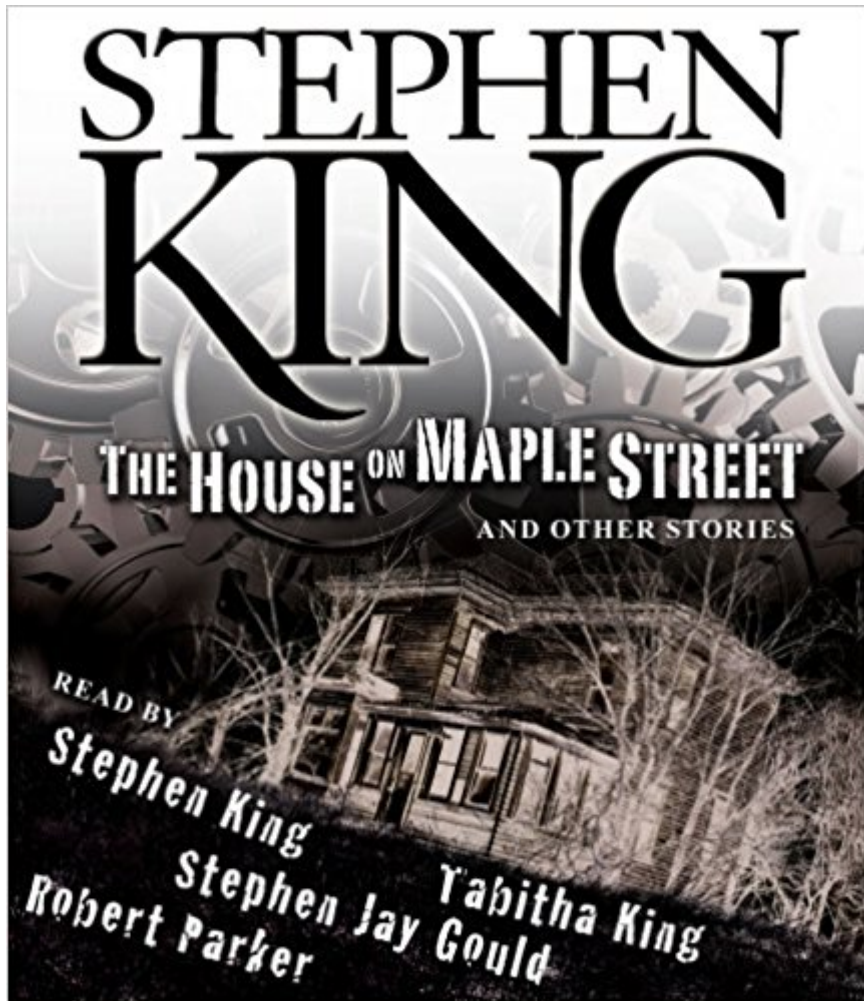


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The House On Maple Street: And Other Stories



Synopsis

For the first time on CD! Vintage Stephen King at a great low price! Stephen King's unparalleled imagination is in full force in this collection of four unabridged short stories originally found in the classic, *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*. Stephen King and an all-star cast of readers bring to life these timeless stories from the darkest places. Mysterious machinery begins to take over *The House on Maple Street*. A private detective finds out that he is merely the character in crime novel in *Umney's Last Case*. In the non-fiction piece *Head Down*, King chronicles the 1989 season of his son Owen's little league baseball team and their journey to the Maine State Championships. And as a companion to *Head Down*, *Brooklyn August* takes a nostalgic look back on the glory days of professional baseball. Stephen King, Tabitha King, Robert Parker, and Stephen J. Gould lend their voices to this haunting collection of classic stories that no Stephen King fan should be without.

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Customer Reviews

In yet another collection of readings from Stephen King's "*Nightmares & Dreamscapes*", we're given a decidedly different set of stories than the offerings that came before it. While King has made an empire out of the horror genre, only one story here could be perceived as a scary story... and even that one has earmarks from other fantastic genres mixed into it. Each of these stories are read by actors, authors and other performers along with the author himself. Here's a complete breakdown: Disc 1: "*The House on Maple Street*" read by Tabitha King -- A strange story less about a house and more about the uncertainty of family and living in a house that doesn't feel safe anymore. This story hit me on deep, personal level; I found myself identifying with children as they

watched their mother wither under the stress of a bad marriage. The fantastic element to the story wasn't very compelling nor explained in a satisfactory way (I almost wish King hadn't bothered at all). Tabitha's reading takes a while to get used to. I never warmed up to it, but I felt she did well giving the children unique voices, which is hard to do. 3 Stars

Disc 2 & 3: "Umney's Last Case" read by Robert Parker -- An oddity story about a detective and his last and worst day. The story works well and has its fair share of funny moments, yet has a profoundly bitter ending that makes everything into a horrifying tragedy. Definitely original with one of the best, most appropriate readers in the series. Parker does a heck of a job with his hardboiled characters and period setting; he sounds like he just walked off one of those old noir flicks! Doesn't try to explain too much and comes up with a fantastic ending. 4 Stars!

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