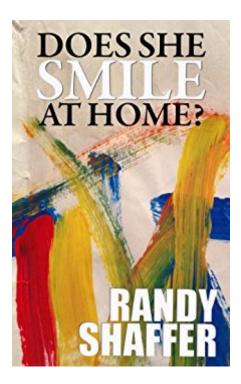
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# **Does She Smile At Home?**





## Synopsis

FROM THE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF THE HORRORIn the midst of an existential crisis, a middle-aged man comes upon Dolores, a lowly grocery store clerk who never seems to smile. Confused and deeply haunted by this womanâ <sup>™</sup>s poisonous demeanor, and suspecting the riddle of her existence will somehow solve his own emotional puzzle, the man follows her to catch a glimpse of what her life is like at home. What he discovers there stirs him to his very core, and changes him forever. This 24-page inspirational short story strays from my standard comforts in the thriller/horror/sci-fi genres and examines the nature of hope, depression, and socioeconomic woes through a philosophical, dramatic lens. Rich with moody characters, brisk fall imagery and thoughtful metaphor, the story is meant for those who struggle to make ends meet, but hope for a better day. Also, be sure to check out Randy L. Shaffer's other books, including the terrifying novelette, The Horror, the spirited novella, Vampire Zombie Claus, and the "Goosebumps for adults" short story series, Wicked Neighborhood (with titles including The Stray Cats, The Foot and Mary Lives).

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## **Customer Reviews**

What an interesting short story!! I suppose if we all thought about those we pass by and what their life is like, we would think differently about our own lives. This is an intricate story based on the narrator's view of a woman he has seen many times. His inner thoughts are intense and thought-provoking.

I was slow to get into this one (at least slow for a quick hour's read) - because I thought that this was going to just be a portrait of depression. But it came through with both that, and a message of hope and resilience. It is good to focus on this kind of reflection and insight that comes from everyday interactions.

A good story about human emotions at a crossroads in life. Dark thoughts and curiosity about others leading to realizations of ones own soul. Why one needs to view others to put yourself in perspective is a good lesson in the human condition. It's only human nature right? Delores may never smile and knowing why isn't the answer he sought find in the end...finding himself was.

We all know someone like the main character of this book. The author vividly puts into words what we all think when we interact with people like this....you cannot control your circumstances but you can control your attitude.

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