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In *Tales from the Crypto-system* we are treated to a decade-spanning collection of perceptive and powerful tales by one of Australia's premier short story writers. After scanning this collection you will realize why Geoffrey Maloney is simply one of the best Australian brief story writers functioning today. Explore the failed dreams of a post groundbreaking Australia. These are stories at once challenging and entertaining and always unforeseen. Uncover the secret of eternal existence, and the paternal terrors of a shoebox. Interactions and groundbreaking verities crumble, automats play out the fantastic Game in an India that might have been but never was. Cope with the huge and impenetrable bureaucratic nightmare of an alien empire. Let Geoffrey Maloney reveal the trick of time travel in a moment of perfect and terrible pain.



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How Cruel This book is a tease, an exercise in cruelty. *Tales from the Crypto-System* This is one of the finest collection of short stories I have ever read. But he also knows how to function a plot, and there exists a well-judged balance between the strange and the straightforward, the contemplative and the thrilling, in the stories chosen. Sometimes they're true and occasionally they aren't. Seldom will the desire to read the others of someone's function be as intense since it proves to become after reading *Tales from the Crypto-System*. Well, I've attempted, and there is not much out there that's available in yr 2005 and, perhaps, outside of Australia. I adored every creative, delicate, moral, and understanding story in this book therefore much that I'm driven, really driven, to read more. "More" isn't easy to find. Buy this today and browse it - but be forewarned: It will not be enough. Maloney has the present of drawing complex, engaging character types with an economy of strokes. This is an excellent collection from a subtle storyteller. The strange and the true In this assortment of tales

Maloney ranges from British-ruled India to the unusual new worlds of space and feasible futures, and into stylised, dreamlike environments in which the familiar is made - or shown to be - strange. His people are most often the tiny players, women and men with limited control over their circumstances, who, like most of us, are forced make compromises - though their dreams may be noble and their passions strong. Some of the settings have the sense of being psychological states just as much as physical places, while others - like the wonderfully depicted India - feel so real that this reader was completely drawn into them and wished for even more when the story was over. I wish to particularly point out "The World According to Kipling," among the longer stories in the publication, whose protagonist Youngburton, a British agent in India, has led a lifestyle of adventure that could make a smashing novel - and I hope Maloney will 1 day write it. Unique and Thought-Provoking These stories comprise probably the most cleverly contrived, vividly detailed and devastatingly accurate speculative fiction shorts I've ever come across. He delights in raising queries and creating mysteries for the reader to ponder." Plenty of introductions say things such as this. That is a collection that may amply reward the reader in search of subtle, smart speculative fiction. Geoffrey Maloney is a article writer who certainly deserves even more limelight on the world stage. Maloney isn't a article writer who feels compelled to show all. Looking forward to the next anthology. That is must read publication. The introduction says "you will hunt out and read everything of Geoff's that you can. 21 stories which span not only days gone by but also the near future. Maloney's tales or intriguing, passionate, and have excellent plot development. Maintain needling him until he offers a main meal (a novel). Thank Geoff Maloney intended for the snacks.

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