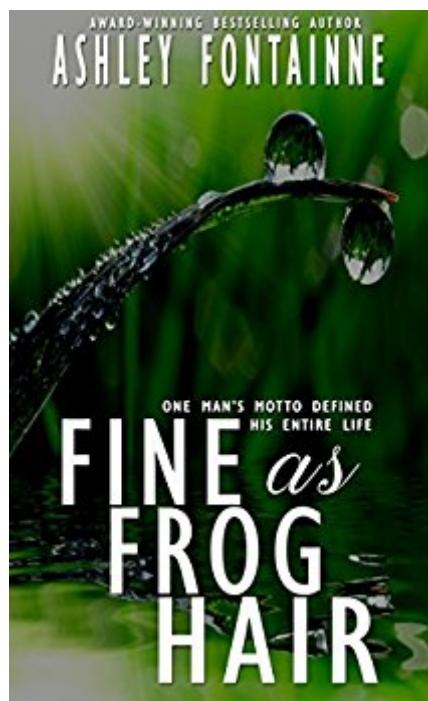


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# Fine As Frog Hair



## **Synopsis**

Can the past heal the future? Ninety-one-year-old Marvin Hermesch is determined to find out. After sneaking out of the retirement home on a hot and humid Sunday afternoon, Marvin embarks upon a journey. His memory is deteriorating fast, and he's having difficulty recalling the face of his deceased wife, Ruthie. As his short-term memory slips, it awakens memories buried deep from his younger days and vivid nightmares of his youth, including the horrors of World War II. Armed with an empty journal, some water, and his trusty old truck, Marvin heads to his childhood home in the backwoods of Grant County, Arkansas for one last journey; one final battle. Marvin fights to regain control of his mind and body by confronting the tragedies of the past in hopes of healing the future.

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"Fine as Frog Hair" by Ashley Fontainne once again reminds me of why I stop whatever I'm doing to read whatever it is she chooses to write. In this short story, Ashley's Southern roots shine through. And in the best tradition of Flannery O'Connor, Lee Smith or Pat Conroy, I was immediately caught

up in her characters and their stories. Ashley excels at writing people you immediately identify with, and can capture the essence of time and place in just a few words. If "Fine as Frog Hair" is any indication, I'd love to see her release a collection of short stories. It's an art form that is extremely hard to capture, but Ashley manages to do it just right.

If you love Mitch Albom, you'll love this book. A short story that feels like a full length novel that you cannot put down. You will laugh and cry and immediately become absorbed in the book. There's always a reason why someone does something, whether you view it to be good or bad, as you'll see in this book. This book goes straight to your heart and you feel every character and what they are going through. And if you're lucky, you'll come away with just a little more compassion in your heart. For a short story, this book will stay with me for a long time. Much like the books by Mitch Albom. Ashley is on par with the best writers for an indie author. Buy it. You won't be disappointed.

Although you cannot call a 30 page story a book, this is worth your time. The characters come alive within the few pages. Marvin's entire life story is explained in just these few pages. A peek at racism, poverty, war, the depression era, all there. A look at real life for many people of his era. You will even find an explanation for the expression "fine as frog hair". Highly recommend

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