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# Blood Is Red: Eight Disturbing Short Stories: The Color Series



## Synopsis

A collection of eight horror stories created by New York Times best-selling novelist Scott Sigler, author of horror/thrillers *Infected*, *Contagious*, *Ancestor*, *Nocturnal* and the young-adult *Galactic Football League* series.

**Stories in Blood Is Red: "Number One with a Bullet"** In the high-stakes world of the National Football League, a wasted draft choice can cost careers and damage a franchise for years to come. When they investigate sure-fire number-one pick Eugene Patterson, however, they find far more than they want to know.

**"Red Man"** (Parsec Award winner): To be marked as a sex offender, a pedophile, a child rapist, is to carry stigma that all but banishes you from society. And if that mark is literal - a permanent, inoperable face tattoo - anonymity vanishes, and all who see you know of your crime. For a man who is wrongly convicted of horrible deeds, this mark becomes his life.

**"Wolf"**: In the time before man, one social animal ruled the Americas. The wolf. Wolf packs roamed the continent, hunting and killing and breeding. But before any wolf ever saw the death that would walk on two legs, there came another danger....

**"The Great Snipe Hunt"**: Nature abhors a vacuum. One such vacuum exists in the "urban ecologies" of our cities. From bacteria to insects, from rodents to hawks, from feral cats to the mass numbers of pigeons, plants and animals weave together a web of life that goes mostly unnoticed by humans. What is missing from this mosaic? Four college students set out to find this mythical creature, the "Snipe", and learn that a vacuum isn't the only thing nature abhors.

**"Iowa Typhoon"**: Come on, come visit Fenders Pointe, IA. We'd love to have you stop by, see the trees, smell the flowers, and relax with our Midwestern hospitality. Only, you should try to schedule around the rainy season. If you're here when the typhoons hit, we'll be happy to welcome you as a permanent resident.

**"Sacred Cow"** There is a fine line between absent-minded genius and idiot savant. Gordo Gordon keeps a foot planted firmly on either side. Father Al knows this better than anyone. Father Al watches over Gordo and tolerates the young man's endless - and useless - inventions. When Gordo creates a theory to track "prayer energy", however, Father Al will find a religious secret that puts his faith to the test.

**"Hunter Hunterson & Sons"**: Welcome to the family business. Hunter Hunterson and his kin live in Slayerville, KY, making their living chasing crack-smoking ogres, peeping-tom phantoms, bail-jumping zombie pimps, and the occasional rabid unicorn. When a methed-out vampire (and family friend) goes on a road-trip rampage, Hunter and his kin pack up the truck and follow the trail of corpses all the way to San Francisco. This reality-TV style story feels like a combination of *Dog the Bounty Hunter* meets *Ghostbusters* meets *The Beverly Hillbillies*. Hunter's "war journal" is a mix of tawdry laughs and gut-churning horror.

**Mt. Fitzroy** (first chapter): In 2005, Sigler released *Earthcore* as the world's first podcast-only novel. His fans have been waiting since then for Mt.

Fitzroy, the second book in the trilogy. Blood Is Red features the first chapter of this oft-promised and long-delayed sequel. Join Patrick O'Doyle and Bertha Lybrand as they head back down below to deliver a heapin' helpin' of revenge.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I'm not used to reading Scott's short stories, having only read or listened to his novel length work before this, so this was a new look into the twisted em-effer's mind. :)As with any other anthology, some stories were better than others. Often this had as much to do with my personal preferences as anything else. The first short ("Red Man") is an interesting take on punishment, and the repercussions thereof, but it seemed pretty tame for a Sigler tale (he even mentions in his Author's note that this is "one of the few stories where someone doesn't get shot, blown up, turned into something nasty or have their %\$#! face eaten..."). You gotta love him for the honesty, if nothing else. ;^;)I found the second story, "Wolf", to be a fascinating tale, told from the (admittedly anthropomorphicized) point of view of a wolf pack. And "Iowa Typhoon" was more like the off the wall, and a bit gruesome Sigler that we've all come to know and fear. :)I think my favorite of the bunch isn't really a short story at all, but rather the opening chapter of a novel he hasn't completed - the sequel to "EarthCore", which was the absolute first podiobook I ever listened to. As such, it holds a special place in my heart. Besides that, it's just a freaking awesome story!From one twisted freak to another - well done Scott!

Scott Sigler books have been showing up on my suggested reading lists lately. While I wasn't ready to dive in by reading a novel by someone I'd never heard of I figured reading a few short stories would be ok. I am so glad I bought this collection. Each of the stories are so different from each other. The stories were refreshing and original. I loved it!!! I kind of felt like I was reading "Night Shift" by Stephen King for the first time again. I was absolutely delighted. I'm definitely ordering the other collection of short stories, and will move on to his novels after that.

BLOOD IS RED is a wonderful variety of short stories from Scott Sigler. The style & subject matter of each story is so different, that I had to keep reminding myself that they were all from the same author. IOWA TYPHOON is about some unusual storms and the horrific way people react to them. Once again, Sigler had me wincing but unable to stop reading. THE GREAT SNIPE HUNT will make you wonder if snipes really do exist, and then make you pray that you'll never see them. Sigler's newest fiction (the other stories had been previously podcast) is called HUNTER HUNTERSON & SONS. This humorous story is about a wise crackin' monster hunting family, kind of a cross in-between The Beverly Hillbillies and Scooby Doo. Sigler says this may be the beginning of a series, and I can't wait to read more about this family's adventures with the unnatural and the Aussie with the stupid accent. With so many different types of well-written horror related stories, you'll never be bored by this book & you'll probably be like me -- wondering when the next collection will be done.

Pretty enjoyable light reading from one of my favorite authors. Some stories I got pissed because the endings were so abrupt and I was left wanting more but I guess that's the point of these huh. I personally enjoyed Wolf, THE GREAT SNIPE HUNT, NUMBER ONE WITH A BULLET(FAVORITE), and HUNTER HUNTERSON AND SONS.

You have to admire the creativity, and the way he can crank out quality stories. I think everyone should buy this Kindle edition of several of Sigler's short stories. Then you should get the free podcasts and listen to them. His stories span the galaxy from mid-20th-century post-WWII gritty crime dramas, to a football drama set 700+ years in the future, again with crime undertones. Oh, don't forget what he did to Detroit. :-) Somewhat disturbing, always entertaining. Definitely check out his weekly podcast feed. It's a great way to while away your commute.

I've been a fan since I discovered The Nocturnals, a podiobook on iTunes. Sigler is one-of-a-kind!

This recent release is a quick read. And the added extras after each of the short stories is a PLUS. Check it out, then check out everything else. You'll be hooked, I swear!

Guess I am a broken record these days, with the five star reviews of Sigler's books, but when its good, its good, and that is all there is to it. This collection is superb, and I would even say it tops the Bloodcast collections available in podcast form. A couple of them I have heard as podcasts, but the rest were all new to me. I believe my fave is Hunter Hunterson and Sons, which had me laughing out loud. I am now a HH&S fan, and hope to hear more stories of the monster hunting family soon!

Let me start by saying I'm a Scott signer junkie. If you are one too, I'll need not explain that nom de plum. But if you're not, after reading this collection you soon will be. The stories are concise, pithy, enjoyable, make you think just enough but not enough to be puzzled over and inspiring. I'd recommend this to anyone who is unsure about trying fiction that uses all genres. Horror. Science fiction. Fantasy. All of it rolled up into a nice little package that'll excite the most jaded among us. Happy reading.

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