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Now known worldwide for his horror creations in best-selling books and popular film adaptations, Stephen King spent years in obscurity trying to find his voice and his audience. For much of his career he chose to remain in the small-town Maine of his youth, far from glittering publishing and film centers, yet few American writers can now equal his hold on audiences worldwide. This biography traces King's evolution from would-be pulp magazine writer to master of his craft, whose work both epitomizes and transcends the horror genre. This analysis of the work of Stephen King explores the distinctly American fears and foibles that King has celebrated, condemned, and generally examined in the course of his wildly successful career. * Presents separate chapters on major works of Stephen King, including *The Shining*, *The Stand*, *It*, *Dolores Claiborne*, and *The Dark Tower* * Includes a chronology of Stephen King's life and 40-year career * Offers a concluding interview with Stephen King The Maine writer, as many call him, was predestined to become the best horror writer in history. His literary career proves it. In spite of having to endure hundreds of rejections for his first stories and novels, destiny was written: the nail that held the rejection letters finally fell to the floor. Stephen King began writing at the early age of eight, and would publish his beginnings in his first stories. The kids at school read his stories. It was not easy to publish *Carrie*, the novel that launched his career. Previously, he lived on many different jobs, and the checks he charged for his stories. Death and fear were always by his side before he dug graves in the local cemetery in his teenage years, as his first paid job. His tenacity and constancy made him be recognized as the "King", tribute to his lastname. Here, you will discover his beginnings: since his great grandparents, grandparents, parents, poverty, his father's manuscript box, his first stories, his time in high school he doesn't want to remember, college, his first novels, his job as an english teacher, his alter ego, his problems... and finally his success among the masses. This is a study of his first stage, Stephen King's finest, the one that left an impact on us and the reason why we call him the king of horror. One day his finger randomly fell on a United States map, in Colorado, on Hotel Stanley. He followed the destiny he was meant to follow. Can you guess what story it is? Uncover the theories behind the Master of Horror's macabre tales: *It*, *The Shining*, *Carrie*, *Cujo*, *Misery*, *Pet Semetary*, and so much more! Gothic media moguls Meg Hafdahl and Kelly Florence, authors of *The Science of Monsters* and *The Science of Women in Horror*, and co-hosts of the *Horror Rewind* podcast called "the best horror film podcast out there" by Film Daddy, present a guide to the Stephen King stories and characters we all know and love. Through interviews, literary and film analysis, and bone-chilling discoveries, *The Science of Stephen King* delves into the uniquely horrific Stephen King universe to uncover the science behind the legendary novels that have become an integral part of modern pop culture, answering such questions as: What is the science behind time travel and parallel universes like in *The Dark Tower* series and *11/22/63*? How does lack of sleep affect the human body like in *Insomnia*? Is it possible for horrific creatures to exist like in *Nightshift*? What is the science behind curses and legends like in *Dreamcatcher* and *Thinner*? Join Kelly and Meg as they learn if we all really do float down here! Offers brief biographies, annotated listings of each author's works, and suggestions for additional reading *Satanskinderen* van Stephen King is een huiveringwekkende verzameling korte verhalen waarvan er maar liefst zes verfilmd zijn, zoals *The Mangler*, *Children of the Corn* en *The Lawnmower Man*. King is een meester in het transformeren van doodgewone dingen naar ijzingwekkende voorwerpen uit je ergste nachtmerries. De situaties zijn vertrouwd: een school, een maïsveld, een wasserij, een wegrestaurant, een fabriek. Maar niets is wat het lijkt en als het uur van de nacht gunstig is en de kracht van het duister sterk is en de slachtoffers niet goed genoeg opletten, kan elke plek dienen als grond voor de duivel... Stephen King (1947) heeft meer dan tweehonderd verhalen op zijn naam staan, waaronder vijftig thriller- en fantasy-titels, alle wereldwijde bestsellers. Zijn recentste boeken zijn *Gevangen*, *22-11-1963*, *Joyland*, *Dr. Sleep*, *Mr. Mercedes*, *De eerlijke vinder* en *De bazaar van boze dromen*. Onlangs ontving King de National Medal of Arts, de hoogste Amerikaanse onderscheiding voor kunstenaars. 'Satanskinderen is Stephen Kings eerste verhalenbundel, waarin de basis ligt voor enkele van zijn grootste werken.' *The Guardian* 'Een zenuwlopende verzameling verhalen.' *Libris* *From 1976 to the present day*, there have been over 45 films adapted from the spine-tingling works of Stephen King. In *Stephen King on the Big Screen*, Mark Browning addresses the question of why some of the film adaptations of the world's best-selling author are much more successful than others. By focussing on the theoretical aspect of genre, Browning brings an original approach to familiar films and suggests new ways of viewing them. Although often associated with the macabre, King's stories form the basis for dozens of narratives, which are clearly not horror from *Stand By Me* to *Hearts in Atlantis*. How are *The Green Mile* and *The Shawshank Redemption* successful as prison movies? How do *Cujo* and *The Shining* work as family dramas? Are *Dreamcatcher* and *Christine* merely updated 1950s B-movies? The book is the first written by a film specialist to consider every Stephen King film given a theatrical release, including work by Stanley Kubrick, David Cronenberg and George A. Romero and the first to consider in detail films like *Creepshow*, *Sleepwalkers* and *1408*. The style, whilst critically rigorous, is designed to be accessible to discerning readers of King and fans of films based on his work. In a thoughtful, well-informed study exploring fiction from throughout Stephen King's immense oeuvre, Heidi Strengell shows how this popular writer enriches his unique brand of horror by building on the traditions of his literary heritage. Tapping into the wellsprings of the gothic to reveal contemporary phobias, King invokes the abnormal and repressed sexuality of the vampire, the hubris of *Frankenstein*, the split identity of the werewolf, the domestic melodrama of the ghost tale. Drawing on myths and fairy tales, he creates characters who, like the heroic Roland the Gunslinger and the villainous Randall Flagg, may either reinforce or subvert the reader's childlike faith in society. And in the manner of the naturalist tradition, he reinforces a tension between the free will of the individual and the daunting hand of fate. Ultimately, Strengell shows how King shatters our illusions of safety and control: "King places his decent and basically good characters at the mercy of indifferent forces, survival depending on their moral strength and the responsibility they may take for their fellow men." The myriad worlds and universes King has created are, in reality, one world, one universe. Here is the guide to that universe. *The Complete Stephen King Universe* is the only definitive reference work that examines all of Stephen King's novels, short stories, motion pictures, miniseries, and teleplays, and deciphers the threads that exist in all of his work. This ultimate resource includes in-depth story analyses, character breakdowns, little-known facts, and startling revelations on how the plots, themes, characters, and conflicts intertwine. After discovering *The Complete Stephen King Universe*, you will never read Stephen King the same way again. Since the 1970s, the name Stephen King has been synonymous with horror. His vast number of books has spawned a similar number of feature films and TV shows, and together they offer a rich opportunity to consider how one writer's work has been adapted over a long period within a single genre and across a variety of media—and what that can tell us about King, about adaptation, and about film and TV horror. Starting from the premise that King has transcended ideas of authorship to become his own literary, cinematic, and television brand, *Screening Stephen King* explores the impact and legacy of over forty years of King film and television adaptations. Simon Brown first examines the reasons for King's literary success and then, starting with Brian De Palma's *Carrie*, explores how King's themes and style have been adapted for the big and small screens. He looks at mainstream multiplex horror adaptations from *Cujo* to *Cell*, low-budget DVD horror films such as *The Mangler* and *Children of the Corn* franchises, non-horror films, including *Stand by Me* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, and TV works from *Salem's Lot* to *Under the Dome*. Through this discussion, Brown identifies what a Stephen King film or series is or has been, how these works have influenced film and TV horror, and what these influences reveal about the shifting preoccupations and industrial contexts of the post-1960s horror genre in film and TV. A study of King's fiction, including a chapter on criticism and a chronology of King's works. The first and best compendium of facts weirder than fiction, of intriguing information and must-talk-about trivia has spawned many imitators - but none as addictive or successful. For nearly three decades the editors have been researching curious facts, unusual statistics and the incredible stories behind them. Now the most entertaining and informative of these have been brought together in a long-awaited, thoroughly up-to-date new edition. "Simply put, there is absolutely nothing on the market with the range of ambition of this strikingly eclectic collection of essays. Not only is it impossible to imagine a more comprehensive view of the subject, most readers - even specialists in the subject - will find that there are elements of the Gothic genre here of which they were previously unaware." - Barry Forshaw, Author of *British Gothic Cinema and Sex and Film* *The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Gothic* is the most comprehensive compendium of analytic essays on the modern Gothic now available, covering the vast and highly significant period from 1918 to 2019. The Gothic sensibility, over 200 years old, embraces its dark past whilst anticipating the future. From demons and monsters to post-apocalyptic fears and ecological fantasies, Gothic is thriving as never before in the arts and in popular culture. This volume is made up of 62 comprehensive chapters with notes and extended bibliographies contributed by scholars from around the world. The chapters are written not only for those engaged in academic research but also to be accessible to students and dedicated followers of the genre. Each chapter is packed with analysis of the Gothic in both theory and practice, as the genre has mutated and spread over the last hundred years. Starting in 1918 with the impact of film on the genre's development, and moving through its many and varied international incarnations, each chapter chronicles the history of the gothic milieu from the movies to gaming platforms and internet memes, television and theatre. The volume also looks at how Gothic intersects with fashion, music and popular culture: a multi-layered, multi-ethnic, even a trans-gendered experience as we move into the twenty first century. De eerste volledige biografie van Stephen King, een van de populairste schrijvers ter wereld. De eerste volledige biografie van Stephen King, een van de populairste schrijvers ter wereld. Nu in een geactualiseerde editie waarin het huidige succes van King met de Mercedes-trilogie, *It* en zijn invloed op bijvoorbeeld het succesvolle *Stranger Things* is meegenomen. De verhalen van King maken inmiddels deel uit van onze populaire

cultuur, maar wie is de man achter deze verhalen vol horror, verdriet en het bovennatuurlijke? In deze biografie onthult Lisa Rogak de getroebleerde jonge jaren en de levenslange angsten die als inspiratie dienen voor een van de invloedrijkste schrijvers van de afgelopen 50 jaar. Stephen King boekstaft Kings verhaal, en toont de man achter de schrijver van zoveel onvergetelijke personages en verhalen. In this revised and expanded edition of "The Stephen King Phenomenon," Dr. Michael R. Collings re-examines the impact of Stephen King on popular culture. Stephen King's first collection of short stories, originally published in 1978, showcases the darkest depths of his brilliant imagination and will "chill the cocksles of many a heart" (Chicago Tribune). Night Shift is the inspiration for over a dozen acclaimed horror movies and television series, including Children of the Corn, Chapelwaite, and Lawnmower Man. Here we see mutated rats gone bad ("Graveyard Shift"); a cataclysmic virus that threatens humanity ("Night Surf," the basis for The Stand); a possessed, evil lawnmower ("The Lawnmower Man"); unsettling children from the heartland ("Children of the Corn"); a smoker who will try anything to stop ("Quitters, Inc."); a reclusive alcoholic who begins a gruesome transformation ("Gray Matter"); and many more shadows and visions that will haunt you long after the last page is turned. Though often disparaged by literary critics, Stephen King's work has influenced a generation of horror and science fiction writers. Acting as a study guide, this book features the important critical interpretations of the horror master's work. Contains hundreds of alphabetically arranged entries that provide information about various aspects of the life and work of popular novelist Stephen King. Offers an examination of the works of the American horror writer. Provides a critical look at King's earlier works The Stephen King Companion is an authoritative look at horror author King's personal life and professional career, from Carrie to The Bazaar of Bad Dreams. King expert George Beahm, who has published extensively about Maine's main author, is your seasoned guide to the imaginative world of Stephen King, covering his varied and prodigious output: juvenalia, short fiction, limited edition books, bestselling novels, and film adaptations. The book is also profusely illustrated with nearly 200 photos, color illustrations by celebrated "Dark Tower" artist Michael Whelan, and black-and-white drawings by Maine artist Glenn Chadbourne. Supplemented with interviews with friends, colleagues, and mentors who knew King well, this book looks at his formative years in Durham, when he began writing fiction as a young teen, his college years in the turbulent sixties, his struggles with early poverty, working full-time as an English teacher while writing part-time, the long road to the publication of his first novel, Carrie, and the dozens of bestselling books and major screen adaptations that followed. For fans old and new, The Stephen King Companion is a comprehensive look at America's best-loved bogeyman. Covers contemporary authors and works that have enjoyed commercial success in the United States but are typically neglected by more "literary" guides. Provides high school and college students with everything they need to know to understand the authors and works of American popular fiction. This companion provides a two-part introduction to best-selling author Stephen King, whose enormous popularity over the years has gained him an audience well beyond readers of horror fiction, the genre with which he is most often associated. Part I considers the reception of King's work, the film adaptations that they gave rise to, the fictional worlds in which some of his novels are set, and the more useful approaches to King's varied corpus. Part II consists of entries for each series, novel, story, screenplay and even poem, including works never published or produced, as well as characters and settings. A Vintage Shorts "Short Story Month" Selection Driving through the cornfields in rural Nebraska, Burt and Vicky run over a young boy—only to discover that they may not be responsible for his death. Out in the corn, something is watching them, and help is nowhere to be found. From the unrivaled master of horror and the supernatural, Stephen King, "Children of the Corn," first collected in the extraordinary collection Night Shift in 1973 and then adapted into a horror film franchise of the same name, is a terrifying and unforgettable classic of the genre. An eBook short. Four stories by Stephen King, The Shining, Salems Lot, Night Shift and Carrie. Uncover the theories behind the Master of Horror's macabre tales: It, The Shining, Carrie, Cujo, Misery, Pet Sematary, and so much more! Gothic media moguls Meg Hafdahl and Kelly Florence, authors of The Science of Monsters and The Science of Women in Horror, and co-hosts of the Horror Rewind podcast called "the best horror film podcast out there" by Film Daddy, present a guide to the Stephen King stories and characters we all know and love. 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This in-depth exploration into all things King and science is a must-read!"—Jennifer Trudrung, screenplay writer of The Bewailing and Here There be Tygers, a Stephen King Dollar Baby film Take a closer look at these subtexts and discover a new dimension in the reading of Stephen King's fiction. By focusing on these issues, and by presenting four rich interviews with men close to the work of Stephen King, Stephen King's America lifts the veil that is the surface of his stories, shining a pleasantly distinct light on the sources that are both his subliminal and apparent strengths as a modern author. Gale Biography Presents contains content derived from the Encyclopedia of World Biography, a reference title providing biographical information on individuals who have made a lasting contribution to society. Each eBook contains authoritative content covering a broad range of people who have made their mark on the world we live in today. Whether through the written word, science, history, activism, or politics, these individuals have contributed to society and have reputations that stand the test of time. These women and men from around the world have risen above the ordinary and earned a place in the annals of human history. Their life stories will fascinate people of all ages. This book surveys the labyrinthine relationship between Stephen King and American History. By depicting American History as a doomed cycle of greed and violence, King poses a number of important questions: who gets to make history, what gets left out, how one understands one's role within it, and how one might avoid repeating mistakes of the past. This volume examines King's relationship to American History through the illumination of metanarratives, adaptations, "queer" and alternative historical lenses, which confront the destructive patterns of our past as well as our capacity to imagine a different future. Stephen King and American History will present readers with an opportunity to place popular culture in conversation with the pressing issues of our day. If we hope to imagine a different path forward, we will need to come to terms with this enclosure—a task for which King's corpus is uniquely well-suited. Stephen King frequently places his human characters in danger against a supernatural antagonist. These characters, being realists of the late 20th and early 21st centuries, must first overcome their disbelief at what is happening to them, and then decide what to do about it. Both their explanations for the strange happenings and their attempts to deal with them can be divided into four main categories: cultural appropriation; Christianity, especially Catholic rites; attempts at utter destruction; and a resignation to simply live—or die—with the supernatural intact. This book examines over 30 of King's works, revealing that the overall success of the characters in removing the supernatural threat from their towns, or perhaps defeating it entirely, does not depend fully on which of these four paths of action they choose. It is possible for any attempt to destroy the supernatural threat to fail, and what works in one of King's books will not have the same outcome in another. For King, the most likely success comes when his characters can choose a course of action that allows them to stand and be true to themselves. (FAQ). Over the past four decades, the Stephen King movie has become a genre unto itself. The prolific writer's works have spawned well over 100 adaptations for both the big and small screen, ranging from modern classics of horror (Carrie, The Shining) to Oscar-nominated fare (The Shawshank Redemption, The Green Mile) to unapologetic, B-movie schlock (the King-directed Maximum Overdrive). The filmmakers to put their stamp on King's material include acclaimed auteurs Stanley Kubrick, David Cronenberg, and Brian De Palma; masters of horror Tobe Hooper, John Carpenter, and George Romero; and popular mainstream directors Rob Reiner, Frank Darabont, and Lawrence Kasdan. Stephen King Films FAQ is the most comprehensive overview of this body of work to date, encompassing well-known hits as well as forgotten obscurities, critical darlings and reviled flops, films that influenced King as well as those that have followed in his footsteps, upcoming and unmade projects, and selected works in other media (including comic books, radio dramas, and the infamous Carrie musical). Author Scott Von Doviak provides background information, analysis, and trivia regarding the various films and television productions, including "Bloodlines" sections on related works and "Deep Cuts" sections collecting additional odd facts and ephemera. All you ever wanted to know about the king of horror onscreen can be found here. Stephen King's popularity lies in his ability to reinterpret the standard Gothic tale in new and exciting ways. Through his eyes, the conventional becomes unconventional and wonderful. King thus creates his own Gothic world and then interprets it for us. This book analyzes King's interpretations and his mastery of popular literature. The essays discuss adolescent revolt, the artist as survivor, the vampire in popular literature, and much more. This two-volume set offers comprehensive coverage of horror literature that spans its deep history, dominant themes, significant works, and major authors, such as Stephen King, Edgar Allan Poe, and Anne Rice, as well as lesser-known horror writers. • Describes horror literature during different periods, thus helping readers understand the roots of modern horror literature, how works of horror have engaged social issues, and how horror has evolved over time • Connects horror literature to popular culture through sidebars on film adaptations, television shows, video games, and other nonliterary, popular culture topics • Includes excerpts from selected literary works that exemplify topics discussed in the entries that support English language arts standards by enabling students to read these excerpts critically in light of the entries • Prompts students to consider the nature of horror as a genre, the relationship of horror literature and social issues, and how horror literature intersects with mainstream supernatural concerns, such as religion Stephen King began writing and submitting stories for publication as a young teenager. It wasn't until 1973 when he was 26 years old, however, that his first novel, Carrie, was accepted by a publisher. The Gothic Literature and History of New England surveys the history, nature and future of the Gothic mode in the region, from the witch trials through the Black Lives Matter Movement. Texts include Cotton Mather and other Puritan divines who collected folklore of the supernatural; the Frontier Gothic of Indian captivity narratives; the canonical authors of the American Renaissance such as Melville and Hawthorne; the women's ghost story tradition and the Domestic Gothic from Harriet Beecher Stowe to Charlotte Perkins Gilman to Shirley Jackson; H. P. Lovecraft; Stephen King; and writers of the current generation who respond to racial and gender issues. The work brings to the surface the religious intolerance, racism and misogyny inherent in the New England Gothic, and how these nightmares continue to haunt literature and popular culture—films, television and more.

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