

ABSTRACT

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“paranormality” is a short story collection made up of five standalone short stories, and one chapter of a larger work still in its early stages. The collection centers around the concept of fear and its manifold manifestations, from the paranormal to everyday social anxieties. Several of these stories give psychological fears a physical shape, creating external conflicts that reflect each characters’ inner struggles. Others explore fear using mythology as inspiration, or by giving readers a direct look into a character’s mind during an anxiety attack. Every story, however, represents the idea of “paranormality,” demonstrating how fears and mental illness can drastically alter our state of being.