonists whose desire for a member of the same sex drives the plot both deal prominently with feelings of alienation and ennui-- but where the latter is histrionic & flamboyant the former is cool and restrained evoking an atmosphere of loneliness desperation & ever-present menace long before anything crazy or weird happens. **Mooncalves harry potter** Arguably it's "just" a vampire story— in the classic vampire seduces vulnerable victim mode of Carmilla-- but aspects of the execution are certainly unique! I like vampire stories anyway. **Mooncalves definition** Adam Golaski's "Distant Signals" is...okay bear with me...it's a creepypasta right? Like I've read several stories about lost or mysterious media on r/nosleep with effectively the same premise/plot. **Mooncalves kindle store** The thing is this time it's extremely well-written & well-paced! Even once you know where this one's going— & for me that was pretty early— it's tense eerie unsettling and totally magnetic. **Mooncalves kindle reader** Y'all! What if creepypastas were good!!! Calling Channel Zero fans!Janalyn Guo's Night Fragrance has body horror creepy flowers and fungi ambiguous/ambivalent transformation teen friendship & the anxieties attendant on growing up with a mild physical disability. **Mooncalves ebooks free** As with Pastiche there's real sweetness here although Guo is more focused on the ways strange threatening people and processes might be unexpectedly sympathetic or benevolent than Geffen whose story hinges on the opposite phenomenon: an act of immense violence and betrayal by a person one has come to love and trust. **PDF mooncalves harry** The darkness in Guo's comes from the sadness and uncertainty in all of life's transitional phases: each choice cuts us off from possible futures each choice is a leap of faith into a place we cannot know until we arrive there we will inevitably grow

apart from some of our friends & become unable to understand them anymore and there's no going back. **Mooncalves booker** Veteran writers of the weird and horrific feature alongside newly burgeoning names within the field and authors from the literary world's cutting edge turn their talents toward darker uncertain corners:

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This is an outstanding anthology edited by John WM Thompson - whose name I will keep an eye out for on future projects, **Mooncalves kindle store** Leaning toward the Aickman realm of strange the stories herein are resplendent with that wonderful characteristic I've come to love in weird fiction: uncertainty: **Mooncalves booker** I loved their stories here as well as those by some of my favorite contemporary writers such as Brian Evenson Steve Rasnic Tem and Adam Golaski. **Mooncalves hogwarts legacy** Adam's story in particular was so shocking so powerful that I put the book down and uttered a sotto voce god damn after reading it, **Mooncalves booking** MOONCALVES does what great anthologies should: showcase a range of top-notch work by established authors while showcasing and introducing the excellent work of new and emerging authors. **Mooncalves hogwarts** Highly recommended!! Hardcover A good collection of weird fiction: **Mooncalves ebooks air** As with any short story anthology some hit better than others. **Kindle mooncalves fantastic** My favorites included Night When Windows Turn to Mirror and Butterfly Kisses, **Mooncalves hogwarts legacy** Hardcover Normally I don't rate and review magazines and anthologies in which I have a story due to bias/conflict of interest: **EPub mooncalves** However this is really an excellent anthology and it's not getting a ton of buzz or anything so I'm making an exception: **Mooncalves ebook** I enjoyed all the stories but I still had some standout favorites, **Mooncalves hogwarts legacy** I'll quickly go over them here: Jaime Corbacho's Honeymoon is gorgeously written with prose that's emotive & full of sensory detail without coming across as purple or baroque. **Mooncalves ebooks online** The writing isn't challenging to read it doesn't call a ton of attention to itself but it's \*really well done\*, **Moon calves - meaning** Sofia Samatar's Contact Light is on one hand a pretty straightforward story about what if there was a prison colony on the moon. **PDF mooncalves fantastic** But it is also a quasi-surreal stream of consciousness character study written in simple but dense poetic and often challenging language. **PDF mooncalves fantastic** This might be the saddest and most emotionally moving story in the anthology at least in my opinion: **Mooncalves meaning** Elwin Cotman's The Debauch is off the rails in all the best ways: **Mooncalves kindle** As you might expect The Debauch tells the tale of a bisexual orgy that goes very wrong: **Mooncalves ebooks** Mirror Translation also follows a more conventional/parseable narrative arc than The Debauch which may be a point in its favor or not depending on where you stand. **Mooncalves ebookers** Golaski knows exactly when to go into detail and when to hold back for the maximum shudder effect. **Mooncalves bookkeeping** This more than maybe anything else in the collection made me think "I have GOT to read more work by this guy": **Mooncalves ebooker** Although it uses some horror tropes the mood is a lot more elegiac than eerie or disturbing and I appreciated that too: **Mooncalf symbol** The darkness of Geffen's story comes from the shadow cast by this betrayal by the fact that it may be ameliorated but can never be erased or truly made right again, **Mooncalves bookworm** Hardcover "Surreal and superb Mooncalves is a narratively abnormal exhibition with stories that both alter and accentuate fiction traditions: **Mooncalves ebooks online** John WM Thompson has procured a haunting and often horrific anthology of literary asymmetry which will unease the unconscious, **Mooncalves booking** " — Clint Smith author of The Skeleton Melodies Hardcover An all-banger anthology in a gorgeous hardcover volume: **EPub mooncalves** Hardcover Mooncalves showcases 23 strange stories of magic mystery unease and terror. A.W. McCarthy and Nathan Breakenridge. Moreover the stories are very harmonious. One becomes disoriented along with the protagonist. Brite. Some great matter-of-fact body horror here too. It's very up my alley/in my wheelhouse in other words. Really something special. Mooncalves: Strange Stories

