

## A Guide To The Midnight Movies Library

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On our Files Pages, the first of which is at the link above, we have old radio shows, comic strips, and classic literature for the Horror and Sci Fi fan. Alphabetical lists of these items, by title, follow. On the Files Pages themselves, the items appear in the order posted. As far as we know all items are in the Public Domain.



### Broadcast Horror In Our Library

Among our broadcast files are 22 old-time radio horror dramas from the famous radio series "Lights Out!" These episodes are now featured on our Files Pages along with the Mercury Theater broadcast of "Dracula," starring Orson Welles. You can listen to or download them for free. For the most part, the dramas are twenty to thirty minutes long -- except for the most famous, "The Chicken Heart," which is only seven and a half minutes long. By the way, Boris Karloff stars in "The Dream" and "Cat Wife."

"Lights Out!" aired at midnight from 1934 to 1947. Its then notoriously scary dramas were written first by Willis Cooper, who conceived the show, and later by "Chicken Heart" author Arch Oboler. After its long successful tenure on radio, "Lights Out!" became a television show.

Lights Out Titles In Our Library:

Bathysphere

The Chicken Heart

The Coffin In Studio B

Come To The Bank

A Day At The Dentist's

The Devil's Due

The Dream

Fast One

Little Old Lady

The Little People

Meteor Man

Mr. Maggs

Murder Castle

Nobody Died

Oxychloride X

Profits Unlimited

Revolt Of The Worms

The Sea

Special to Hollywood

The State Executioner

Sub Basement

The Word

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Mercury Theater Episodes, written/ directed by/ starring Orson Welles:

Dracula

War Of The Worlds

(NOTE – Mercury Theater dramas are just under one hour in length.)

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The Price Of Fear Episodes, with Vincent Price:

This fantastic half-hour horror radio series aired by the BBC in the 70s, hosted by and starring Vincent Price, is quite simply the highest quality horror radio show ever done. Price narrates every story AND plays himself in the dramatizations -- the premise is that the stories are true, and that Price is recounting weird adventures he's actually experienced. The stories are eerie but plausible, and the writing and acting are both superb (as are the effects and music). The result is a little bit like the old Alfred Hitchcock TV show, a little bit like the Twilight Zone, but it's more believable than either of those. Price wanders repeatedly into bizarre circumstances like Angela Lansbury did in "Murder She Wrote," but he's an innocent bystander, not a detective.

An Eye For An Eye

Blind Man's Bluff

Cat's Cradle

Come As You Are

Family Album

Fish

Goody Two Shoes

Is Anybody There?

Lot 132

Meeting In Athens

The Ninth Removal

Not Wanted On This Voyage

Out Of The Mouths

Remains To Be Seen

Soul Music

Specialty Of The House

“Price Of Fear” episodes are around half an hour in length.

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Other Classic Horror & Sci Fi Radio:

Dead Of Night (with Art Carney, adaptation from the program “Escape”)

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde ( adaptation from the program “Weird Circle”)

Fall Of The House Of Usher (adaptation from “Escape”)

Flash Gordon (With Gale Gordon; complete serial, 26 episodes)

Frankenstein (adaptation from the program “Weird Circle”)

The House In Cypress Canyon (from “Suspense”)

An Occurrence At Owl Creek Bridge (starring Vincent Price, adaptation from “Suspense”)

Sorry, Wrong Number (starring Agnes Moorehead, from “Suspense”)

The Time Machine (adaptation from “Escape”)

The Thing On The Fourbleboard (from “Quiet Please”)

Thirsty Death (with Bela Lugosi & John Carradine, from the program “Mystery House”)

(NOTE: These programs are about half an hour in length.)

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### Horror Comic Strip Stories

Our library now also includes comic strip horror stories from various pre-Comics Code magazines including Adventures Into The Unknown; Beware Terror Tales; The Beyond; Dark Mysteries; Eerie; Forbidden Worlds; Marvel Tales, Ripley's Believe it Or Not; Strange Tales; This Magazine Is Haunted; and The Unseen..

### Horror Comic Story Titles:

Candles For The Undead

The Cursed Casket

Dead Man's Chest

Dial City Morgue

Don't Shrink Sam's Head

The Door

Dracula (Full Issue Of Eerie)

Flat Man

Gravedigger's Terror

It!

Kiss Of The Vampire

The Living Head

The Man Who Was A Tiger

My Coffin Is Crowded

Monsters Of The Deep

Pallbearers

The Pit And The Pendulum

A Playmate For Susan

Ready! Action! Camera!

Red Spider

Store At The Cemetery

Strange Room

Talisman Of The Evil Brood

Terror Tale

Vampire

Vampires Also Die

The Walking Cadaver

Wall Of Flesh

Welcome To My School

The Werewolf Tale To End All Werewolf Tales

The Zombie's Eyes

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All these library items are located, in the order posted, in our Files.

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SOURCE WEBSITES: Forbidden Crypts of Haunted Music; Horrors of It All; Mercury Theater Info; and OTR (Old Time Radio) Network.

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## **Classic Horror Fiction, Nonfiction & Poetry**

Midnight Movies is proud to unveil our virtual bookcase crammed with free ebooks! The original classic horror and science fiction films were mostly based on classic stories and novels. I've collected dozens of the best known ones and posted them as Portable Document Files on our Files pages; I've also included relevant works of poetry and nonfiction. You can read them here, or use the toolbar included in each file to download them. All works included here are in the public domain.

On the Files pages, stories appear in the order posted, so in some cases all of an author's works may not appear side by side. Here's an alphabetical list of the featured authors and titles of works by each. Many of these novels and stories have been made into films; which film is usually obvious from the title (with notable exceptions such as "Casting The Runes," by M.R. James, which was made into "Curse of The Demon," and "The Horla," by Guy de Maupassant, which was made into "Diary Of A Madman". Some, like J.S. LeFanu's "Carmilla," have even been made into several films with different titles -- "Blood And Roses," "The Vampire Lovers," "The Blood Spattered Bride," etc.)

Anonymous: Beowulf; Sweeney Todd -- Barber of Fleet Street

Sabine Baring-Gould: Glamr; The Book of Werewolves (nonfiction); The Leaden Ring

Ambrose Bierce: The Boarded Window; The Damn Thing; The Moonlit Road; An Occurrence At Owl Creek Bridge

Algernon Blackwood: The Wendigo; The Willows

Edgar Rice Burroughs: At The Earth's Core; The Land That Time Forgot

F. Marion Crawford: For The Blood Is The Life

Aleister Crowley: Poems (collection)

Guy de Maupassant: The Horla

George du Maurier: Trilby

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: The Hound Of The Baskervilles; The Lost World

W. F. Harvey: The Beast With Five Fingers

Lafcadio Hearn: Kwaidan

Clemence Housman: The Werewolf

Victor Hugo: The Hunchback Of Notre Dame

Washington Irving: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

W.W. Jacobs: The Monkey's Paw

Henry James: The Turn of The Screw

M.R. James: The Ash Tree; Casting The Runes; Count Magnus; Lost Hearts; Oh, Whistle And I'll Come To You, My Lad

Ruth Edna Kelley: The Book Of Hallowe'en (nonfiction)

Jessie Douglas Kerruish: The Undying Monster

Joseph Sheridan LeFanu: Carmilla; Green Tea

Gaston Leroux: The Phantom Of The Opera

H. P. Lovecraft:

At The Mountains of Madness; The Call Of Cthulu; The Colour Out Of Space; Dagon; Dreams In The Witch House; The Dunwich Horror; From Beyond; Fungi From Yuggoth (poetry); Herbert West, Reanimator; The Rats In The Walls; The Shadow Over Innsmouth; Supernatural Horror In Literature (essay); The Unnameable

Edgar Allan Poe:

The Black Cat; The Cask Of Amontillado; The Fall Of The House Of Usher; Hop Frog; Ligeia; The Masque Of The Red Death; Morella; The Murders In The Rue Morgue; The Pit And The Pendulum; Poems (collection); The Premature Burial; The Telltale Heart

John Polidori: The Vampyre

Thomas Preskett Press: Varney The Vampire

Tod Robbins: Spurs

Saki (H.H. Munro): The Cobweb; Gabriel-Ernest; Laura; The Open Window; Sredni Vashtar; The Soul Of Laploshka; The Wolves Of Cernogratz

Mary Shelley: Frankenstein

Robert Louis Stevenson: The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll And Mister Hyde; The Body Snatcher

Bram Stoker: Dracula; Dracula's Guest; The Jewel Of Seven Stars; The Judge's House; The Lady Of the Shroud; Lair Of The White Worm

Jules Verne: The Mysterious Island; 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea

H.G. Wells: The Crystal Egg; The Food Of The Gods; The Invisible Man; The Island Of Dr. Moreau; Pollock And The Porroh Man; The Time Machine; War Of The Worlds

Oscar Wilde: The Picture of Dorian Gray

Source Sites:

Blackmask Books; Erville; HorrorMasters.com; The H.P. Lovecraft Library; manybooks.net; Planet PDF, and Penn State Electronics Classics Series. They perform a great service by hosting these books free on the Internet.

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