



## Flame and Other Enigmatic Tales: The Maynard Sims Library. Vol. 8

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By Maynard Sims

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Ghost stories and tales of the uncanny The veteran writing partnership of Len Maynard and Mick Sims. While there s nothing new about such teamwork, especially in the field of ghostly/horror fiction, it is quite unusual nowadays. As a novella Double Act works rather well, especially in evoking the spirit of old-style music hall entertainers. The plot is well-constructed and the finale, following a series of revelations about Charlie Hass private life, is effective. The first of the short stories, Serenity , is altogether different in feel. A rather ineffectual man, Jona Lewis, takes early retirement and finds himself at a bit of a loose end. Then he bumps into an old friend who invites him for a stay in the country. This a very traditional opening, of course, but it leads to a far from conventional denouement. This reader was certainly foxed but also satisfied by a conclusion that shuns shocks in favour of a strange, but oddly moving, revelation. Different again is Jealousy , in which the authors return to showbusiness, but this time in a...



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