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***HAUNTING AND OTHER STORIES BY SUNIL SHARMA***

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**-Reviewed by Graham Vivian Lancaster**

Haunted and Other Stories by Sunil Sharma is seventeen short stories, snapshots capturing life in black and white and sometimes in full colour through the author's critical eye.

Analysis of everyday life is crystal clear with the arcane accuracy of the on sight witness which strips away the frilly lace party dresses and pearls to reveal the real people beneath.

Sometimes heartbreaking and sad is the revelation of aspects of dichotomous Indian life and indeed the worlds in which all of us live but oftentimes refuse to remove the rose tinted spectacles to really see.

There are stories of the poor, who accept their lot in life and are largely grateful to be alive, or have no way to a better future, living alongside the micro thin veneered sophistication of the nouveau rich who forget their roots and discard family values to become 'Look at me' bully masters protecting their suspicious public overcoat, which is left on the hall stand upon entering their palaces for the servants to groom.

Haunted and Other Stories is an educational read, worthy of your time.

**Bio:**

South African Writers Circle Quill Award winning author and 2010 American Pushcart Poetry nominee, 2010 English Academy of Southern Africa poetry judge, 2011 English academy of Southern Africa Gold Medal proposal, he writes in ten genres from the many

eclectic facets of his adventurous life. Widely published in anthologies, with thirty five published books of his own, his teenage adventure series and poetry are being taught in schools.

One of his poems was chosen to represent South Africa at the Dec 2010 World Poetry Festival in Canada.

Translated into Spanish, Romanian, Hindi and French, read on radio in Argentina and Puerto Rico. Published in *Fullosia Press, A Hudson View, Labyrinth, Convorbini Literare, Seventh Quarry Press, Nord Literar, Axiom, World Anthology Of Love Poetry, Crossroads Of The Century, Sailing Through The Mists Of Time, Across The Long Bridge, Journeys, Skyline.*