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Horror June 2008

"How blessed are some people, whose lives have no fears, no dreads, to whom sleep is a blessing that comes nightly, and brings nothing but sweet dreams." ~ from Bram Stoker's Dracula

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- [Monster Librarian: A "site dedicated to all the books that are creepy, scary, and give us the willies."](#)
- [Necropsy: Excellent title lists and numerous, thought provoking reviews.](#)

New and Recently Released!

***Ravenous* - by Ray Garton**

Publisher: Leisure Books

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 4/1/2008

ISBN: 9780843958201

ISBN-10: 0843958200



Looking for something different in a werewolf novel? Author Ray Garton "reworks the werewolf myth to great effect" (*Publishers Weekly*) in *Ravenous*. A rapist is assaulting women in the small California town of Big Rock--even worse, he's a werewolf (lycanthropy is a sexually transmitted disease that he passes on to his victims) and he doesn't mind killing a few people either. Sheriff Arlin Hurley and his men discover that the havoc wreaked by these creatures is far worse than the legends; luckily, a werewolf hunter, Daniel Fargo, is also in town. If you like gory stories with lots of sex, check this one out.

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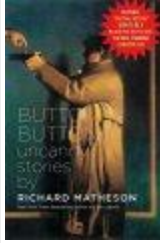
***Button, Button: Uncanny Stories* - by Richard Matheson**

Publisher: Tor

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 4/1/2008

ISBN: 9780765312570

ISBN-10: 0765312573



The thought-provoking horror tales in this new compilation of stories by the best-selling author of *I Am Legend* were originally published in the 1950s and 1960s--but they're just as relevant and entertaining today. In fact, the title story, "Button, Button," which inspired a memorable episode of *The Twilight Zone*, is currently being adapted for a film, *The Box*, starring Cameron Diaz and James Marsden. In that story, a couple receives a mysterious box that will give them \$50,000--and kill a stranger--each time they push a button. Would you push the button? Will they? *Publishers Weekly* says these stories "demonstrate why Stephen King has called Matheson his most significant influence."

***Infected: A Novel* - by Scott Sigler**

Publisher: Crown Publishers

[Check Library Catalog](#) Pub Date: 4/1/2008

ISBN: 9780307406101

ISBN-10: 0307406105



What are those strange welts appearing on ex-football player Perry Dawsey's body? They're blue and triangular...and a sure sign that he's been infected! Perry is the latest victim of a new disease that causes ordinary people to turn into paranoid murderers who hear imaginary voices, but the smart, bioengineered parasite causing the epidemic may have bigger plans for Perry... *Infected* has received lots of buzz and is this season's hot horror book (the author got a publishing deal after self-podcasting his books and there's already talk of a movie)--catch it while you can.

Focus on: Stoker Award Winners

The Bram Stoker Awards are given each year to honor "superior achievement" in horror writing. This year's awards were presented on March 30, 2008-- *The Missing* by Sarah Langan won for novel and *Heart-Shaped Box* by Joe Hill won for first novel. But why not read some older winners?

***The Silence of the Lambs* - by Thomas Harris**

Publisher: St. Martin's Press

[Check Library Catalog](#) Pub Date: 8/1/1988

ISBN: 9780312022822

ISBN-10: 0312022824



You've probably seen the 1991 *The Silence of the Lambs* movie starring Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins, but have you read the 1988 Stoker Award-winning book that the film was based on? Criminally insane psychiatrist--and imprisoned serial killer--Dr. Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter agrees to help FBI Academy trainee Clarice Starling track down a serial killer known only as Buffalo Bill--but only if

she provides information about herself. If you like complex characters and psychological suspense, you must read this chilling book, which many think is better than the Oscar-winning movie.

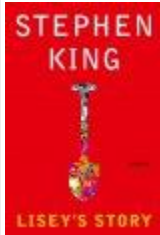
***Lisey's Story: A Novel* - by Stephen King**

Publisher: Scribner

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 10/24/2006

ISBN: 9780743289412

ISBN-10: 0743289412



Lisey's Story, winner of the 2006 Stoker Award, is a love/horror story from Stephen King, where one of the characters seems oddly familiar--well, except for the being dead part. Scott, an award-winning, bestselling horror writer from Maine (sound like someone you know?), has died. His grieving widow, Lisey, faces an office of unpublished works and miscellanea--as well as threatening people who want Scott's papers. To survive, Lisey looks to her life with Scott, to Scott's troubled childhood, and to the place he found ideas and inspiration: Boo'ya Moon, a world as dangerous as it is fruitful. *Kirkus Reviews* calls this meditation on love, fear, and creativity "one of King's finest works."

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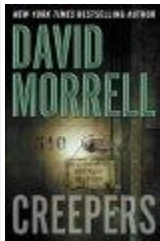
***Creepers: A Novel* - by David Morrell**

Publisher: CDS Books

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 9/30/2005

ISBN: 9781593152376

ISBN-10: 159315237X



Ever pass by an abandoned building and wonder what it would be like to wander through it? That's exactly what urban explorers ("creepers") do, armed with flashlights and caving gear. Sometimes it's a factory or a railway station, but reporter Frank Balenger joins a group one cold October night on the New Jersey shore to break into and explore a long-abandoned hotel built by a wealthy eccentric. They are unprepared for the danger, terror, and death awaiting them, for at least two of them have an agenda other than merely exploring, and one is not exactly who he says he is... David Morrell's "creepy" book won the Stoker Award in 2005.

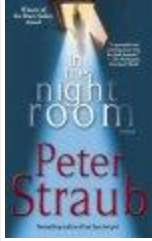
***In the Night Room: A Novel* - by Peter Straub**

Publisher: Ballantine Books

[Check Library Catalog](#) **Pub Date:** 3/28/2006

ISBN: 9780345491329

ISBN-10: 0345491327



Tim Underhill (Straub fans will recognize him from earlier books, such as *Koko*), a novelist and Vietnam vet, suddenly receives bizarre emails from dead people and sees his dead sister. Willy Patrick, an award-winning young-adult novelist whose husband and daughter were both murdered, is engaged, but discovers her fiancé, Mitchell Faber, isn't who she thinks he is. When Willy and Tim's lives intersect, the two realize that there is a strange tie that binds them together. While this 2004 Stoker winner is something of a sequel to Straub's award-winning *Lost Boy Lost Girl*, it can be enjoyed on its own by those interested in exploring the line between fantasy and reality.

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Featured J-Horror

***The Crimson Labyrinth* - by Yusuke Kishi ; translated by Masami Isetani and Camellia Nieh**

Publisher: Vertical

[Check Library Catalog](#) Pub Date: 10/31/2006

ISBN: 9781932234114

ISBN-10: 193223411X

Call Number: KISHI



Twelve strangers are kidnapped and spirited away to Australia where they discover they have been recruited into a savage reality show that makes *Survivor* look like an episode of *MTV Cribs*. Author Yusuke Kishi is a two time winner of the Japan Horror Association Award.

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