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SYNOPSIS

Peace & War is an anthology of stories addressing the complementary dualities that permeate human existence: passion and hatred; love and violence; madness and banality; anguish and pleasure; faith and helplessness; rebellion and powerlessness; despondency and happiness; and, of course, peace and war. More than probing the boundaries between these apparent dichotomies, the book explores how such dualities are mere fictions, since reality cannot be contained within a monochromatic perspective, and all opposites are inhabited by their antithesis. Thus, there is nothing so vile that it does not harbor something good, no virtue that cannot become vice, no common sense devoid of madness. This illusory opposition is the ink used to trace all the stories in this collection, which unfold across a variety of styles. Yet all stem from the same everyday Brazilian reality, observing how these supposed contradictions directly or indirectly permeate our daily lives.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Henrique Dottoly is the pseudonym of Henrique Moric Vilela Mariano, a writer since childhood and an educator holding degrees in Law and History. He published his first short story around the age of 13 and released his debut book, “Dois Dedos de Poesia para Abrir o Apetite”, in 2019. His writing is predominantly prose, yet occasionally the soul overflows too much to sustain long sentences, surrendering instead to the lyricism of poetry. Through various anthologies and collections, he has published numerous short stories and poems.

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