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Enjoy this exclusive graphic novel prequel to "Hemlock Grove" by Brian McGreevy.

## Hemlock Grove: Reflections On The Motive Power Of Fire Details

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# **From Reader Review Hemlock Grove: Reflections On The Motive Power Of Fire for online ebook**

## **Mehmet says**

This is treasure. And wonderfully creepy. I'm neither a fan of graphic novels nor ebooks but I had to indulge my itching curiosity and accept this ghoulish, thirty-page drive through JR Godfrey's point of view, a character that had made no appearance in the novel for being, well, dead.

Reflections on the Motive Power of Fire is, without question, a must-read prequel!

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## **Guinee says**

I think every author should have something like this - comic or at least few drawings for the story. It makes the story a special one for the reader.

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## **Hope (HopelessBookAddict) says**

I loved having a prequel and the fact that it was a graphic novel was cool. I just prefer books. Plus the show on Netflix did this prequel in season 2 so it was better on TV. Still, it was a cool addition to the series.

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## **Leni Krsová says**

It is a bit confusing at the beginning thanks to all the different years of different pages of the graphic novel but you can get used to it quite quickly. The end is just mind blowing! It's a great teaser for the "main" novel Hemlock Grove and I can't wait to read it.

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## **Meghan Hildreth says**

This quick-read provides a glimpse into the life of the Godfrey family prior to JR's death. The illustrations are unique, and the story is engaging. I found it online, here: <http://www.tor.com/stories/2012/03/re...>

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## **Mafalda Santos says**

5/5 stars

Such a good and powerful graphic novel! A must read for fans of the tv show or the book!

ps - yes, I am definitely obsessed with Hemlock Grove

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## Sylvester Kuo says

Sort of a rip off to the main series with a hideous artwork work, the story itself was OK but not exactly fun to read.

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## Jessica says

Damn. Is that not one hell of a long title for a 32 page ebook? Also, don't ask me what it means. I've read this, and I still couldn't tell ya. I should probably look it up.

This is a short graphic novel that acts as a prelude to the events in the book 'Hemlock Grove' by Brian McGreevy, and the tv show of the same name (which is rad af by the way, check that out on Netflix asap). I actually enjoy the tv show a lot more than I enjoyed the novel, and mainly just wanted to check this little novella out because Season 3 should be coming back soon, and I was starting to get itchy for Roman Godfrey (played by none other than Bill Skarsgård – do you need any more reason to check out this show than that?)

I can't really say much about this graphic novel, without first giving you some background on the novel that it's a prequel to. Hemlock Grove is the name of the town in this modern day paranormal, a kind of reinvention of classic gothic literature. Whether it actually achieves this vibe is debatable, but if you enjoy vampires and werewolves and a bit of gore then its still a decent read. The Godfrey's are one hell of a family, they pretty much own the town. The town itself is dominated by a huge skyscraper, the Godfrey institute, where a whole load of suspect scientific research is conducted by its bunch of weird doctors, led by the very alluring and mysterious Olivia Godfrey. The very gory murder of a local girl brings together Roman Godfrey, heir to the Godfrey estate after his father committed suicide, and Peter Romancek, a gypsy who has recently moved to the area with his mother, who kind of befriend each other and seek to get to the bottom of the murder. There's a whole lot more to it than that though. Of course the characters aren't as human as they initially seem, and the story is full of all kinds of sinfully, sexy, bloody goodness. At least, that's what I remember of the novel. Did I mention how much I love the show?

So, as I am a fan of this world and the characters in general, I enjoyed this graphic novella. It takes a look at the time where JR Godfrey builds his empire, meets the mysterious Olivia, has a couple strange children with her (Roman and his sister Shelley), and helps you visualize his inner thoughts and what leads him to eventually committing suicide. I really liked the artwork style – all black and white, naturally rough, unrefined, but detailed sketches – which is in keeping with the feel of this world and JR's instability. The dialogue also, was in keeping with the dialogue in the novel aswell. Although duh, it's written by the same person, so I can't see it straying too far.

I honestly think it was just the right length to be able to add to the backstory that I already knew the basics of, anything more plot wise would have just started to overlap with the events of Hemlock Grove. Although if there was a graphic novelisation of that whole book, hells yes, I would snap that up no question. I only gave it 4 stars though because it didn't really tell me anything new that hasn't been alluded to in the novel, it was just explored further, in a more visual way – obviously. I'd recommend it for fans of the show for sure, it should help tide you over for the series. If you're completely knew to this world though, read the book or

watch the show before snapping this up!

- Jess xo

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### **Liz Coburn says**

READ NOW FREE ONLINE: <http://www.tor.com/2012/03/29/read-an...> I searched online for this cuz i wanted to get it. I couldnt find it anywhere I looked, they dont even have it on amazon. I think thats because its an online only graphic novel (in black & white). It does give background to JR Godfrey and the high tower.

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### **Louisa says**

Really great short story, the show used a good few of the scenes from this book, after Olivia joins the family, not the pre-Olivia moments, but yeah, it was a great and creepy short story, loved it!

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### **Samantha Pedroza says**

I'm sorry for the use of foul language but this graphic novel was...FLUPPING AWESOME!

YES I CENSORED MYSELF DO NOT JUDGE.

I loved the book and the show and pray to the hemlock heavens that there is a continuation to all 3 for decades to come! I think you either love or hate this story and if you do choose a side you're probably very passionate about your choice. I am obsessed OBSESSED with any and all things hemlock! Ask me why and I couldn't fully say!

It's magical, mysterious, spooky, enticing, sexy and dare I say not overly cheesy like twilight or others that followed.

I'm a fan.

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### **Stina says**

While I enjoyed this, it didn't really tell me anything I didn't know, other than that Jr was aware of the affair before his passing.

Enjoyable if you are a fan looking for a quick fix to hold you over until the final season starts, but not anything groundbreaking.

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### **luiloth says**

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<https://www.tor.com/2012/03/29/read-a...>

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## **Hope Bartrom says**

Awesome

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## **Melissa says**

I heard about this from After Buzz TV's podcast of Hemlock Grove and I went right over to the website and read it. It was a great introduction to the series.

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