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Patrizio (A Quiet Night's Rest Book 1)



Synopsis

Set in a post-war Italian bar, this literary short contrasts the innocent hopes of boyhood with the cynical reality of the Colonel, a man standing on the precipice of death. As the Colonel tells his story one snowy eve, young Patrizio endeavors to lead him back from the edge.

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Customer Reviews

“Patrizio” is a book full of contrasts. It’s a book about the old and the new, experience and inexperience, optimism and pessimism, hope and desperation, regret and rejoice, love and hate, life and death | A man who describes himself as broken shares with young Patrizio his bitter thoughts about how hard life can be and how overvalued some feelings can be. “Time will grind down those youthful thoughts, boy” the old man says. Some might say this is a pessimistic read. In my opinion it’s an optimistic one. I believe that old man is everything Patrizio should never be in adult life, an example to avoid. And “Patrizio” is a well-written short read that will make think how fast your life goes and that you should seize every moment.

As a fan of classic literature, I'm sensing a style of writing such as Hemingway, the Master of Dialog. A style that is more suggestive than direct leaving the reader to use their own imagination in the end. Perhaps even a hint of him in the Main Character. I do look forward to the next short story by this Author.

Patrizio is a short story between an older man, very much at the brink of his will to make another day, and a child filled with hope and wonder for life. While the man fills his evening with one cynical observation after another, boy's optimistic nature shrugs these remarks with never failing curiosity and admiration for the storyteller. During the short account the colonel assumes sardonic disposition, disparaging life itself it would seem, yet there's subtlety in his inability to remain stolid and impassive in view of the boy's charm and naivete. Meaningfully written, the story stands on its own, though one can easily see presented short conversation between two unlikely interlocutors growing into something more substantial.

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