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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**

This is the best vampire anthology I have ever encountered. When it first came out in 2009 I got the paperback edition (no hardback ever offered, I think). Later I also got the Audible edition, although I

have not listened to that in its entirety (appears to be excellent, as well). The paperback unfortunately uses a small font and very poor paper quality. Why, after all these years, has the editor (the great Otto Penzler) and the publisher (Vintage Crime/Black Lizard) not sought to offer this anthology in Kindle/ebook format? This is a massive volume, which again uses a small font and poor paper, and if there was ever a book that would be great to carry around on my Kindle, this is it. Vintage Crime/Black Lizard has offered other huge anthologies similar to this one, in the thriller/detective genre, etc., in Kindle form -- why not this one?

This anthology is great. There are stories by any number of authors from the past through to today. Love them all.

Some old stories and some new that I had never see before. Enjoyable on a quiet rainy afternoon.

Got it for the bulk and range of stories and was not disappointed.

I bought this in audio and enjoyed it so much, I had to have it in hard copy. There are so many unique variations on an ancient theme that it is bound to engross you and teach you even if you think you know most everything about them. There are stories in here that hold you and keep you thinking about them long after they are read. Well worth it for both the audio and the hard copy.

The book drags on a bit- but there are some good short stories in here. I liked the ones set in the 17th and 18th centuries. If you like the older stories- this book is worth it.

This Vampire book is huge (which is great). My only complaint is the choice of paper the publishers used. The cover as well as the actual pages feel like ultra thin rice paper. (Think phone book quality) I have no problem with it being a paper back, but a book this thick could've (and needed) a thicker paper for the cover as well as some better quality paper inside.

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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