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Horror legend Ray Russell's haunting and macabre stories, including "perhaps the finest example of the modern Gothic ever written" (Stephen King), with a foreword by acclaimed filmmaker Guillermo del Toro *Haunted Castles* is the definitive, complete collection of Ray Russell's masterful Gothic horror stories, including the famously terrifying novella trio of "Sardonicus," "Sanguinarius," and "Sagittarius." The characters that sprawl through *Haunted Castles* are frightful to the core: the heartless monster holding two lovers in limbo; the beautiful dame journeying down a damned road toward depravity (with the help of an evil gypsy); the man who must wear his fatal crimes on his face in the form of an awful smile. Engrossing, grotesque, and completely entrancing, Russell's Gothic tales are the best kind of dreadful. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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The *Twilight Zone Companion* is the complete show-by-show guide to one of television's greatest series. Zicree's well-written account is fascinating reading for even the casual fan. Coverage of each episode includes plot synopsis, Serling's opening narration, behind-the-scenes stories from the original artists who created the series, and a complete list of cast and credits. Illustrated with over 200 photos.

A lone human survivor in a world that is overrun by vampires, Robert Neville leads a desperate life in which he must barricade himself in his home every night and hunt down the starving undead by day. Reissue. 100,000 first printing. (A Warner Bros. film, releasing December 2007, directed by Francis Lawrence, starring Will Smith). (Horror)

Once again, the spine tingling sensibility of America's favorite fantasy tv show electrifies a collection of tales guaranteed to leave readers with that strange feeling of having been to a distant, but familiar place, a place like our world, but strangely, subtly different. Edited by Rod Serling's wife Carol Serling, this collection is the newest in a series begun with "The Twilight Zone: The Original Stories--" a series of story anthologies dedicated to capturing the unique Zone atmosphere on the printed page, which in many cases is where it began. "Return to the Twilight Zone" includes 19 stories by a wide range of today's best mystery, sci-fi and fantasy authors. Carol Serling has called on many of today's hottest writers--including Pamela Sargent, Robert Weinberg, Barry Longyear, Charles Grant, and Jack Dann--to create the kind of imagination-grabbing stories with that unique twist which is the special trademark of "The Twilight Zone." Here, for your careful consideration, are unforgettable new excursions into that mysterious dimension beyond our own.

Collects thirty fantasy and science fiction short stories which were the basis for episodes of the Twilight Zone television series.

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During the Battle of Britain, a British World War II fighter pilot, Gus, looks on the wing of his plane only to see a little man, no more than six inches tall, drilling a hole in the plane's wing, and becomes the first man to ever see Gremlin. \$20,000 ad/promo.

The definitive collection of terrifying stories by "one of the greatest writers of the 20th century" (Ray Bradbury), edited by award-winning author Victor LaValle Among the greats of 20th-century horror and fantasy, few names stand above Richard Matheson. Though known by many for novels like *I Am Legend* and his sixteen *Twilight Zone* episodes, Matheson truly shines in his chilling, masterful short stories. Since his first story appeared in 1950, virtually every major writer of science fiction, horror, and fantasy has fallen under his influence, including Stephen King, Neil Gaiman, Peter Straub, and Joe Hill, as well as filmmakers like Stephen Spielberg and J.J. Abrams. Matheson revolutionized horror by taking it out of Gothic castles and strange cosmos and setting it in the darkened streets and suburbs we recognize as our own. He infused tales of the fantastic and supernatural with dark explorations of human nature, delving deep into the universal dread of feeling alone and threatened in a dangerous world. The *Best of Richard Matheson* brings together his greatest hits as chosen by Victor LaValle, an expert on horror fiction and one of its brightest talents, marking the first major overview of Matheson's legendary career. "[Matheson is] the author who influenced me most as a writer." -Stephen King "Richard Matheson's ironic and iconic imagination created seminal science-fiction stories . . . For me, he is in the same category as Bradbury and Asimov." -Steven Spielberg "He was a giant, and YOU KNOW HIS STORIES, even if you think you don't." -Neil Gaiman For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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"Button, Button," Richard Matheson's chilling tale of greed and temptation, is now the basis of *The Box*, the new film from the director of *Donnie Darko*. In addition, this outstanding collection also contains many other unforgettable stories by Matheson, the award-winning author of *I Am Legend* and *What Dreams May Come*. "The inventive plots and spare but convincing portraits of ordinary men and women caught up in forces beyond their control demonstrate why Stephen King has called Matheson his most significant influence." --Publishers Weekly

In this charming romantic comedy perfect for fans of Meg Cabot and Sophie Kinsella, critically acclaimed author Teri Wilson shows us that sometimes being pushed out of your comfort zone leads you to the ultimate prize. Charlotte Gorman loves her job as an elementary school librarian, and is content to experience life through the pages of her books. Which couldn't be more opposite from her identical twin sister. Ginny, an Instagram-famous beauty pageant contestant, has been chasing a crown since she was

old enough to enunciate the words world peace, and she's not giving up until she gets the title of Miss American Treasure. And Ginny's refusing to do it alone this time. She drags Charlotte to the pageant as a good luck charm, but the winning plan quickly goes awry when Ginny has a terrible, face-altering allergic reaction the night before the pageant, and Charlotte suddenly finds herself in a switcheroo the twins haven't successfully pulled off in decades. Woefully unprepared for the glittery world of hair extensions, false eyelashes, and push-up bras, Charlotte is mortified at every unstable step in her sky-high stilettos. But as she discovers there's more to her fellow contestants than just wanting a sparkly crown, Charlotte realizes she has a whole new motivation for winning.

From live productions of the 1950s like *Requiem for a Heavyweight* to big budget mini-series like *Band of Brothers*, long-form television programs have been helmed by some of the most creative and accomplished names in directing. *Encyclopedia of Television Film Directors* brings attention to the directors of these productions, citing every director of stand alone long-form television programs: made for TV movies, movie-length pilots, mini-series, and feature-length anthology programs, as well as drama, comedy, and musical specials of more than 60 minutes. Each of the nearly 2,000 entries provides a brief career sketch of the director, his or her notable works, awards, and a filmography. Many entries also provide brief discussions of key shows, movies, and other productions. Appendixes include Emmy Awards, DGA Awards, and other accolades, as well as a list of anthology programs. A much-needed reference that celebrates these often-neglected artists, *Encyclopedia of Television Film Directors* is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the history of the medium.

Detective Inspector Jack Lennon of the Belfast Police has watched the developing cooperation between Northern Ireland's Loyalist gangs and immigrant Lithuanian criminals with unease. The Lithuanians traffic women from Eastern Europe and Asia for the Loyalists' brothels, and they're all making big money in spite of the recession that has stopped Northern Ireland's peace boom in its tracks. Lennon has a more intimate knowledge of the city's brothels than he'll ever admit, but the surge in trafficked girls makes him question his lifestyle, especially considering he has his daughter, Ellen, to care for now. When a Lithuanian trafficker turns up dead on Christmas Eve with a shard of glass embedded in his throat, Lennon's plans to spend the holiday with Ellen are put in jeopardy. The dead man was the younger brother of a ruthless Lithuanian crime boss, Arturas Strazdas, and the young Ukrainian woman who killed him has escaped her captors. Now Strazdas holds the Loyalists responsible and won't let up until everyone involved has paid. A bloody gang war erupts across the city. Meanwhile, somewhere in Belfast, Galya, the Ukrainian girl, is running for her life, alone and scared, clinging to the darkest corners as the frozen streets empty for the holiday. Galya's captors told her how the police deal with illegal immigrants, that she is a criminal in a foreign land, and the law will not help her. And now she is also a murderer. She cannot be discovered by anyone, not the cops, not the gang who held her prisoner. There is only one person she can go to: a man she met on her first day as a prostitute, a friend who gave her a crucifix and an address to run to if she ever got away. He'd saved four prostitutes before her, he's told her, and she can be his fifth. But when Galya arrives at the address, she finds something more evil than she had ever imagined.

What if every time you pushed a button you received \$50,000...but someone you didn't know died? Would you still push the button? How many times? "Button, Button", which inspired a memorable Twilight Zone episode, is just one of a dozen unforgettable tales in this new collection by Richard Matheson, the New York Times bestselling author of *I Am Legend* and *What Dreams May Come*. This volume contains a number of stories that were adapted for television, as well as a new introduction by Matheson himself. This collection of stories features "Button, Button," soon to be a major motion picture starring Cameron Diaz and James Marsden. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. The biggest, the boldest, the most comprehensive collection of Pulp writing ever assembled. Weighing in at over a thousand pages, containing over forty-seven stories and two novels, this book is big baby, bigger and more powerful than a freight train—a bullet couldn't pass through it. Here are the best stories and every major writer who ever appeared in celebrated Pulp magazines like *Black Mask*, *Dime Detective*, *Detective Fiction Weekly*, and more. These are the classic tales that created the genre and gave birth to hard-hitting detectives who smoke criminals like packs of cigarettes; sultry dames whose looks are as lethal as a dagger to the chest; and gin-soaked hideouts where conversations are just preludes to murder. This is crime fiction at its gritty best. Including:

- Three stories by Raymond Chandler, Cornell Woolrich, Erle Stanley Gardner, and Dashiell Hammett.
- Complete novels from Carroll John Daly, the man who invented the hard-boiled detective, and Fredrick Nebel, one of the masters of the form.
- A never before published Dashiell Hammett story.
- Every other major pulp writer of the time, including Paul Cain, Steve Fisher, James M. Cain, Horace McCoy, and many many more of whom you've probably never heard.
- Three deadly sections—The Crimefighters, The Villains, and Dames—with three unstoppable introductions by Harlan Coben, Harlan Ellison, and Laura Lippman

Featuring:

- Plenty of reasons for murder, all of them good.
- A kid so smart—he'll die of it.
- A soft-hearted loan shark's legman learning—the hard way—never to buy a strange blonde a hamburger.
- The uncanny "Moon Man" and his mad-money victims.

Remember that monster on the wing of the airplane? William Shatner saw it on *The Twilight Zone*, John Lithgow saw it in the movie—even Bart Simpson saw it. "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" is just one of many classic horror stories by Richard Matheson that have insinuated themselves into our collective imagination. Here are more than twenty of Matheson's most memorable tales of fear and paranoia, including: "Duel," the nail-biting tale of man versus machines that inspired Steven Spielberg's first film; "Prey," in which a terrified woman is stalked by a malevolent Tiki doll, as chillingly captured in yet another legendary TV moment; "Blood Son," a disturbing portrait of a strange little boy who dreams of being a vampire; "Dress of White Silk," a seductively sinister tale of evil and innocence. Personally selected by Richard Matheson, the bestselling author of *I Am Legend* and *What Dreams May Come*, these and many other stories, more than demonstrate why he is rightfully regarded as one of the finest and most influential horror writers of our generation.

In this suspense thriller by the author of *I Am Legend* and *Now You See It*, a man is on the run for his life after he's replaced by an impostor. Government mathematician Chris Barton lives a routine life—until, at the end of an ordinary workday, he finds his car missing from the employee parking lot. When he finally arrives home, there is a stranger living in his house—a man who claims to

be him. Thrust suddenly into a surreal world where the evidence of his senses cannot be trusted and strangers are trying to kill him, Chris must avoid violent assassins while following a trail of cryptic clues to regain his life... Praise for *7 Steps to Midnight* "Matheson is the master of paranoia—pitting a single man against unknown horrors and examining his every slow twist in the wind. *7 Steps* is a book to be devoured in one long swallow."—San Jose Mercury News "Richard Matheson is one of the great names in American terror fiction. *7 Steps to Midnight* commands attention.... The writing is fortunately up to Matheson's high standards. This is a novel that flies across the page."—The Philadelphia Inquirer Praise for Richard Matheson "The author who influenced me the most as a writer was Richard Matheson."—Stephen King "One of the greatest writers of the twentieth century."—Ray Bradbury An ordinary man, Tom Wallace suddenly finds himself the possessor of extraordinary psychic abilities that allow him to "hear" the private thoughts of the people around him, but the nightmare worsens when he becomes the recipient of a compelling message from beyond the barrier of death.

Collects horror stories such as "Third from the Sun," "Little Girl Lost," "Death Ship," and "Duel," which was the basis for the Spielberg film of the same name.

When twelve-year old Jack Garron runs away from home to find his father, a wayward minstrel whom he hasn't seen since birth, he'll discover how quickly the American dream can become a nightmare.

When Alexis's little sister Kasey becomes obsessed with an antique doll, Alexis thinks she is just being her usual weird self. Things get weirder, though, when their house starts changing. Doors open and close by themselves; water boils on the unlit stove; and an unplugged air conditioner blasts cold air. Kasey is changing, too. Her blue eyes go green, she starts using old-fashioned language, and she forgets chunks of time.

Monsters are more than things that go bump in the night... Monsters are lurking in the woods, beneath the waves, and within our favorite books, films, and games--and there are good reasons why they appear so often. Monsters are manifestations of our fears and symbols of our society--not to mention they're a lot of fun--but each should serve a purpose and enhance the themes and tension in your fiction. In *Writing Monsters*, best-selling author Philip Athans uses classic examples from books, films, and the world around us to explore what makes monsters memorable--and terrifying. You'll learn what monsters can (and should) represent in your story and how to create monsters from the ground up. *Writing Monsters* includes:

- In-depth discussions of where monsters come from, what they symbolize, and how to best portray them in fiction
- Informative overviews of famous monsters, archetypes, and legendary creatures
- A Monster Creation Form to help you create your monster from scratch
- An annotated version of H.P. Lovecraft's chilling story "The Unnamable"

Whether you write fantasy, science fiction, or horror, your vampires, ghouls, aliens, and trolls need to be both compelling and meaningful. With *Writing Monsters*, you can craft creatures that will wreak havoc in your stories and haunt your readers' imaginations--and nightmares.

The legendary novel of science-fiction horror: "The author who influenced me the most as a writer was Richard Matheson" (Stephen King). After he is exposed to a radioactive cloud, Scott Carey finds himself shrinking, slowly, day-by-day, inch-by-inch.

Scott once had a normal, everyday existence as a husband and father, but as time passes, he becomes a national spectacle, something worthy of newspaper headlines. As Carey shrinks, smaller and smaller, his family become giants, more and more unreachable, and even the family cat becomes a predatory menace. In this world of disproportion, increasingly perilous with each passing day, Scott struggles to survive—and is pushed to the very limits of fear and existence . . . Adapted into the Hugo Award-winning film *The Incredible Shrinking Man*, this is a classic by the author of *I Am Legend* and other renowned works—a master of imagination whom Ray Bradbury called “one of the most important writers of the twentieth century.” “A classic of suspense as poignant as it is frightening—a mix that only Richard Matheson could pull off.” —Dean Koontz

An original anthology celebrating Rod Serling's landmark television series *When it first aired in 1959, The Twilight Zone* was nothing less than groundbreaking television. Freed from much of the censors' strict oversight because of the show's classification as "science fiction," the 156 filmed episodes explored powerful and moving human themes—love, hate, pride, jealousy, terror—in their own unique style. The show has since inspired two revivals, as well as fiction, comic books, and magazines, and even a pinball game and theme park rides. Just as important, it sparked the imaginations of countless writers, filmmakers, and fans around the world, and is considered a seminal show for broadening the horizons of television. This anthology will be an all-new collection of stories written in the vein of the original television show. Edited and featured and introduction by Carol Serling, the anthology will include brand new stories by science fiction and fantasy luminaries such as Whitley Strieber, Loren D. Estleman, Joe Lansdale, R. L. Stine, Timothy Zahn, and Peter S. Beagle, as well as writers from the original series, Earl Hammer and Harlan Ellison®, all in honor of Rod's incredible vision. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

In 1944, long before he wrote such classic novels as *I Am Legend* and *What Dreams May Come*, author Richard Matheson served as an eighteen-year-old replacement in the 87th Division during the latter part of the war in Europe. His tour of duty there inspired this acclaimed novel, *The Beardless Warriors*, about a group of equally young and inexperienced soldiers thrown into the fury of combat. The Beardless Warriors are a squad of teenage U.S. infantrymen fighting their way across Germany during the final weeks of the war. Under fire and in over their heads, the fresh-faced young men must grow up fast if they ever hope to see home again. Everett Hackermeyer is the latest soldier to join the squad, "Hack," a troubled youth from a hellish family background, faces a new kind of inferno on the front lines, only to discover hidden reserves he never knew he possessed. Ironically, he doesn't come to value his own life until he runs the very real chance of losing it. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

When Richard Collier, a dying screenwriter, becomes infatuated with Elise McKenna, a celebrated actress at the turn of the century, his love proves strong enough to bring him through time to her side.

An essential collection of rare tales of terror from the multi-award-winning *Twilight Zone* scripter and *I Am Legend* author—only available in ebook format. A researcher encounters an exotic new strain of “Backteria” that causes the infected person to vanish—leading the doctor on a path of discovery deep into a past he should have left buried. A simple “Haircut” that starts off as a routine trim becomes a dark and terrifying experience when a barber is confronted with a sick customer who seems otherworldly. A case of mistaken identity leads to a darkly farcical

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story of marriage, murder, and a love that knows no bounds in "Getting Together." Backteria & Other Improbable Tales gathers these and sixteen more uncanny short stories from master storyteller Richard Matheson, "one of the great names in American terror fiction" (The Philadelphia Inquirer). Stories include: "Backteria", "He Wanted to Live", "Life Size", "Man with a Club", "Professor Fritz and the Runaway House", "Purge Among Peanuts", "The Prisoner", "The Last Blah in the ETC", "Counterfeit Bills", "1984 ½", "Pride", "Now Die In It", "Leo Rising", "Where There's a Will" (written with Richard Christian Matheson), "Getting Together", "Person to Person", "CU: Mannix", "Haircut", "An Element Never Forgets" "The author who influenced me the most as a writer was Richard Matheson." —Stephen King "Perhaps no other living author is as responsible for chilling a generation with tantalizing nightmare visions." —The New York Times "Matheson's a writer who just has the special knack, the deft skill to imagine terrifying scenarios on any scale, large and small, and give them chilling possibility." —Los Angeles Times

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Scott Carey, once an ordinary husband and father, finds himself shrinking away as he enters a microscopic world, where he is forced into a perilous confrontation with the limits of fear and existence. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

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The barren plains of mars held a secret, a yellow metal waiting to be found.

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