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The stories of F.Sionil Jose are culled from Filipino life and are clear windows to the humanity of a people striving for justice and well being. Some are also charming episodes on growing up and discovery.

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Michael Nelmida says

This is my least favorite work of F.Sionil Jose but I liked the Dream Videos.

Letlet Dimzon says

its awesome

Biena (The Library Mistress) says

4.5 really.

Should've given this the perfect five because The Female Principle is really superb and The Waltz almost made me cry but I didn't like Dream Videos. So, there. 4.5

P.S.

I still love you, FSJ. ♥

Nin says

Puppy Love and Thirteen Short Stories portrays love and its different facets (a love that is..., the love for...) and the loss of innocence. Humor is laid on thin and a certain heaviness is present in most, if not all of the stories. These are very thought-provoking and realistic (except maybe for one) that I often found myself questioning the reasons for the characters' behavior, why they have different notions about justice (who deserves it, who should give it, how they would get it, will they ever get it), and if hope isn't very far from anyone who would choose to keep it alive.

John Exos says

Puppy Love and the other short stories is a good way of familiarizing yourself with F. Sionil Jose's writing style.

I recommend reading these stories first before the big move to the Rosales Saga Novels.

Niccy Hen'Z says

kkk

Maria Ella says

"How could two very young people get to know the arcane ways of loving, caring? I did not know then what love was but I did know feeling - unexpressed, compulsive - "
-Puppy Love, an excerpt

A collection of stories by the National Artist F. Sionil Jose, he coincided the them of love into his foray of genres - from magical realism, to taboo tales, to *Noir-ish* takes, and even a shot of a *children's story*. The red book is romantic but is not cheesy. He weaves the words like a household chore, *like washing the dishes* - so mundane, yet so extraordinary.

My personal favorites from the collection is the children's story entitled **The Molave and The Orchid**, where the author wrote this -

"Someday, I will love someone for we are destined to do so."

THAT SIMPLY GAVE THE FEELS AWAY.

Other notable story here is the **Waltz**, which appealed to female readers (most of the bookish friends gush in this work, remembering the way the two characters danced and talked).

I suggest you read it in random. You never know what story is in store for you. And if you are a guy who doesn't prefer flowers as a gift to a special someone, give a copy of this instead. Introduce her to that children's story. And give the feels away.

Aj Garchitorena says

Waltz is my favourite. The concept of forbidden and 'never-ending love' was very touchy for me back when I was waaay younger, nevertheless, Waltz is still my favourite. The first time I read this, my chest ached for all the perturbed emotions that were built from the first sentence up to the very last words of the short story.

This whole collection is, matter of fact, worth reading. :)

Chenley Cabaluna says

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Binuo nito ang taon ko. Ang sarap basahin. Teka lang ranting 'to ha. Wag umasa ng profound at pa-deep na

review kase layman lang naman ako. Wahaha.

Yung choice of words. Yung way ng pagku-kwento. Sobrang ugh. Kada tapos ng isang short story sobrang emotional ko sa sobrang ganda haha.

May mga nakakagulat. May mga unexpected sobra ang ending. Galing talaga. Fan girl na niya ko.

Female principle ang pinaka-gusto kong short story. :-)

John Ray Catingub says

FSJ's strengths as a novelist are distilled and purified in his short stories. They are as potent as his longer works. While not every story resonated with me, the ones that did gave me pause and made me sit and think a while: Puppy Love, The Other Forest, Waltz, A Walk With My Grandson, and Walking on Fire. The first three I enjoyed because I am a romantic, the fourth because it was touching, and the fifth because it reminded me of Nick Joaquin's use of the folkloric in magical realism. FSJ's "children's stories for adults" are, I assume, retellings of Filipino fables; if they are, he gives them a fresh and timeless sense that teaches an adult well. I can devour an FSJ novel but going through his short stories in such a way allows his talents across genres to be showcased.

LJ says

This is the first time i read a book written by a Filipino author.. Surprisingly, i loved it!

Had to create a book review out of this book.
My favorite is Puppy Love and Female Principle!

Ultimotomasino says

Another five stars for F. Sionil Jose. Puppy Love is in no way sugary for those who are interested, neither is it all corny when it touches upon the different aspects and angles of the ever elusive concept of love. Puppy Love, is hands down, one of his best short stories but one must also remember to sink their teeth into the other short stories in the collection like that of "The female principle", you're in for one hell of a hike with this one.
Like in his other novels, Jose takes on the coat of the maestro as he swings and swirls his words around to create beautiful stories in glorious harmony.
