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Cthulhu Lies Dreaming: Twenty-three Tales Of The Weird And Cosmic



Synopsis

"The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents." The classic American horror author H. P. Lovecraft coined the term weird fiction in the 1920s. Even today, in our rational world of wonder, his legacy of cosmic horror slumbers on. Deep in the recesses of our unconscious minds, we suspect its truth - that as we puzzle out the shape of true reality, we'll find it is not to our liking. Not one bit. Modern science, with its experts and specialties, is a fragmentary thing. In this, it reflects the human mind. We keep our thoughts in boxes, broken into digestible shards. It is safer. Cosmic horror warns us that what we fondly imagine to be reality is just a thin skin of light and substance over endless gulfs of insanity. Gather too much knowledge, make the wrong connections, and the truth can no longer be denied. The amazing tales lovingly collected in *Cthulhu Lies Dreaming* are fragments of that truth. Treat them with the caution that they deserve. Each will offer you glimpses behind the skin of the world, leading you closer and closer to the edge of the abyss. Knowledge may bring wisdom, but it also offers far darker gifts to the curious. The truth is indeed out there, and it hungers. Contributors include: Kenneth Hite, Matthew Hockey, Ayobami Leeman Kessler, Greg Stolze, Lynnea Glasser, Lucy Brady, Yma Johnson, M. S. Swift, Thord D. Hedengren, Marc Reichardt, Lynne Hardy, Brian Fatah Steele, Matthew Chabin, Samuel Morningstar, Daniel Marc Chant, Morris Kenyon, Saul Quint, William Couper, Peter Rawlik, Evey Brett, E. Dane Anderson, Mike Davis, G. K. Lomax, Gethin A. Lynes

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Customer Reviews

These 23 stories were an engaging read. They don't become repetitive or cliché. There are some truly disturbing, haunting, or just plain weird tales. Some are set in the modern day, and some are from the past. I really enjoy the cult stories, I'd have to say cult tales are my favorite! There were only 3 stories I had read before, but I enjoyed re-reading them again. I was given a free copy for an honest review.

A fantastic anthology, a really diverse-feeling treatment of HP Lovecraft's legacy updated and applied in much more modern literary forms. Very recommended.

Enjoyed the variety of tales - esp "Out on Route 22" by E. Dane Anderson

I have always been skeptical of Lovecraft-inspired literature and was thus happily surprised to discover an excellent collection of short stories in the not particularly originally titled 'Cthulhu Lies Dreaming'. The stories collected and edited by Salome Jones are not only well written, but seem to somehow compliment each other, while simultaneously staying true to the ideas that have elevated Lovecraft to a classic writer of the odd and the macabre, and subtly --unexpectedly-- innovating. Highly recommended; especially if you enjoy your cosmic horrors fresh and vibrant.

Wow, these stories were all amazingly, scary, eerie, weird. Really great reading. Not a bad one in the bunch.

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