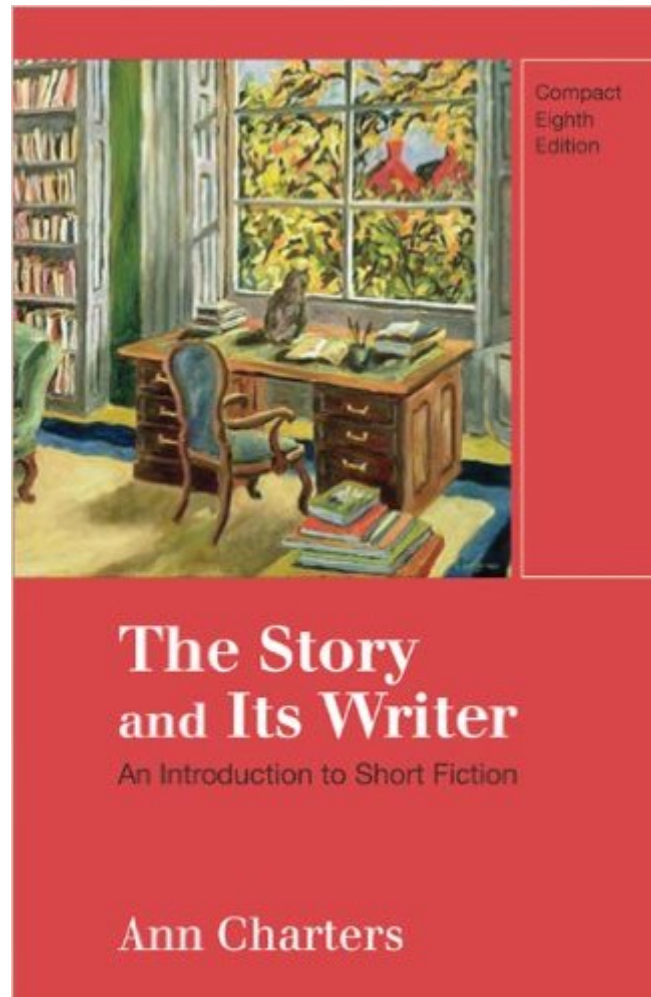


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I very much like this compilation of great literary works by some very good authors. I bought this for a Short Story class. My professor assigned us to read basically mostly stories involving death (which was disturbing) but they were all an easy read (except for E.A.Poe's of course). I didn't rate 5 stars because the table of contents does not list the authors or the stories in alphabetical order so it's hard to find what page the story you want to read is on. Besides that, its great! Alot of variety, and good brief histories about the authors.

I had to have this book for two classes: a writing class and an analysis class. The stories in this book are very well written. If you don't read into them and do some real thinking about the meanings behind the stories, the stories will seem like a drag, but when you read the stories and analyze the small details within the stories, you will find that those stories are the best. The stories can seem entirely frightening just by the play on words. I didn't get to read all of the stories, but I did enjoy the ones that I read. Also, in the back of the book, you can find some commentary and interpretations on

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