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What if there were a whole  
world of great horror fiction  
out there you didn't know  
anything about, written by  
authors in distant lands and in  
foreign languages, outstanding  
horror stories you had no  
access to, written in languages  
you couldn't read? For an avid

horror fan, what could be more horrifying than that? For this groundbreaking volume, the first of its kind, the editors of Valancourt Books have scoured the world, reading horror stories from dozens of countries in nearly twenty languages, to find some of the best contemporary international horror stories. The stories in this volume come from 19 countries on 5 continents and were originally written in 13 different languages. All 20 foreign language stories in this volume are appearing in English for the first time ever. The book includes stories by some of the world's preeminent horror authors, many of them not yet

known in the English-speaking world. Previously published as North American Lake Monsters. Monsterland is a new anthology TV series from Hulu based on Nathan Ballingrud's striking, bleak, and luminous debut collection, starring Kaitlyn Dever, Kelly Marie Tran, Jonathan Tucker, and Taylor Schilling, and more. Ballingrud's Shirley Jackson Award winning collection of gothic and uncanny stories investigates the loneliest and darkest corners of contemporary American life. Ballingrud's stories are love stories. They're also monster stories. Sometimes the monsters collected here are vampires or werewolves.

Sometimes they wear the faces of parents, lovers, brothers, ex-wives—or the faces we see in our mirrors. The people in these stories, ex-cons, single parents, unemployed laborers, kids seduced by extremism, are stranded by life, driven to desperate acts by love and a longing for connection. Sometimes they're ruined; sometimes redeemed. They are always recognizably, wonderfully, terrifyingly human, even at their most monstrous. During the last desperate days of the Vietnam War, American soldier Israel Broussard is assigned to a secret CIA PSYOP far behind enemy lines meant to drive terror into the heart of the

North Vietnamese and end an unwinnable war. When the mission goes sideways, Broussard is plunged into a nightmare that he soon finds he is unable to escape, dragging a remnant of that night in the Laotian wilderness with him no matter how far he runs. Five years later, too damaged to return home and holed up in the slums of Bangkok, where he battles sleep, guilt, and a creeping sense of madness, Broussard discovers that he must journey back to the jungles of Laos in an attempt to set things right and reclaim what is left of his life. A fever dream with a Benzedrine chaser, *I Am The River* provides a daring, often surreal

examination of the Vietnam War and the days after it, burrowing down past the bullets and battlefields to discover the lingering horror of warfare, the human consequences of organized violence, and the lasting effects of trauma on the psyche, and the soul. The stories are legendary, the characters unforgettable, the world horrible and disturbing. Howard Phillips Lovecraft may have been a writer for only a short time, but the creations he left behind after his death in 1937 have shaped modern horror more than any other author in the last two centuries: the shambling god Cthulhu, and the other deities

of the Elder Things, the Outer Gods, and the Great Old Ones, and Herbert West, Reanimator, a doctor who unlocked the secrets of life and death at a terrible cost. In *Lovecraft Unbound*, more than twenty of today's most prominent writers of literature and dark fantasy tell stories set in or inspired by the works of H. P. Lovecraft. There are such things as monsters, and you'll find many of them here. Be they bloodsucking fiends or shambling dead things, scuttling crawlies, or strange creatures with wings, they're here within these pages. And some of them, maybe the worst of them, they look like us. They're people. Probably

Monsters is a collection of 20 dark, disturbing stories by the award-winning Ray Cluley. You've been warned. Here be monsters. In his striking debut collection, Greener Pastures, Michael Wehunt shows why he is a powerful new voice in horror and weird fiction. From the round-robin, found-footage nightmare of "October Film Haunt: Under the House" to the jazz-soaked "The Devil Under the Maison Blue," selected for both The Year's Best Dark Fantasy & Horror and Year's Best Weird Fiction, these beautifully crafted, emotionally resonant stories speak of the unknown encroaching upon the familiar, the inscrutable power of grief

and desire, and the thinness between all our layers. Where nature rubs against small towns, in mountains and woods and bedrooms, here is strangeness seen through a poet's eye. They say there are always greener pastures. These stories consider the cost of that promise. Bestselling editor Ellen Datlow (Darkness, Lovecraft's Monsters) presents body horror at its most wide-ranging and shocking best. Discover twenty-nine intricate, twisted tales of the human body, soul, and psyche, as told by storytelling legends including Carmen Maria Machado, Richard Kadrey, Seanan McGuire, Caitlín R. Kiernan, Nathan Ballingrud,

Tananarive Due, Cassandra Khaw, Christopher Fowler, and many more. Where is the real Leeds? How does one get there? Is it floating on the air-words and music you can almost reach out and grab like wriggling worms of sound and ether? Is it in the carnival that seethes under the corrupted church, drawing the lost along shadowy corridors and through the strangely angled Funhouse doors to the place where the city fathers perform secret rites with the goat-headed masters of the dark? Do you seek the Real Leeds? Venture out to a secluded spot, turn on your radio, and spin that dial down to the murky low numbers, somewhere just

around 87.9... That music, that voice calling on the edge of static and distortion-it might lead you to that blasted and damned path toward the Real and Truest heart of Leeds, Massachusetts. This is WXXT. It's the witching hour, when shadows take wing and nightmares stalk. Turn your radio up. Point your antennas to the infinite sky. And stay tuned for Weather on the Sixes. WXXT. The bubbling blisters on the tongue of the Pioneer Valley. Celebrities take refuge in a white-walled mansion as plague and fever sweep into Cannes; a killer finds that the living dead have no appetite for him; a television presenter stumbles upon the chilling

connection between a forgotten animal act and the Whitechapel Murders; a nude man unexpectedly appears in the backgrounds of film after film; mysterious lights menace the crew of a small plane; a little girl awakens to discover her nightlight--and more--missing; two sisters hunt vampire dogs in the wild hills of Fiji; lovers get more than they bargained for in a decadent discotheque; a college professor holds a classroom mesmerized as he vivisects Poe's "The Masque of the Red Death"... What frightens us, what unnerves us? What causes that delicious shiver of fear to travel the lengths of our spines? It seems the answer changes every year.

Every year the bar is raised; the screw is tightened. Ellen Datlow knows what scares us; the seventeen stories included in this anthology were chosen from magazines, webzines, anthologies, literary journals, and single author collections to represent the best horror of the year. Legendary editor Ellen Datlow (Poe: New Tales Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe), winner of multiple Hugo, Bram Stoker, and World Fantasy awards, joins Night Shade Books in presenting The Best Horror of the Year, Volume Two. Playful, whimsical, or dark, but always thoughtful and tinged with the inexplicably weird, the Weird Dream Society brings together

twenty-three stories from the most innovative creators in speculative fiction. All in aid of the charity RAICES. Some dreams really can change the world. Unlucky thieves invade a house where Home Alone seems like a playground romp. An antique bookseller and a mob enforcer join forces to retrieve the Atlas of Hell. Postapocalyptic survivors cannot decide which is worse: demon women haunting the skies or maddened extremists patrolling the earth. In this chilling twenty-first-century companion to the cult classic *Darkness: Two Decades of Modern Horror*, Ellen Datlow again proves herself the most masterful editor of the genre.

She has mined the breadth and depth of ten years of terror, collecting superlative works of established masters and scene-stealing newcomers alike. A boy's 11th birthday heralds the arrival of a bizarre new entourage, a suicidal diva just can't seem to die and a washed-up wrestler goes up against a strange new foe. All of these weird marvels, and more, can be found at the Nightmare Carnival! Hugo and Bram Stoker award-winning editor Ellen Datlow presents a masterwork of terror featuring contributions from Terry Dowling, Joel Lane, Priya Sharma, Dennis Danvers and Nick Mamatas. As stated in her introduction to *Inferno*, Ellen

Datlow asked her favorite authors for stories that would "provide the reader with a frisson of shock, or a moment of dread so powerful it might cause the reader outright physical discomfort; or a sensation of fear so palpable that the reader feels compelled to turn on the bright lights and play music or seek the company of others to dispel the fear." Mission accomplished. Datlow has produced a collection filled with some of the most powerful voices in the field: Pat Cadigan, Terry Dowling, Jeffrey Ford, Christopher Fowler, Glen Hirshberg, K. W. Jeter, Joyce Carol Oates, and Lucius Shepard, to name a few. Each

author approaches fear in a different way, but all of the stories' characters toil within their own hell. An aptly titled anthology, *Inferno* will scare the pants off readers and further secure Ellen Datlow's standing as a preeminent editor of modern horror. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. The iconic anthology series of horror tales that's now a feature film! *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* is a timeless collection of chillingly scary tales and legends. Folklorist Alvin Schwartz offers up some of the most alarming tales of horror, dark revenge, and supernatural

events of all time. Available for the first time as an ebook, Stephen Gammell's artwork from the original *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* appears in all its spooky glory. Read if you dare! And don't miss *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark and Scary Stories 3!* A girl who eats dreams, a woman who chooses the apes, and a barbarian hero rendered as a collage. Datlow collects some of the best and most controversial of the stories from the webzines-- now in print for the first time. "Stretch[es] the boundaries of the genre...It's horrifying, but there's beauty." —The New York Times "One of the field's most accomplished short story

writers." —The Washington Post A gripping collection of six stories of terror—including the novella "The Visible Filth," the basis for the upcoming major motion picture—by Shirley Jackson Award-winning author Nathan Ballingrud, hailed as a major new voice by Jeff VanderMeer, Paul Tremblay, and Carmen Maria Machado—"one of the most heavyweight horror authors out there" (The Verge). In his first collection, *North American Lake Monsters*, Nathan Ballingrud carved out a distinctly singular place in American fiction with his "piercing and merciless" (Toronto Globe and Mail) portrayals of the monsters that

haunt our lives—both real and imagined: “What Nathan Ballingrud does in North American Lake Monsters is to reinvigorate the horror tradition” (Los Angeles Review of Books). Now, in *Wounds*, Ballingrud follows up with an even more confounding, strange, and utterly entrancing collection of six stories, including one new novella. From the eerie dread descending upon a New Orleans dive bartender after a cell phone is left behind in a rollicking bar fight in “The Visible Filth” to the search for the map of hell in “The Butcher’s Table,” Ballingrud’s beautifully crafted stories are riveting in their quietly

terrifying depictions of the murky line between the known and the unknown. Legendary genre editor Ellen Datlow brings together eighteen dark and terrifying original stories inspired by cinema and television. A BLUMHOUSE BOOKS HORROR ORIGINAL. From the secret reels of a notoriously cursed cinematic masterpiece to the debauched livestreams of modern movie junkies who will do anything for clicks, *Final Cuts* brings together new and terrifying stories inspired by the many screens we can't peel our eyes away from. Inspired by the rich golden age of the film and television industries as well as the new media present, this

new anthology reveals what evils hide behind the scenes and between the frames of our favorite medium. With original stories from a diverse list of some of the best-known names in horror, *Final Cuts* will haunt you long after the credits roll. NEW STORIES FROM: Josh Malerman, Chris Golden, Stephen Graham Jones, Garth Nix, Laird Barron, Kelley Armstrong, John Langan, Richard Kadrey, Paul Cornell, Lisa Morton, AC Wise, Dale Bailey, Jeffrey Ford, Cassandra Khaw, Nathan Ballingrud, Gemma Files, Usman T. Malik, and Brian Hodge. The essential collection of beloved ghost stories, compiled by the editor who helped define the



genre—including stories from award-winning, bestselling authors such as Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Hoffman, Seanan McGuire, and Paul Tremblay. Everyone loves a good ghost story, especially Ellen Datlow—the most lauded editor in short works of supernatural suspense and dark fantasy. The *Saga Anthology of Ghost Stories* is her definitive collection of ghost stories. These twenty-nine stories, including all new works from New York Times bestselling authors Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Hoffman, Seanan McGuire, and Paul Tremblay, span from the traditional to the eclectic, from the mainstream to the literary, from pure

fantasy to the bizarrely supernatural. Whether you're reading alone under the covers with a flashlight, or around a campfire with a circle of friends, there's something here to please—and spook—everyone. Contributors include: Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Hoffman, Vincent J. Masterson, A.C. Wise, M. Rickert, Seanan McGuire, Lee Thomas, Alison Littlewood, M.L. Siemienowicz, Richard Kadrey, Indrapramit Das, Richard Bowes, Nick Mamatas, Terry Dowling, Aliette de Bodard, Carole Johnstone, Dale Bailey, Stephen Graham Jones, Bracken MacLeod, Garth Nix, Brian Evenson, Jeffrey Ford, Gemma Files, Paul Tremblay,

Nathan Ballingrud, Pat Cadigan, John Langan. *Blackwater* is the saga of a small town, Perdido, Alabama, and Elinor Dammert, the stranger who arrives there under mysterious circumstances on Easter Sunday, 1919. On the surface, Elinor is gracious, charming, anxious to belong in Perdido, and eager to marry Oscar Caskey, the eldest son of Perdido's first family. But her beautiful exterior hides a shocking secret. Beneath the waters of the Perdido River, she turns into something terrifying, a creature whispered about in stories that have chilled the residents of Perdido for generations. Some

of those who observe her rituals in the river will never be seen again ... Originally published as a series of six volumes in 1983, *Blackwater* is the crowning achievement of Michael McDowell, author of the Southern Gothic classics *Cold Moon Over Babylon* and *The Elementals* and screenwriter of *Beetlejuice* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. This first-ever one-volume edition, with a new introduction by Shirley Jackson Award-winning author Nathan Ballingrud, marks *Blackwater*'s first appearance in print in three decades and will allow a new generation of readers to discover this modern horror classic. In this thrilling

collection of original stories some of today's hottest paranormal authors delight, thrill, and captivate readers with otherworldly tales of magic and mischief. In Jim Butcher's "Curses" Harry Dresden investigates how to lift a curse laid by the Fair Folk on the Chicago Cubs. In Patricia Briggs' "Fairy Gifts," a vampire is called home by magic to save the Fae who freed him from a dark curse. In Melissa Marr's "Guns for the Dead," the newly dead Frankie Lee seeks a job in the afterlife on the wrong side of the law. In Holly Black's "Noble Rot," a dying rock star discovers that the young woman who brings him food every day has some strange

appetites of her own. Featuring original stories from 20 authors, *Naked City*, edited by the award-winning Ellen Datlow, is a dark, captivating, fabulous and fantastical collection that's sure to have readers coming back for more. A stuffed bear's heart beats with the rhythm of a dead baby, Reno keeps receding to the east no matter how far you drive, and in a mine on another planet, the dust won't stop seeping in. In these stories, Evenson unsettles us with the everyday and the extraordinary—the terror of living with the knowledge of all we cannot know. Praise for Brian Evenson: "Brian Evenson is one of the treasures of

American story writing, a true successor both to the generation of Coover, Barthelme, Hawkes and Co., but also to Edgar Allan Poe."—Jonathan Lethem "One of the most provocative, inventive, and talented writers we have working today." The Believer "There is not a more intense, prolific, or apocalyptic writer of fiction in America than Brian Evenson." —George Saunders "Brian Evenson is one of the few who will still be read a hundred years from now: either by our grandchildren, or by the machines who have killed our grandchildren." —Hobart, "An interview with Brian Evenson" "Packed with enough atrocities

to give Thomas Harris pause. . . . Not many writers have the imagination or the audacity to transform what looks like salvation into an utterly original outpost of hell." —Bookforum "Evenson's writing is something to be read in short intervals, like a good tea that you want to savor to the last drop." —Twin Cities Geek Praised by Peter Straub for going "furthest out on the sheerest, least sheltered narrative precipice" Brian Evenson has been a finalist for the Edgar Award, the Shirley Jackson Award, and is the World Fantasy Award and the winner of the International Horror Guild Award, the American Library Association's

award for Best Horror Novel, and one of Time Out New York's top books. The year's most brutal, cinematic thrill ride is also one of its most critically acclaimed novels. Dazed and Confused meets 28 Days Later in this "wickedly entertaining," (Kirkus Reviews) "volcano of a book" (Nathan Ballingrud, author of Wounds) as a lonely young woman teams up with a group of fellow outcasts to survive the night in a town overcome by a science experiment gone wrong. A Best Book of the Month for Den of Geek, Omnivoracious, Mystery & Suspense, and Tor. A Goodreads' 2020 Readers Choice Nominee for Best Horror, and one of the Best

Books of 2020 for The Lineup, Booked, and Unsettling Reads. Turner Falls is a small tourist town nestled in the hills of central Oregon. When a terrifying outbreak rapidly develops, this idyllic town becomes the epicenter of an epidemic of violence. The Loop is a “wild and wonderfully scary novel” (Richard Chizmar, author of *Gwendy’s Magic Feather*) that offers a “hilarious and horrifying” (Brian Keene, author of *The Rising*) look at what one team of misfits can accomplish as they fight to live through the night. “[A] harrowing thrill ride of the first order and an uncompromising page-turner, easily securing its spot as one of the best novels

of 2020.” —Rue Morgue (featured “Dante’s Pick” Review) “Like the best of Crichton or Bentley, it is a great beach read, but it is infused with the neon blood of a brave new writer... [A] kind of literary roller coaster. It will take you to thrilling highs and terrifying lows...” —Los Angeles Review of Books “The Loop is the gore-soaked, anxiety-inducing, diabolically funny Richard Linklater/David Cronenberg mashup you never knew you wanted but can’t—or at least shouldn’t—live without.” —The Big Thrill “Unputdownable...Fans of *The Twilight Zone*, *The X-Files*, and *Stranger Things* will be especially thrilled.”

—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “A satisfyingly dark satire of, well, everything...[a] heart-pounding and deeply unsettling tale.” —Booklist “The Loop is a remarkably propulsive novel, cinematic in the best way, with perfectly tuned tension and excellent character choices...a headlong, straightforward pleasure.” —Locus “The Loop is the Cronenberg film we never got.” —Nathan Ballingrud, author of *North American Lake Monsters and Wounds 1931*, *New Galveston*, *Mars: Fourteen-year-old Anabelle Crisp sets off through the wastelands of the Strange to find Silas Mundt’s gang who have stolen her mother’s voice, destroyed her*

father, and left her solely with a need for vengeance. Since Anabelle's mother left for Earth to care for her own ailing mother, her days in New Galveston have been spent at school and her nights at her laconic father's diner with Watson, the family Kitchen Engine and dishwasher as her only companion. When the Silence came, and communication and shipments from Earth to its colonies on Mars stopped, life seemed stuck in foreboding stasis until the night Silas Mundt and his gang attacked. At once evoking the dreams of an America explored in Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles* and the harder realities of frontier life

in Charles Portis *True Grit*, Ballingrud's novel is haunting in its evocation of Anabelle's quest for revenge amidst a spent and angry world accompanied by a domestic Engine, a drunken space pilot, and the toughest woman on Mars. Nathan Ballingrud's stories have been adapted into the film *Wounds* and the Hulu series *Monsterland*, *The Strange* is his first novel. Through the work of twenty-six writers, emerging to award-winning, *The Humanity of Monsters* plumbs the depths of humane monsters, monstrous humans, and the interstices between. In stories by turns surreal, sublime, brutal, and haunting, there are no easy

answers to be found. Featuring Nathan Ballingrud, Laird Barron, Polenth Blake, Leah Bobet, Indrapramit Das, Berit Ellingsen, Gemma Files, Neil Gaiman, Maria Dahvana Headley, Kij Johnson, Joe R. Lansdale, Yoon Ha Lee, Rose Lemberg, Livia Llewellyn, Alex Dally MacFarlane, Meghan McCarron, Sunny Moraine, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, Chinelo Onwualu, Sofia Samatar, Rachel Swirsky, Sonya Taaffe, Catherynne M. Valente, Kaaron Warren, Peter Watts, and A.C. Wise. A finalist for the 2020 Colorado Book Awards, *Bird Parade* is a dark, coming of age story about two young boys and a gun. Set in rural Colorado, the story exposes a somber

world wherein notions of strength and maturity are deeply intertwined with the mystique of firearms and family legend. The young narrator's eagerness to grow up - to complete a rite of passage - compels him towards actions that ultimately shatter his innocence. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Beyond the Veil is the second volume in an annual, non-themed horror series of entirely original stories, showcasing the very best short fiction that the genre has to offer, and edited by Mark Morris. This new anthology contains 20 original horror stories, 16 of which have been commissioned from some of the top names in the

genre, and 4 of which have been selected from the 100s of stories sent to Flame Tree during a 2-week open submissions window. Contents List: THE GOD BAG by Christopher Golden CAKER'S MAN by Matthew Holness THE BEECHFIELD MIRACLES by Priya Sharma CLOCKWORK by Dan Coxon SOAPSTONE by Aliya Whiteley THE DARK BIT by Toby Litt PROVENANCE POND by Josh Malerman FOR ALL THE DEAD by Angeline B. Adams and Remco van Straten THE GIRL IN THE POOL by Bracken MacLeod NURSE VARDEN by Jeremy Dyson IF, THEN by Lisa L. Hannett AQUARIUM WARD by Karter Mycroft A MYSTERY FOR

JULIE CHU by Stephen Gallagher AWAY DAY by Lisa Tuttle POLAROID AND SEAWEED by Peter Harness DER GEISTERBAHNHOF by Lynda E. Rucker ARNIE'S ASHES by John Everson A BRIEF TOUR OF THE NIGHT by Nathan Ballingrud THE CARE AND FEEDING OF HOUSEHOLD GODS by Frank J. Oreto YELLOWBACK by Gemma Files FLAME TREE PRESS is the imprint of long-standing Independent Flame Tree Publishing, dedicated to full-length original fiction in the horror and suspense, science fiction & fantasy, and crime / mystery / thriller categories. The list brings together fantastic new authors

and the more established; the award winners, and exciting, original voices. Learn more about Flame Tree Press at [www.flametreepress.com](http://www.flametreepress.com) and connect on social media @FlameTreePress. A bone-chilling new anthology from legendary horror editor, Ellen Datlow, *Screams from the Dark* contains twenty-nine all-original tales about monsters. From werewolves and vampires, to demons and aliens, the monster is one of the most recognizable figures in horror. But what makes something, or someone, monstrous? Award-winning and up-and-coming authors like Richard Kadrey, Cassandra Khaw, Indrapramit Das, Priya

Sharma, and more attempt to answer this question. These all-new stories range from traditional to modern, from mainstream to literary, from familiar monsters to the unknown ... and unimaginable. This chilling collection has something to please—and terrify—everyone, so lock your doors, hide under your covers, and try not to scream. Contributors include: Ian Rogers, Fran Wilde, Gemma Files, Daryl Gregory, Priya Sharma, Brian Hodge, Joyce Carol Oates, Indrapramit Das, Siobhan Carroll, Richard Kadrey, Norman Partridge, Garry Kilworth, Caitlín R. Kiernan, Chikodili Emelumadu, Glen Hirshberg, A. C. Wise,

Stephen Graham Jones, Kaaron Warren, Livia Llewellyn, Carole Johnstone, Margo Lanagan, Joe R. Lansdale, Brian Evenson, Nathan Ballingrud, Cassandra Khaw, Laird Barron, Kristi DeMeester, Jeffrey Ford, and John Langan. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Imaginative fiction from Neil Gaiman, Karen Russell, Daniel H. Wilson, and more, selected by New York Times-bestselling author Joe Hill. Science fiction and fantasy enjoy a long literary tradition, stretching from Mary Shelley, H. G. Wells, and Jules Verne to Ray Bradbury, Ursula K. Le Guin, and William Gibson. In

The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy, 2015 award-winning editor John Joseph Adams and Joe Hill deliver a diverse and vibrant collection of stories published in the previous year. Featuring writers with deep science fiction and fantasy backgrounds, along with those who are infusing traditional fiction with speculative elements, these stories uphold a longstanding tradition in both genres—looking at the world and asking, What if? The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy, 2015 includes Kelly Link, Neil Gaiman, Karen Russell, T. C. Boyle, Sofia Samatar, Jo Walton, Cat Rambo, Daniel H. Wilson, Seanan

McGuire, Jess Row, and more. “The overall quality of the work is very high.”—Publishers Weekly The first bite is only the beginning. Twenty of today's favorite writers explore the intersections between the living, dead, and undead. Their vampire tales range from romantic to chilling to gleeful—and touch on nearly every emotion in between. Neil Gaiman's vampire-poet in "Bloody Sunrise" is brooding, remorseful, and lonely. Melissa Marr's vampires make a high-stakes game of possession and seduction in "Transition." And in "Why Light?" Tanith Lee's lovelorn vampires yearn most of all for the one thing they cannot have—daylight. Drawn

from folk traditions around the world, popular culture, and original interpretations, the vampires in this collection are enticingly diverse. But reader beware: The one thing they have in common is their desire for blood. . . . “Elegant and troublingly, wonderfully disturbing.” —Victor LaValle, award-winning author of *The Changeling* This gripping novella of terror by Shirley Jackson Award-winning author Nathan Ballingrud is the basis for the film *Wounds* starring Dakota Johnson, Armie Hammer, and Zazie Beetz! An eerie dread descends upon a New Orleans dive bartender after a cell phone is left behind in a rollicking bar fight in the



novella "The Visible Filth," which has been adapted for film by director Babak Anvari—premiering at the Sundance film festival!—and starring Armie Hammer, Dakota Johnson, and Zazie Beetz. *Wounds* will release on April 12th, 2019. Praise for Ursula K. Le Guin's short story collections: "It is the author's more serious work that displays her talents best. . . . [A] classy and valuable collection."—Publishers Weekly "A master of the craft."—Neil Gaiman *The Unreal and the Real* is a two-volume selection of Ursula K. Le Guin's best stories. It is a much-anticipated event and there is no doubt it will delight, amuse, and

provoke. *Where on Earth* explores Le Guin's satirical, risky, political, and experimental earthbound stories. Ursula K. Le Guin has received the PEN-Malamud and National Book Awards, among others. She lives in Portland, Oregon. From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Stolen Child* comes a hypnotic literary horror novel about a young boy trapped inside his own world, whose drawings blur the lines between fantasy and reality. Ever since he nearly drowned in the ocean three years earlier, ten-year-old Jack Peter Keenan has been deathly afraid to venture outdoors. Refusing to leave his home in a small

coastal town in Maine, Jack Peter spends his time drawing monsters. When those drawings take on a life of their own, no one is safe from the terror they inspire. His mother, Holly, begins to hear strange sounds in the night coming from the ocean, and she seeks answers from the local Catholic priest and his Japanese housekeeper, who fill her head with stories of shipwrecks and ghosts. His father, Tim, wanders the beach, frantically searching for a strange apparition running wild in the dunes. And the boy's only friend, Nick, becomes helplessly entangled in the eerie power of the drawings. While those around Jack Peter

are haunted by what they think they see, only he knows the truth behind the frightful occurrences as the outside world encroaches upon them all. In the tradition of *The Turn of the Screw*, Keith Donohue's *The Boy Who Drew Monsters* is a mesmerizing tale of psychological terror and imagination run wild, a perfectly creepy read for a dark night. Fifteen top voices in speculative fiction explore the intersection of fear and love in a haunting, at times hilarious, darkly imaginative volume. Predatory kraken that sing with — and for — their kin; band members and betrayed friends who happen to be demonic; harpies as likely to attract as

repel. Welcome to a world where humans live side by side with monsters, from vampires both nostalgic and bumbling to an eight-legged alien who makes tea. Here you'll find mercurial forms that burrow into warm fat, spectral boy toys, a Maori force of nature, a landform that claims lives, and an architect of hell on earth. Through these and a few monsters that defy categorization, some of today's top young-adult authors explore ambition and sacrifice, loneliness and rage, love requited and avenged, and the boundless potential for connection, even across extreme borders. With monstrous stories by M. T.

Anderson Paolo Bacigalupi  
Nathan Ballingrud Holly Black  
Sarah Rees Brennan Cassandra  
Clare Nalo Hopkinson Dylan  
Horrocks Nik Houser Alice Sola  
Kim Kathleen Jennings Joshua  
Lewis Kelly Link Patrick Ness  
G. Carl Purcell In this contemporary fantasy, the grieving biographer of a Victorian fantasist finds himself slipping inexorably into the supernatural world that consumed his subject. Failed father, failed husband, and failed scholar, Charles Hayden hopes to put his life back together with a new project: a biography of Caedmon Hollow, the long-dead author of a legendary Victorian children's book, *In the Night Wood*, and

forebear of his wife, Erin. Deep in mourning from the loss of their young daughter, they pack up their American lives, Erin gives up her legal practice, and the couple settles in Hollow's remote Yorkshire mansion. In the neighboring village, Charles meets a woman he might have loved, a child who could have been his own daughter, and the ghost of a self he hoped to bury. Erin, paralyzed by her grief, immerses herself in pills and painting images of a horned terror in the woods. In the primeval forest surrounding Caedmon Hollow's ancestral home, an ancient power is stirring, a long-forgotten king who haunts the Haydens'

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strive to find an escape.

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