



**The Man Who Married Himself and Other Stories: A collection of comedy classics by celebrated short story guru Charlie Fish, published free of copyright**

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*17 timeless stories that will make you laugh, cry, quiver with fear, but above all – think. Stories that address life's big questions: How can I be a good person? What is freedom? Is this penny really trying to kill me?*

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**UNITED KINGDOM –**

For 26 years, Charlie Fish has been a passionate advocate for the power of the short story, as founder and editor of the internet's longest-running short stories website "Fiction on the Web". Now, for the first time, he has published a collection of his own short stories.

Stories in this illustrated collection include:

- *Death by Scrabble* – a disillusioned man expresses his rage through the medium of Scrabble. This story has been published in school textbooks worldwide, and adapted many times into short films and plays.
- *The Man Who Married Himself* – a laugh-out-loud comedy with heart, about an unusual union. This story was adapted into a film starring Richard E Grant and Emilia Fox, that won Best Comedy at LA Shorts Fest and Rhode Island International Film Festival.
- *Baggio's Story* – a subversive comedy about a man determined to give up everything he owns, including his free will. This story was adapted as "The Philosopher", an award-winning film starring Jean Reno.
- And 14 more stories. Previous publication credits include British Library Tales of the Weird, The Mechanics' Institute Review, East of the Web, Sci Phi Journal and The Best of Dark Moon Digest.

**Quote from writer and Oscar-nominated actor Richard E Grant, talking about the title story in this collection:**

"The Man Who Married Himself is something unusual; Charlie Fish has written such an off-the-wall story. It has its own internal logic that just appealed to me, I thought it was a wonderful idea."

This collection is published copyright-free. It is a “Free Cultural Work”, published under a Creative Commons licence (Attribution 4.0 International) that means it can be freely shared and adapted, encouraging other creators to be inspired to build on the ideas.

The Man Who Married Himself includes illustrations by Yvette Gilbert, an artist from Staffordshire, UK, working with traditional dip pen and ink on watercolour paper.

### **Synopsis:**

The 17 stories in The Man Who Married Himself alternate between funny and serious. Half the stories are full-on comedies, and the rest include mystery, horror, romance, crime, historical fiction and science fiction.

The book also includes resources for teachers to help make the most of Death by Scrabble in a classroom context.

**The Man Who Married Himself is available in paperback from Amazon, Waterstones and (coming soon) Barnes & Noble (£9.99 / \$11.99).**

### **About the author:**



Charlie Fish is a popular short story writer and screenwriter. He is the founder and editor of [www.fictionontheweb.co.uk](http://www.fictionontheweb.co.uk), which has been online and continuously publishing since July 1996, making it the oldest short stories site on the web. Thousands of stories have been enjoyed by millions of readers.

Charlie Fish says: “I am a feminist, anti-racist, LGBT+ ally who believes strongly in the importance of representation, and I try to publish stories that reinforce those values.”

Born in New York in 1980, he now lives in London with his wife and daughters.

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