



Open graves, open minds : Representations of vampires and the Undead from the Enlightenment to the present day

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This collection of interconnected essays relates the Undead in literature, art and other media to questions concerning gender, race, genre, technology, consumption and social change. A coherent narrative follows Enlightenment studies of the vampire's origins in folklore and folk panics, the sources of vampire fiction, through Romantic incarnations in Byron and Polidori to Le Fanu's *Carmilla*. Further essays discuss the Undead in the context of *Dracula*, fin-de-siècle decadence, Nazi Germany and early cinematic treatments. The rise of the sympathetic vampire is charted from Coppola's film, *Bram Stoker's Dracula*.

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