

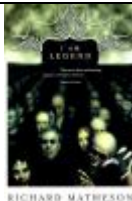










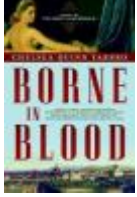
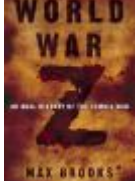



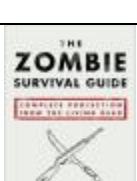

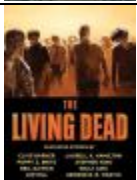


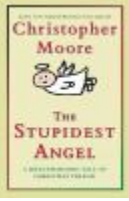
## The Undead

The following list should give you a good base for dealing with the Undead.

<b>The Classics</b>	
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Carmilla: a Vampyre Tale</i></u></a>, J. Sheridan Le Fanu.</p> <p>First published in 1872, <i>Carmilla</i> is a novella that sets the stage for female vampires – and is an eerily seductive piece of fiction that has often been cited as inspiration for Bram Stoker’s masterpiece, <i>Dracula</i>.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Dracula</i></u></a>, Bram Stoker</p> <p>1897 was a very good year for the vampire – Bram Stoker’s classic novel has become the definitive work for Undead fiction, and is often presented as required reading for students around the world. Like <i>Carmilla</i>, this masterpiece focuses on a deeply sensual and yet horrific creature, inspiring a century of erotically charged films and novels.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>I am Legend</i></u></a>, Richard Matheson</p> <p>Here’s a vampire novel that crosses the line – published in 1954, Matheson’s creatures resemble both vampires and zombies, and has been attributed as inspiration for Romero’s <i>Night of the Living Dead</i> – while inspiring three successful film adaptations of its own. The “original” and creative plot centers around an apocalyptic world decimated by disease, with one man left to battle the remains of the undead population. Not an uncommon theme in film and print today – however, the plot was fairly new to the genre at the time of printing.</p>
<b>The “Modern” Must-Reads – Vampires</b>	
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Salem’s Lot</i></u></a>, Stephen King</p> <p>King’s second novel and arguably one of his best, this work put a fresh spin on the classic vampire legend. King is often overlooked because of his “bestseller status,” but this one is good. Really good. And bloody. And creepy.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>The Stress of her Regard</i></u></a>, Tim Powers</p> <p>A wonderful take on the genre, this work is surprisingly unknown to casual readers. With a cast of characters that includes Mary Shelley, John Keats, Percy Shelley and Lord Byron, this novel will intrigue lovers of classic literature and/or history.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Interview with the Vampire</i></u></a>, Anne Rice</p> <p>Like it or leave it, Anne Rice’s now infamous work has become a favorite for millions of readers around the world. Now writing fiction that only deals with biblical interpretation and the life of Jesus Christ, this was a darker side of Anne that made her a household name.</p>

	<p><a href="#"><u>Let the Right One In</u></a>, John Ajvide Lindqvist</p> <p>This novel almost slipped past American readers until a film adaptation was released in 2008. Lucky for us – this novel is a thoroughly frightening and eerily seductive tale of the relationship between a lonely 12-year-old boy and a childlike 200 year-old vampire. A fabulous read for those of us who may have been the cruel subject of bullying in school.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Twilight</u></a>, Stephenie Meyer</p> <p>This YA novel turned many a teen's attention from video games and text messaging to the written word. This is the first in a series, so be prepared to check out the other titles that will be calling your name after you crack the cover of this one.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Peeps</u></a>, Scott Westerfield</p> <p>In this novel, we follow Carl, a carrier of a parasite that drives others mad, as he tracks down all of his ex-girlfriends he unwittingly passed the virus to. Another YA novel, this one deals with cannibalism and bacterial infection – not exactly your traditional vampire theme. However, it definitely belongs in the list – and is an excellent twist on the genre.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Dead Until Dark</u></a>, Charlaine Harris</p> <p>Just when Sookie finds the man of her dreams, he turns out to be a vampire – and the townspeople begin dropping like flies. A humorous romantic tale with a twist, this one is a lighthearted romp that will delight those looking for a light read.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Guilty Pleasures</u></a>, Laurell K. Hamilton</p> <p>This novel introduces Anita Blake, vampire hunter, professional animator, and the main character of a long-running series of books by Hamilton. Her more recent works have strong sexual and erotic overtones – this title is a bit less daring, and a whole lot of fun.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Bunnycula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery</u></a>, Deborah and James Howe</p> <p>A vampire vegetarian rabbit being spied on by a nosey cat and the family dog? You betcha. This is juvenile fiction at its best. Not too scary, ridiculously funny, and the inspiration for a series of books based upon the original characters.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Buffy, the vampire slayer : The origin</u></a>, Christopher Golden</p> <p>Fans of both the original theatrical release and the television series will enjoy this graphic novel – based upon the original screenplay by Josh Whedon. However, don't let the title fool you – this is a serious work, and is a nice little “slice of life” adventure for a cheerleader turned vampire hunter in suburban America. Happens every day.</p>

	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Borne in blood: a novel of the Count Saint-Germain</i></u></a>, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro.</p> <p>Though a relatively new edition to the Count's long-running series by Yarbro, this novel is sufficient to stand alone as one of her best. In 2009, Yarbro was presented the Bram Stoker Lifetime Achievement Award—reason enough to give this one a shot.</p>
<p><b>The “Modern” Must-Reads – Zombies</b></p>	
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War</i></u></a>, Max Brooks</p> <p>A surprisingly well-written “non-fiction” work of eyewitness accounts to the Zombie War, and chronicles the 10 year struggle to contain the zombie contagion. One of the best of the genre.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>The Cell</i></u></a>, Stephen King</p> <p>An unknown signal from a global cell network sets off a worldwide epidemic of “phone-crazies.” Reminiscent of Kings epic <i>The Stand</i>, this novel follows a small group of people undamaged by the event who struggle to survive in a world full of zombies who really enjoy top-forty hits.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Pride and Prejudice and Zombies</i></u></a>, Seth Grahame-Smith</p> <p>A classic. With bonus material. Love it or hate it, you will never see Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy in the same way again.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Monster Island</i></u></a>, David Wellington</p> <p>Originally published online in serial form, this novel centers on an industrious medical student who cheats his way out of becoming a brainless zombie by applying what he learned in college. A “cliffhanger” type novel with 2 other books that follow in a series, this work often shows you life from the zombie’s perspective.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>The Zombie Survival Guide</i></u></a>, Max Brooks</p> <p>Before publishing WWZ ( see above) Brooks authored this excellent manual for learning essential skills regarding the unavoidable zombie apocalypse. A must read for genre lovers and haters alike – this one could save your life.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Gil's All Fright Diner</i></u></a>, Lee A. Martinez</p> <p>The Earl of Vampires and the Duke of Werewolves just want to stop and get some dinner... and end up fighting off zombies and attempting to stop a plot to end the world in this comedy/fantasy/horror extravaganza. This one will make you snort.</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u><i>The Living Dead</i></u></a>, various authors</p> <p>An anthology of some of the best “zombified” short stories by some of the best in the field – Joe Lansdale, Stephen King, Laurell K Hamilton, Clive Barker and others.</p>



[\*The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror,\*](#)  
Christopher Moore

7 year-old Josh thinks he sees someone sever the head of ol' Saint Nick, so he prays for a miracle to save the season. This hilarious tale of the "quiet little town" of Pine Cove will have you wishing for just one more chapter. Oh, and there's also zombies.



[\*Zombie Blondes,\*](#) Brian James

The cheerleaders at Hannah's new school are zombies. I think we've all been there.