

*Rita Hayworth And Shawshank Redemption- Stephen King*

Nice little short story, can read in a sitting. Andy Dufresne is a memorable character, and prison break story was exciting.

“Her father was agreeable to the marriage if I would take a job in the optical company he owned and ‘work my way up.’ I found out that what he really had in mind was keeping me in his house and under his thumb, like a disagreeable pet that has not quite been housebroken and which may bite. Enough hate eventually piled up to cause me to do what I did. Given a second chance I would not do it again, but I’m not sure that means I am rehabilitated.”

“As I believe I have said, everyone in prison is an innocent man.”

“They probably would have gotten big-hearted and let him out around 1983. They give you life, and that’s what they take—all of it that counts, anyway.”

“By April of 1951, Andy was doing the tax returns for half the screws at Shawshank, and by 1952, he was doing almost all of them. He was paid in what may be a prison’s most valuable coin: simple good will.”

“I’ll hand you a pretty cynical axiom: the amount of expert financial help an individual or company needs rises in direct proportion to how many people that person or business is screwing.”

“The people who run this place are stupid, brutal monsters for the most part. The people who run the straight world are brutal and monstrous, but they happen not to be quite as stupid, because the standard of competence out there is a little higher. Not much, but a little.”

“I guess you judge how well you’re doing by how well you sleep at night and what your dreams are like.”

“There were inconsistencies in Tommy’s story, but aren’t there always in real life?”

“But when I came to Shawshank it was all safe. It’s still safe. Outside these walls, Red, there’s a man that no living soul has ever seen face to face. He has a Social Security card and a Maine driver’s license. He’s got a birth certificate. Name of Peter Stevens. Nice, anonymous name, huh?”