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“The Sniper”

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In the short story, “The Sniper”, A man is perched on the rooftop during the Irish Civil war of 1921 with nothing but his rifle, a revolver, and a flask of whiskey. He is perched there only to try and kill enemies. He sees an enemy car approaching, and lifts his rifle to fire. The sniper is hit! Will he survive to complete his mission, or will he fade into unconsciousness? Read his story in “The Sniper”.

The book “The Sniper” is very tense. You can see this during the part where the Sniper is pinned down by the enemy sniper. “Almost immediately a bullet flattened itself against the parapet on the roof. The sniper took another whiff and put out the cigarette. Then he swore softly and crawled of to the left.” This part of the story is tense because the sniper is suddenly put into danger and has to escape. The bullet that comes out of nowhere makes you wonder where it came from and makes you feel scared for the sniper because he is getting shot at by an unknown threat. Another part during the story that is tense is when the sniper needs to take out the enemy car but is pinned down by the enemy sniper. “The turret opened. A man’s head and shoulders appeared, looking towards the sniper. The sniper raised hi rifle and fired. The head fell heavy on the turret wall. The woman darted toward the end of the street. The sniper fired again. The woman whirled round and fell with a

shriek into the gutter. Suddenly from the opposite roof a shot rang out.” This part makes you scared for the sniper by making you not know if he got hit or not. The author wraps you in by building up to the gunfight by putting all the characters in position.

The short story “The Sniper” earns four out of five stars because it is an action packed, suspense filled story that wraps you in with **it’s** details and action. This story can be compared to “**t**he Most Dangerous Game” because they are both suspenseful action books. Both have hunters, even though they are hunting different things. In “the Most Dangerous Game”, **A** man is stranded on an island **and and** is being hunted. Even though the stories are on different ends of hunting, they are both great suspense stories. If you like action packed, suspenseful stories, I would recommend “The Sniper”.