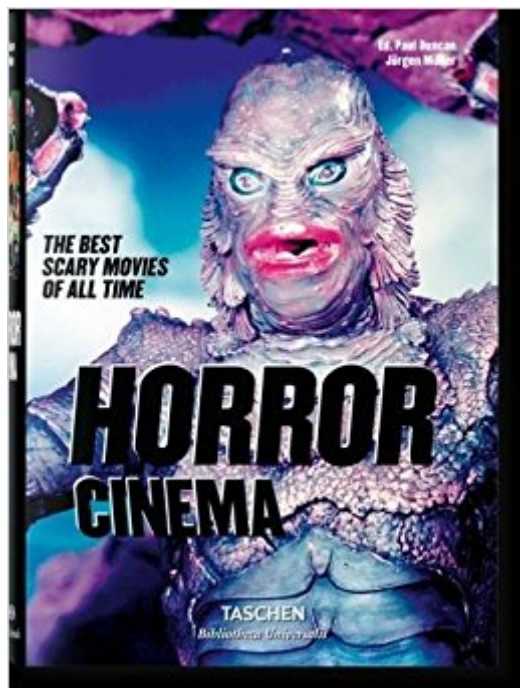


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# Horror Cinema



## Synopsis

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To be honest, I haven't even read this whole book yet because I've been too fixated on the photos, of which there are many great ones. While gore in Technicolor is welcome, I actually love that the book is in black and white, since it just seems to make things feel grittier. The book is divided up into fun categories, including *Cannibals*, *Freaks and Hillbillies*, and *The Monstrous Feminine* (love the photo of Joan Crawford...a battle-ax wielding a battle ax - can't beat that). The text I have read so far has been enjoyable, but I'm only giving this 4 stars because spelling the name of one of the most famous horror villains wrong (it should be Michael Myers) is (tongue-in-cheek) unforgivable.

My main reasons for buying this book were my love for horror movies and the classic image of an over-the-hill Joan Crawford wielding a heavy ax on the back cover (the same picture is also conveniently featured inside the book). In fact, the pictures are, in my opinion, the best thing about the book. The text did not dig too far into any one movie or genre and what was written was too much of a film class-like analysis of each type of horror film that was discussed. I guess I wasn't expecting that and so I let the pictures make up for my boredom and disappointment in what I was reading. Pictures from some of my favorite movies (*The Witches*, *Pet Sematary*, *Misery* and *House of 1000 Corpses*, to name a few) made it into this book and I really enjoyed that. As far other aspects of the book, not so much. Would I recommend the book? Yes, but for the pictures alone. I don't mind a gory snapshot from one of my favorite movies every now and then.

Horror Cinema Pretty good book on horror films. Needless to say a few too many gory stills from

modern splatter movies. Over all, not bad book with many many images of the classic creepshows. Recommended to fans of horror cinema.

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