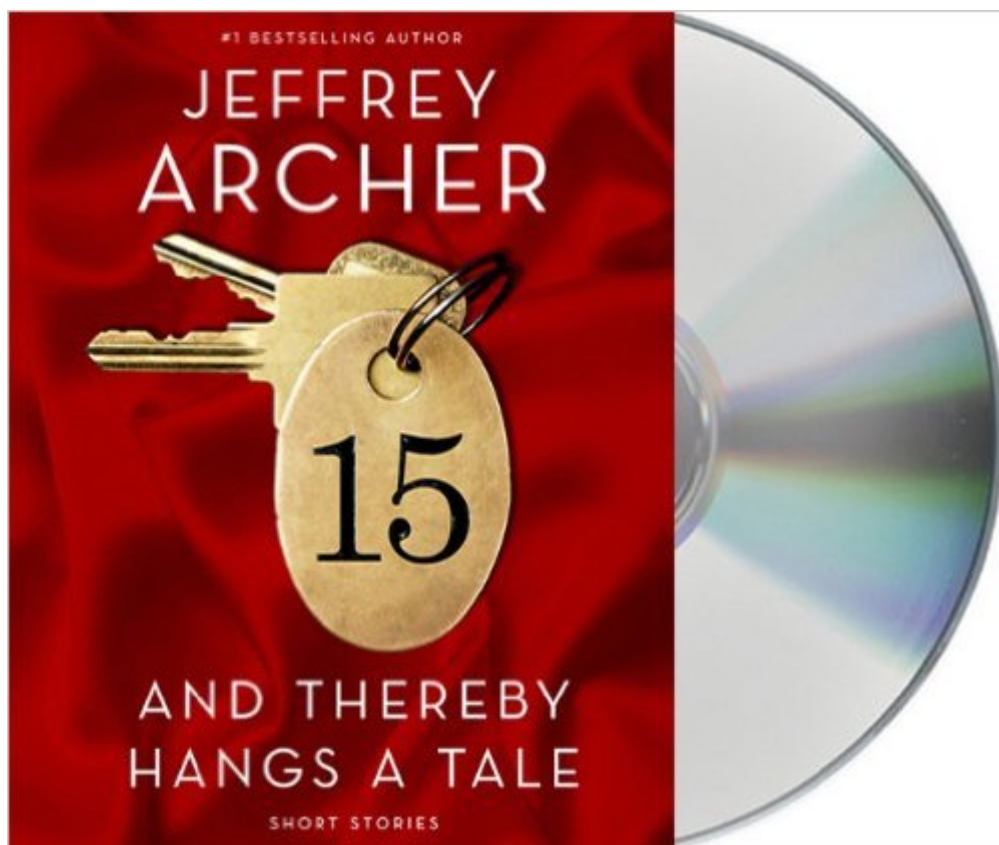


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Just about everyone loves a good story. And after reading or hearing an especially good one, who doesn't want to know the real story behind the story? The title of *AND THEREBY HANGS A TALE* comes from a quote in a William Shakespeare play, and it means just that --- the story behind the story. In the tradition of master storytellers, Jeffrey Archer has crafted a collection of 15 short tales. Set in England, Ireland, America, India, Germany and points between, the book includes heroes and

villains, winners and losers, injustice and comeuppance, love and loss, the demonic and the divine, and features stories of double-crossing crooks, convicts and thieves; a conniving gold-digger; fortune hunters; star-crossed lovers; and much more. Picking a favorite from such a diverse collection is not an easy task. Those who yearn for suspense and intrigue with a surprising twist will enjoy Archer's original story, "Politically Correct." If you're looking for a perfect blend of humorous and heartwarming, then you should read "The Queen's Birthday Telegram," the true story of a centenarian who gets an unexpected surprise. And in "High Heels," a wife's high-fashion skills help a determined insurance investigator solve a case. One of the standouts for me is "A Good Eye," an inspiring tale of art, tradition, faith and divine intervention, set in the hills of the Bavarian state of Germany. The story begins in the 1600s, with Herr Hans Grebenar, a church elder who is trained in law but who also has a passion and an eye for art. While serving as a prosecutor in the town of his birth, Grebenar discovers Herr Friedrich Bloch, a gifted painter. Despite his marvelous talent, Bloch can't steer clear of his vices. Grebenar bails Bloch out of his troubles numerous times and becomes his advocate.

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