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A good idea for an anthology --- fifteen sinister stories (most of them American in origin) each with a twist in the tail. The additional twist skilfully provided by the editor is that five of them are very short (Robert Kurosaka's **A Lot to Learn** is only the length of a sick joke) and four only about five pages. Tailor-made to entrap the reluctant. The longer stories are more traditional exercises in suspense, mystery and murder from Patricia Highsmith and Julian Symons --- to name but two. The twists are nicely varied --- some raise a smile, others a shudder and some of the stories invite involvement and speculation. **The Man who Could Turn Back the Clock**, for example, actually provides alternative endings. The whole has obvious potential for the English classroom. A pity the cover bears no relation to the content of any of the stories.

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