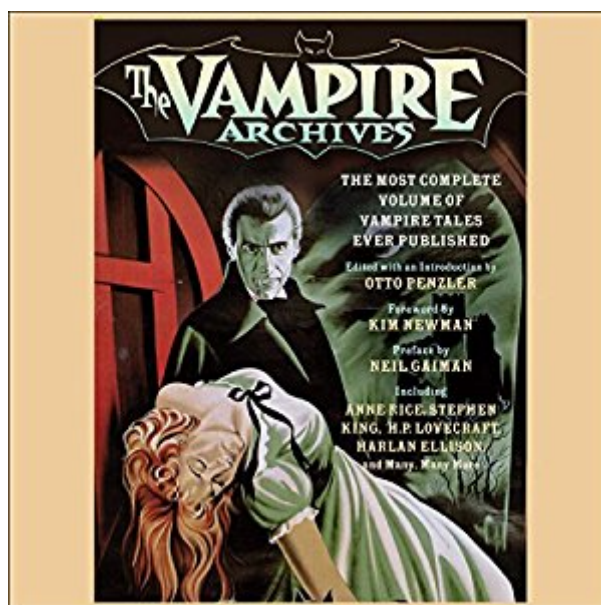


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The Vampire Archives: The Most Complete Volume Of Vampire Tales Ever Published



Synopsis

The Vampire Archives is the biggest, hungriest, undeadliest collection of vampire stories, as well as the most comprehensive bibliography of vampire fiction ever assembled. Dark, stormy, and delicious, once it sinks its teeth into you there's no escape. Vampires! Whether imagined by Bram Stoker or Anne Rice, they are part of the human lexicon and as old as blood itself. They are your neighbors, your friends, and they are always lurking. Now Otto Penzler-editor of the best-selling Black Lizard Big Book of Pulps-has compiled the darkest, the scariest, and by far the most evil collection of vampire stories ever, with over 80 stories, including the works of Stephen King and D. H. Lawrence, alongside Lord Byron and Tanith Lee, not to mention Edgar Allan Poe and Harlan Ellison. The Vampire Archives will drive a stake through the heart of any other collection out there. Other contributors include Arthur Conan Doyle, Ray Bradbury, Ambrose Bierce, H. P. Lovecraft, Harlan Ellison, Roger Zelazny, Robert Bloch, and Clive Barker. The complete list of narrators includes Peter Altschuler, Mark Bramhall, Scott Brick, Cassandra Campbell, Marc Cashman, Jonathan Cowley, Erik Davies, Mark Deakins, Robertson Dean, Susan Denaker, Susan Duerden, Harlan Ellison, Ryan Gessell, Stephen Hoye, Carrington MacDuffie, John H. Mayer, Paul Michael, Allyson Ryan, Robin Sachs, Fred Sanders, Rob Shapiro, Simon Vance, Bob Walter, and Steve West.

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Customer Reviews

I can't say with any degree of certainty that this is indeed "the most complete volume of vampire tales published" but at over 1000 pages and 80 plus stories it must come awfully close. It does

contain the most notable works for sure ('Carmilla', 'Dracula's Guest', 'Mrs. Amworth') but there are a few that are conspicuous in their absence ('The Vourdalak' by Tolstoy, 'The Unicorn Tapestry' by Suzy McKee Charnas or 'The Night Flier' by Stephen King). However, while many of the most anthologized tales are here there are many others I am not familiar with and seldom see in collections of this kind: M.R. James' 'Wailing Well', Charles Beaumont's 'Place of Meeting', or Roger Zelazny's 'Dayblood' just to name a mere few. The stories range over a wide spectrum of the vampire genre and you will find traditional Gothic horror tales, romantic vampires, humorous vampire stories as well as supposed 'true' vampire tales and even a few that stretch the definition of 'vampire' from the normal accepted sense of the word. As to be expected of an anthology of this size the quality of the stories vary (with personal taste playing a big role here) from undisputed classics to the just mediocre but you would be hard pressed to find an out and out clunker in the lot. For me, one of the biggest selling points is the extensive bibliography of vampire stories and novels that editor Otto Penzler has assembled: over 100 pages of material that may not be completely exhaustive but is certainly going to be of use to a lot of folks be they academics or just a casual reader who wants to know what else is out there in the way of vampire fiction. Bottom line: if you do not already own a good vampire anthology (and maybe even if you do) you would be hard pressed to find a better selection and range of vampiric short fiction than the one Penzler has assembled here. Plus, the inclusion of a massive bibliography makes this an irresistible inclusion in your vampire library.

Every fall, I revisit horror classics in film and in books and when I saw "The Vampire Archives", I just knew I had to have it. The contents are amazing in the breadth of vampire stories and at 1034 pages, this is one heavy tome. The biggest flaw in this publication is in the abysmal binding and paper quality. The paper is flimsy and as careful as I am with all my books, I don't see how this book is going to hold up over repeated use. The cover is flimsy too and as much as I love the cover art (reminds me of those classic Hammer horror flicks), I think the publishers could have done so much better. Perhaps in the future, this could be re-issued as a two volume edition in hardcover and with better quality paper. That would be ideal. OK, ranting aside, the contents are impressive. As some reviewers have noted, there are some significant omissions, notably John Polidori's "The Vampyre" (though it merits a mention in the bibliography at the back of the book). Here's a listing of all the stories contained in this tome:

Pre-Dracula
Good Lady Ducayne - M.E. Braddon
The Last Lords of Gardonal - William Gilbert
A Mystery of the Campagna - Anne Crawford
The Fate of Madame Cabanel - Eliza Lynn Linton
Let Loose - Mary Cholmondeley
The Vampire - Vasile Alecsandri
The

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 Carmilla - Sheridan Le Fanu
 The Tomb of Sarah - F.G. Loring
 Ligeia - Edgar Allan Poe
 The Old Portrait - Hume Nisbet
 The Vampire Maid - Hume Nisbet
 True Stories
 The Sad Story of a Vampire - Eric (Count) Stenbock
 A Case of Alleged Vampirism - Luigi Capuana
 An Authenticated Vampire Story - Franz Hartmann
 Graveyards, Castles, Churches, Ruins
 Revelations in Black - Carl Jacobi
 The Master of Rampling Gate - Anne Rice
 The Vampire of Kaldenstein - Frederick Cowles
 An Episode of Cathedral History - M.R. James
 Schloss Wappenburg - D. Scott-Moncrieff
 The Hound - H.P. Lovecraft
 Bite-Me-Not Or, Fleur De Fur - Tanith Lee
 The Horror At Chilton Castle - Joseph Payne Brennan
 The Singular Death of Morton - Algernon Blackwood
 The Death of Ilalotha - Clark Ashton Smith
 That's Poetic
 The Bride of Corint - Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
 The Giaour - Lord Byron
 La Belle Dame Sans Merci - John Keats
 Hard Times for Vampires
 Place of Meeting - Charles Beaumont
 Duty - Ed Gorman
 A Week in the Unlife - David J. Schow
 Classic Tales
 Four Wooden Stakes - Victor Roman
 The Room in the Tower - E.F. Benson
 Mrs. Amworth - E.F. Benson
 Doctor Porthos - Basil Copper
 For the Blood is the Life - F. Marion Crawford
 Count Magnus - M.R. James
 When it was Moonlight - Manly Wade Wellman
 The Drifting Snow - August Derleth
 Aylmer Vance and the Vampire - Alice and Claude Askew
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 The Stone Chamber - H.B. Marriott Watson
 The Vampire - Jan Neruda
 The End of the Story - Clark Ashton Smith
 Psychic Vampires
 The Lovely Lady - D.H. Lawrence
 The Parasite - Arthur Conan Doyle
 Lonely Women are the Vessels of Time - Harlan Ellison
 Something Feels Funny
 Blood - Fredric Brown
 Popsy - Stephen King
 The Werewolf and the Vampire - R. Chetwynd-Hayes
 Drink My Red Blood - Richard Matheson
 Dayblood - Roger Zelazny
 Love...Forever
 Replacements - Lisa Tuttle
 Princess of Darkness - Frederick Cowles
 The Silver Collar - Garry Kilworth
 The Old Man's Story - Walter Starkie
 Will - Vincent O'Sullivan
 Blood-Lust - Dion Fortune
 The Canal - Everil Worrell
 When Gretchen Was Human - Mary A. Turzillo
 The Story of Chugoro - Lafcadio Hearn
 They Gather
 The Men & Women of Rivendale - Steve Rasnic Tem
 Winter Flowers - Tanith Lee
 The Man Who Loved the Vampire Lady - Brian Stableford
 Midnight Mass - F. Paul Wilson
 Is That a Vampire?
 The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire - Arthur Conan Doyle
 A Dead Finger - Sabine Baring-Gould
 Wailing Well - M.R. James
 Human Remains - Clive Barker
 The Vampire - Sydney Horler
 Stragella - Hugh B. Cave
 Marsyas in Flanders - Vernon Lee
 The Horla - Guy de Maupassant
 The Girl With the Hungry Eyes - Fritz Leiber
 This is War
 The Living Dead - Robert Bloch
 Down Among the Dead Men - Gardner Dozois and Jack Dann
 Modern Masters
 Necros - Brian Lumley
 The Man Upstairs - Ray Bradbury
 Chastel - Manley Wade Wellman
 Dracula's Chair - Peter Tremayne
 Special - Richard Laymon
 Carrion Comfort - Dan Simmons
 The Sea Was Wet As Wet

Could Be - Gahan Wilson
The Vampire: A Bibliography - Daniel Seidler
Final verdict - If you're a diehard fan of vampire stories, then this is a must-have title for your reading pleasure.

The Vampire Archives nearly has every short vampire story but is missing a few significant titles. It does not have John Polidori's, "The Vampire," nor does it have Alexis Tolstoy's, "The Vampires." But it has a lot of very good titles and nice little bios of the authors and a bibliography big enough to choke the undead. Several people have noted that it is printed on cheap pulp paper but the price makes it worth buying. If you want what is probably the broadest and most complete vampire short story/novelette book you ought to get this book.

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The Vampire Lestat: The Vampire Chronicles, Book 2
The Vampire Next Door: True Story of the Vampire Rapist and Serial Killer
The Vampire Armand (Rice, Anne, Vampire Chronicles (New York, N.Y.)
Fairy Tales Coloring Book: Published in Sweden as "Sagolikt"
The Complete Fairy Tales of Brothers Grimm (Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm)
Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market 2017: The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published
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Writer's Market 2017: The Most Trusted Guide to Getting Published
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