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A collection of short stories, all previously published, but nevertheless worth a second look. They centre on the theme of friendship - and hatred, as in George Layton's 'The Mile' with its horrors of parental reaction to a bad report and the problems of facing up to the class bully only to find that revenge doesn't always taste sweet. Jan Mark's hilarious 'How Anthony Made a Friend' (pity about the three typos in this story) is the tale of an unlikely 'friendship' between the truly horrible Jenny and the equally obnoxious Anthony. The repartee between the two is superb: "Mummy said that you're only peculiar because you're lonely. We're going to be friends." "We'll hell as like," said Anthony, but quietly because his mother was opening the door.' Other treats include contributions from Chris Powling, Bernard Ashley and a vintage tale from Roald Dahl - 'The Hitchhiker'. The book is ideal for dipping into and it'll provide a taster to encourage readers to explore longer novels.

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