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A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WHO, WHAT AND WHEN OF HORROR MOVIES



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Right: ***Monster mirth*** *- Vaudevillian comedian Ole Olsen and Glenn Strange on the set of* ***House of Frankenstein*** *(1944) - is that a Classic Monsters publication they're reading?*

Left: ***Monster gossip*** *- Una O'Connor gets a surprise from Boris Karloff in* ***Bride of Frankenstein*** *(Universal 1935).*

Back cover: ***Body of work*** *- original theatrical release poster for* ***The Body Snatcher*** *(RKO 1945).*



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WELCOME TO THE MONSTERS' ALMANAC,

your month-by-month guide to important dates throughout the year from the world of horror movies - in the following pages, you'll find cast and crew birthdays, death dates, film and TV release dates and when essential novels were published. We hope you have as much fun reading this as we did putting it together, and that it becomes an invaluable resource, so you can be sure you know what's what with your monsters, and maybe even answer the odd pub quiz question!

If you enjoy this, don't forget to check out our many other publications - full details can be found on our website. But now it's time to dive right on in and dig up some monstrous facts and anecdotes.
Have fun!

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A note on film release dates:
There is a great deal of information available online about film release dates, and sometimes it doesn't play well together. You can find various details on different websites, and they don't all agree in some cases. For the purposes of this publication, we have relied on original studio schedules, which we believe are the most likely source of correct information. For US releases, we have tended to pick American release dates, whereas for British films we have opted for UK dates, and so on. But please remember, we have been as thorough and accurate as we can in order to bring you the most reliable information. If you find a different date somewhere else, please don't write in, but put it down to the vagaries of such a mission. If we have made any genuine slip-ups, we apologise, but hopefully it won't spoil your enjoyment too much!

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GOREWORD

WHAT MAKES A MONSTER A CLASSIC MONSTER?

Nige Burton takes on the question eternally bandied between horror movie aficionados the world over.

It's a good question. Since we started the whole Classic Monsters project in the late summer of 2013, there was always the central, burning issue to be solved: which monsters should - or could - we include as 'classic' ones?



Top: ***Masked monster*** *- Jason Voorhees (Ken Kirzinger) eyes his next victim in* ***Freddy vs Jason*** *(New Line 2003).*

Above: ***Face of evil*** *- Glenn Strange as the Monster in* ***Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*** *(Universal 1948).*



Our initial thoughts were to feature the eternal Universal classics, along with those entries from competing studios such as Paramount, RKO, MGM, Columbia, Monogram, etc, and then to run through the Hammer, Amicus, Tigon et al gamut.

It was a question that needed answering pretty much straight away, too - there was the artwork to create for the website header banner, and all other material with which we would be identifying our brand.

So the first rendition of the artwork contained Karloff, Lugosi, Lee, Chaney father and son, Conrad Veidt and, of course, the good old Creature. No self-respecting horror film organisation could leave out the much-beloved Creature from the Black Lagoon. To do so would be sacrilege and, frankly, we have morals as well as standards.

There. The question was settled at last. But doubts began to set in. A chance re-watching of *Friday the 13th Part 3* opened up the whole debate once more. Should Jason Voorhees be included in our line-up? And, if so, there were his bedfellows and stablemates to bring in from the cold too: Michael Myers and Freddy Krueger. Rats! This was a political hot potato.

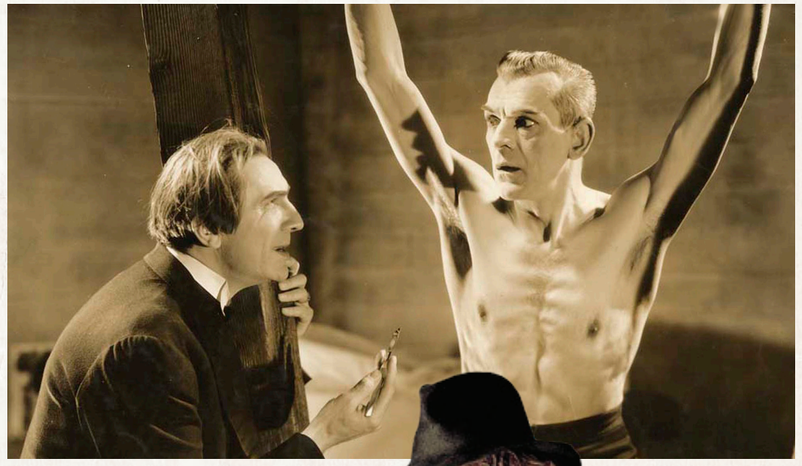
Slowly, slyly and with trepidation we added Mr Myers and Mr Voorhees into the main image, and tucked dear old Freddy down at the footer. We also took the opportunity to add that eighth wonder of the world and a Mummy for good measure.

There were outcries, tuts and grimaces. And plaudits and rejoicing. Some were not at all happy; others danced in the streets. We took to our headquarters and barricaded ourselves in. We'll sit this out, we thought, and see what happens. Some people commented in outrage, others were quite cutting and bordered on being ever so slightly offensive - some didn't care and told us where to get off in no uncertain terms.

We had the odd 'unliker' - that type of ardent fan who exercises the right to protest by voting with his or her feet, or at least a click of their mouse. But on the whole, the overwhelming majority loved the fact that we had grown into an unprejudiced, wholesome broad Church, where all their favourite monsters were welcome.

So, to go back to our original question, what makes a monster a classic monster? Well, we believe that some of the more modern additions, like Michael, Jason and Freddy, have to be considered as contemporary classics. We're sure that if we'd set up Classic Monsters in the 1970s, we would have been lambasted for allowing Hammer monsters into our fold. So, you see, we reckon we've got to move with the times and make way for the new classics as they come along.





It doesn't mean we won't always focus on the many greats we all love and treasure - they will forever be at the top of the pile. But to stop at a certain date and time would surely be arbitrary, and would alienate a significant part of our audience. After all, much of the attraction here is nostalgia, and we want to avoid a following made up entirely of the older generation. Our younger fans are just as important to us.

The beauty is, everyone's favourites will be included, so no monster or fan will ultimately lose out. With our printed products, that choice is much clearer - fans buy what is important to them, and ignore what isn't.

So, if you ask us that leading question one more time, we would say simply this: a classic monster to us, is whatever it is to you, our fans. We hope, somewhere along the line, that makes everyone happy!





Above left: ***Blood lust*** *- Christopher Lee isn't squeamish as the vampire count in* ***Dracula / Horror of Dracula*** *(Hammer 1958).*

Above right: ***Flaying tonight*** *- Hjalmar Poelzig (Boris Karloff) finds himself in a vulnerable position with Dr Vitus Werdegast (Bela Lugosi) in* ***The Black Cat*** *(Universal 1934).*

Above: ***Trick!*** *- Michael Myers (Chris Durand) doesn't give revellers much of a choice in* ***Halloween H20: Twenty Years Later*** *(Dimension 1998).*

Right: ***Man of your dreams*** *- Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) became an icon of the slasher genre in the franchise which began with* ***A Nightmare on Elm Street*** *(New Line 1984).*

6 JANUARY

JANUARY 1ST

Peggy Webling born 1871 - author of the stage version of Frankenstein, on which Universal's 1931 movie was based.
Charles K Gerrard died 1969 - Irish actor known for his role as Renfield's attendant Martin in *Dracula* (1931).
***Return of the Vampire* released 1944** - Columbia essentially recast Bela Lugosi as Dracula and renamed him Armand Tesla.
Frankenstein published 1818 - Mary Shelley's genre-defining novel was more science fiction than horror in its day.

JANUARY 2ND

***Nothing But the Night* released 1973** - lesser-known horror movie starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.

JANUARY 3RD

***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* released 1932** - Fredric March won an Oscar for his portrayal of the dual title characters.
Heather Sears died 1994 - starred opposite Herbert Lom in *The Phantom of the Opera* (1962).
***Buffy the Vampire Slayer* first aired 1998 (UK)** - Brits had to wait almost a year longer than US viewers for Joss Whedon's groundbreaking TV series.

JANUARY 4TH

Julian Sands born 1958 - English actor known for *Arachnophobia* (1990), *Romasanta: The Werewolf Hunt* (2004) and *The Haunted Airman* (2006).



*Below: **Best friends** - Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi as the Monster and Ygor in **Son of Frankenstein** (Universal 1939).*

JANUARY 5TH

Onslow Stevens died 1977 - played Dr Edelmann in *House of Dracula* (1945).
Johnny Eck died 1991 - the famous "half-boy" from *Freaks* (1932).
***The Kiss of the Vampire* released 1964** - creepy vampire thriller starring Edward de Souza and Clifford Evans.
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde published 1886 - Robert Louis Stevenson's nightmarish novella about the duality of man.

JANUARY 6TH

***Wes Craven's New Nightmare* released 1995** - seventh entry in the Nightmare on Elm Street franchise, mixing real life with fantasy and horror.

JANUARY 7TH

***Angel* first aired 2000 (UK)** - spin-off series from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, starring David Boreanaz in the title role.

JANUARY 8TH

Dennis Wheatley born 1897 - English novelist famous for his forays into the occult, including The Devil Rides Out and To the Devil a Daughter.

JANUARY 9TH

Marguerite Churchill died 2000 - American actress known for *Dracula's Daughter* (1936) and *The Walking Dead* (1936).
***Dracula, Prince of Darkness* released 1966** - Hammer's second Dracula instalment to star Christopher Lee as the count.
***The Plague of the Zombies* released 1966** - Hammer's eerie zombie movie starring André Morell, Jacqueline Pearce and Michael Ripper.

JANUARY 10TH

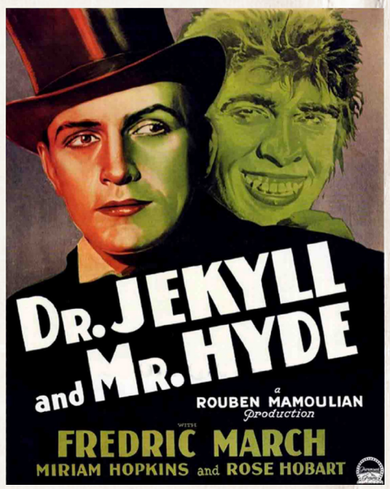
Roy Ashton died 1995 - Hammer horror make-up artist whose work included *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957) and *The Reptile* (1966).

JANUARY 11TH

George Zucco born 1886 - English actor who starred in movies including *The Mummy's Tomb* (1942) and *House of Frankenstein* (1944).
***The Anniversary* released 1968** - iconic Hammer black comedy starring the divine Bette Davis.

JANUARY 12TH

***The Invisible Man Returns* released 1940** - sci-fi sequel starring Vincent Price and Cedric Hardwicke.
Norman Kerry died 1956 - played opposite Lon Chaney in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1923) and *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).
***Island of Lost Souls* released 1933** - controversial for its vivisection themes, and banned for three decades. Starred Charles Laughton and Bela Lugosi.



*Above: **Monster poster** - Fredric March won an Oscar for his performance as **Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** (Paramount 1932).*

JANUARY 13TH

***Son of Frankenstein* released 1939** - third instalment in the Universal Frankenstein series, and the last to star Boris Karloff as the Monster.
***The Satanic Rites of Dracula* released 1974** - Hammer's final Dracula movie starring Christopher Lee features the character in a modern-day setting.

JANUARY 14TH

Ernest Thesiger died 1961 - English actor who starred in horror classics such as *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *The Ghoul* (1933). Often crocheted on set.

JANUARY 15TH

Ernest Thesiger born 1879 - famously camp English actor in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
***Der Golem* released 1916 (German premiere)** - Paul Wegener's classic retelling of the clay man folk tale.
Anita Harder died 1987 - played the doomed flower seller in *Dracula* (1931).

JANUARY 16TH

Karl Freund born 1890 - cinematographer and director known for *The Mummy* (1932) and *Mad Love* (1935).
John Carpenter born 1948 - creator of the original *Halloween* (1978) and *Halloween II* (1981); also director of *The Fog* (1980) and *The Thing* (1982).
Ruth Rose born 1891 - screenwriter whose credits include *King Kong* (1933) and *Son of Kong* (1933).

JANUARY 17TH

Carl Laemmle born 1867 - founder of Universal Studios.
Susanna Foster died 2009 - starred as Christine in Universal's *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).
***Lust for a Vampire* released 1971** - Hammer shocker based on J Sheridan Le Fanu's novel Carmilla.
***Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare* released 1991** - sixth movie in the Nightmare on Elm Street franchise.

JANUARY 18TH

Frances Drake died 2000 - American actress who appeared in *Mad Love* (1935) and *The Invisible Ray* (1936).

JANUARY 19TH

Edgar Allan Poe born 1809 - author and poet who penned the likes of The Pit and the Pendulum and The Raven.
***The Man in Half Moon Street* released 1945** - thriller loosely based on Oscar Wilde's story The Picture of Dorian Gray.

JANUARY 20TH

Colin Clive born 1900 - tragic actor famous for playing Henry in *Frankenstein* (1931) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
***The Invisible Ray* released 1936** - Universal sci-fi romp starring Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi.
***The Tomb of Ligeia* released 1965** - adaptation of an Edgar Allan Poe tale, starring Vincent Price.

JANUARY 21ST

J Carrol Naish born 1896 - actor in *Dr Renault's Secret* (1942), *House of Frankenstein* (1944) and *The Monster Maker* (1944).
Frances Dade died 1968 - played Lucy Weston in Tod Browning's 1931 production of *Dracula*.
Georges Méliès died 1938 - pioneer of some of the earliest silent films including *A Trip to the Moon* (1902).



*Above: **Stone clad** - Paul Wegener as **Der Golem** (Union 1916).*

JANUARY 22ND

Conrad Veidt born 1893 - famous for roles such as Cesare in *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919) and Gwynplaine in *The Man Who Laughs* (1928).
***The Comedy of Terrors* released 1964** - AIP horror-comedy starring Vincent Price, Peter Lorre, Basil Rathbone and Boris Karloff.

JANUARY 23RD

Lil Dagover died 1980 - played Jane in *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919).

JANUARY 24TH

Sharon Tate born 1943 - starred in *Dance of the Vampires* (1967) and went on to marry its director, Roman Polanski.
J Carrol Naish died 1973 - supporting horror actor who starred as hunchback Daniel in *House of Frankenstein* (1944).



*Above: **Creepy Craig** - Sean Harris brought us a new classic monster in **Creep** (Pathé 2004).*

JANUARY 25TH

Rupert Julian born 1879 - directed Lon Chaney in the 1925 version of *The Phantom of the Opera*.
***The Raven* released 1963** - AIP's horror-comedy was directed by Roger Corman and stars Vincent Price, Peter Lorre and Boris Karloff.

JANUARY 26TH

***Shadow of the Vampire* released 2000** - John Malkovich stars as *Nosferatu* director F W Murnau, with Willem Dafoe as Max Schreck, in this fictionalisation of the making of the film.

JANUARY 27TH

Michael Ripper born 1913 - Hammer's most prolific star, appeared in 35 movies for the studio, including *The Brides of Dracula* (1960) and *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966).

JANUARY 28TH

Erle C Kenton died 1980 - director of *Island of Lost Souls* (1932), *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942), *House of Frankenstein* (1944) and *House of Dracula* (1945).
***Creep* released 2005** - introduces a new modern classic monster in the shape of London Underground-dwelling Craig (Sean Harris).

JANUARY 29TH

Michael Gwynn died 1976 - this popular Hammer actor appeared in the likes of *The Revenge of Frankenstein* (1958) and *Scars of Dracula* (1970).

JANUARY 30TH

***The Black Doll* released 1938** - Universal mystery thriller starring Nan Grey, Donald Woods and some eerie little voodoo dolls.
Lionel Belmore died 1953 - played the Burgomaster in Universal's 1931 *Frankenstein*, he also appeared in *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).
James Carreras born 1910 - co-founder of, and executive producer at, Hammer Films.

JANUARY 31ST

Fritz Leiber born 1882 - played Franz Liszt in Universal's 1943 production of *Phantom of the Opera*.
***Countess Dracula* released 1971** - Hammer's historically-inspired horror movie stars Ingrid Pitt as Countess Elisabeth Nadasdy.



*Right: **Dead scary** - one of the resurrected from **The Plague of the Zombies** (Hammer 1966).*

8 FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1ST

Helen Chandler born 1906 - starred as Mina in Universal's 1931 production of *Dracula*.
***Terror By Night* released 1946** - Sherlock Holmes romp starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
Mary Shelley died 1851 - the author of Frankenstein and creator of one of the world's favourite classic monsters.

FEBRUARY 2ND

Boris Karloff died 1969 - famed for his portrayal of the Frankenstein Monster as well as in many other, more vocal, roles.
Rondo Hatton died 1946 - actor frequently cast as thugs due to his suffering from the disfiguring pituitary gland disorder acromegaly.

FEBRUARY 3RD

Michael Mark died 1975 - actor who played Ludwig, Little Maria's father, in *Frankenstein* (1931).
Carroll Borland died 1994 - played Luna in *Mark of the Vampire* (1935).

FEBRUARY 4TH

***Mystery of Edwin Drood* released 1935** - adaptation of Charles Dickens' unfinished novel, starring Claude Rains and Valerie Hobson.
Una O'Connor died 1959 - Irish actress famous for roles as shrieking women in *The Invisible Man* (1933) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Gary Conway born 1936 - appeared in *I Was a Teenage Frankenstein* (1957) and *How to Make a Monster* (1958).

FEBRUARY 5TH

John Carradine born 1906 - played Baron Latos in *House of Frankenstein* (1944) and *House of Dracula* (1945).
***Invasion of the Body Snatchers* released 1956** - based on Jack Finney's 1954 novel telling of alien "pod people".
H R Giger born 1940 - Swiss painter, sculptor and set designer, creator of the otherworldly monster in *Alien* (1979).

FEBRUARY 6TH

***Waxworks* released 1929** - German fantasy-horror starring Conrad Veidt and Werner Krauss.

FEBRUARY 7TH

O P Heggie died 1936 - played the blind hermit in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Charles Dickens born 1812 - English writer of The Signalman in addition to many iconic novels.
J Sheridan Le Fanu died 1873 - Irish gothic writer of Carmilla and many others.

FEBRUARY 8TH

***The Beast with Five Fingers* released 1947** - occult horror directed by Robert Florey, featuring Peter Lorre.

FEBRUARY 9TH

Eva Moore born 1870 - played Rebecca Femm in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and was mother-in-law to Laurence Olivier.
Brian Donlevy born 1901 - played Professor Bernard Quatermass in *The Quatermass Xperiment* (1955) and *Quatermass II* (1957).

FEBRUARY 10TH

Lon Chaney Jr born 1906 - famed for his portrayal of Larry Talbot in *The Wolf Man* (1941) and many other movies.
Hazel Court born 1926 - appeared in numerous Hammer movies including *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1959).
Edgar Wallace died 1932 - worked on the screenplay for *King Kong* (1933).
***The Woman in Black* released 2012 (UK)** - remake of the 1989 classic, this time starring Daniel Radcliffe.

FEBRUARY 11TH

Bobby "Boris" Pickett born 1938 - performed and co-wrote 1962 novelty song The Monster Mash.



*Above: **Hellish household** - Daniel Radcliffe explores Eel Marsh House in **The Woman in Black** (Hammer 2012).*



*Above: **Tarot terror** - Peter Cushing stars as Doctor Schreck in **Dr Terror's House of Horrors** (Amicus 1965).*

FEBRUARY 12TH

Wallace Ford born 1898 - appeared in *Freaks* (1932), *The Mummy's Hand* (1940) and *The Mummy's Tomb* (1942).
Ralph Bates born 1940 - appeared in Hammer movies including *The Horror of Frankenstein* (1970).
***The Creeping Flesh* released 1973 (USA)** - Columbia horror movie starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.
Guy Endore died 1970 - wrote the novel Werewolf of Paris and worked on the screenplay for *Mad Love* (1935).

FEBRUARY 13TH

***Scream and Scream Again* released 1970 (USA)** - sci-fi conspiracy movie starring Vincent Price, Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.
***Friday the 13th* released 2009** - reboot of the classic Crystal Lake franchise.

FEBRUARY 14TH

***Dracula* released 1931** - the movie that forever connected Bela Lugosi with the vampire count in popular culture.
Frances Dade born 1910 - starred as Lucy Weston in *Dracula* (1931).

FEBRUARY 15TH

John Barrymore born 1882 - starred in *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1920) and dislocated his jaw on-camera for the performance.

FEBRUARY 16TH

George Woodbridge born 1907 - actor in *Horror of Dracula* (1958) and *The Reptile* (1966) among many others.
Marceline Day died 2000 - played Lucille Balfour in *London After Midnight* (1927).

FEBRUARY 17TH

Philip Latham born 1929 - played Klove in *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966).
***House on Haunted Hill* released 1959** - eerie movie starring Vincent Price.

FEBRUARY 18TH

Gustav von Wangenheim born 1895 - played Thomas Hutter, the Jonathan Harker substitute, in *Nosferatu* (1922).
***Mystery of the Wax Museum* released 1933 (USA)** - horror thriller starring Lionel Atwill and Fay Wray.

FEBRUARY 19TH

Sir Cedric Hardwicke born 1893 - appeared in movies including *The Ghoul* (1933) and *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).
***To the Devil a Daughter* released 1976** - occult horror starring Christopher Lee, Richard Widmark and Honor Blackman.
Tod Slaughter died 1956 - starred in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* (1936).

FEBRUARY 20TH

Bramwell Fletcher born 1900 - played insane Egyptologist Ralph Norton in *The Mummy* (1932); was married briefly to Helen Chandler.
***Freaks* released 1932** - Tod Browning's controversial horror, banned for many years.



*Above: **Big adventure** - Grant Williams ponders his future in **The Incredible Shrinking Man** (Universal International 1957).*

FEBRUARY 21ST

***Murders in the Rue Morgue* released 1932** - Bela Lugosi stars as Dr Mirakle, experimenting with vile blood transfusions in Paris.
Ben Chapman died 2008 - played the Gill-Man on land in *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954).

FEBRUARY 22ND

Dwight Frye born 1899 - famous for playing madman Renfield in *Dracula* (1931) and hunchback Fritz in *Frankenstein* (1931).
***The House that Dripped Blood* released 1971 (UK)** - Amicus horror anthology starring Christopher Lee, Denholm Elliott and Ingrid Pitt among many others.
***The Incredible Shrinking Man* released 1957 (New York)** - groundbreaking sci-fi movie starring Grant Williams and a terrifying enormous tabby cat.

FEBRUARY 23RD

Terence Fisher born 1904 - directed many Hammer movies including *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957) and *The Devil Rides Out* (1968) but often overlooked.
***From Beyond the Grave* released 1974 (UK)** - Amicus anthology movie based on work by R Chetwynd-Hayes, starring Peter Cushing as a sinister shopkeeper.
***Mary Reilly* released 1996** - new angle on the Jekyll and Hyde story, starring Julia Roberts as Dr Jekyll's servant.



*Above: **Happy family** - Tod Browning and the cast of **Freaks** (1932).*

FEBRUARY 24TH

Franz Waxman died 1967 - composed the score for *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).

FEBRUARY 25TH

Carroll Borland born 1914 - played Luna in *Mark of the Vampire* (1935).

FEBRUARY 26TH

Victor Hugo born 1802 - wrote Les Miserables and Notre-Dame de Paris, known to many as The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

FEBRUARY 27TH

***The Mad Doctor of Market Street* released 1942** - low-budget medical horror starring Lionel Atwill.
Herbert Bunston died 1935 - played Dr Seward in *Dracula* - both the 1931 movie and the Broadway adaptation.
John Boles died 1969 - played Victor Moritz in *Frankenstein* (1931).
***A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors* released 1987** - the teens fight back in this instalment of Freddy Krueger's dream-hopping franchise.



*Below: **Kiss of death** - Helen Chandler succumbs to Bela Lugosi's questionable charms in a publicity still for **Dracula** (Universal 1931).*

FEBRUARY 28TH

***Dr Terror's House of Horrors* released 1965** - first in Amicus' anthology horror series, starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.

FEBRUARY 29TH

Joss Ackland born 1928 - prolific English actor who appeared in *Rasputin, the Mad Monk* (1966) and *The House that Dripped Blood* (1970).
Ken Foree born 1948 - appeared in *Dawn of the Dead* (1978 and 2004) and *The Devil's Rejects* (2005).

10 MARCH

MARCH 1ST
Lionel Atwill born 1885 - star of Universal horrors including *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).

MARCH 2ND
Willis H O'Brien born 1886 - genius animator on *King Kong* (1933).
***Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* released 1936** - Tod Slaughter offers a very close shave.

MARCH 3RD
Lou Costello died 1959 - famously part of the comedy duo Abbott and Costello.
***The Picture of Dorian Gray* released 1945** - Hurd Hatfield has a rather shameful picture locked away.

MARCH 4TH
Edgar Barrier born 1907 - played Raoul in *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).

MARCH 5TH
***Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* released 1943** - the first monster mash-up, with Lon Chaney Jr, Bela Lugosi, Patric Knowles and Ilona Massey.
***Creature from the Black Lagoon* released 1954** - introduced one of the all-time favourite classic monsters.
Virginia Christine born 1920 - co-starred in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956).
Whit Bissell died 1996 - appeared in *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954), *I Was a Teenage Frankenstein* (1957) and others.

MARCH 6TH
Lou Costello born 1906 - half of the famous double-act.
Edward Van Sloan died 1964 - played Professor Van Helsing in *Dracula* (1931) among other horror roles.
***Rasputin, the Mad Monk* released 1966** - thriller with Christopher Lee.
***The Reptile* released 1966** - no make-up in the world can help this scaly skin.



*Left: **Monster face-off** - Bela Lugosi battles Lon Chaney Jr in **Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man** (Universal 1943).*



*Above: **Child's play** - Lon Chaney abducts Janet Ann Gallow despite Bela Lugosi's protestations in **The Ghost of Frankenstein** (Universal 1942).*

MARCH 7TH
***Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man* released 1951** - more adventures with the comedy duo.
***Balaoo - the Demon Baboon* released 1913 (France)** - lost movie with a frighteningly intelligent baboon.

MARCH 8TH
Henry Hull died 1977 - played Dr Glendon in *Werewolf of London* (1935).
John L Balderston died 1954 - worked on screenplays for *Dracula* (1931), *Frankenstein* (1931) and many more.
***The Last Man on Earth* released 1964** - Vincent Price in a post-apocalyptic sci-fi thriller.

MARCH 9TH
Eddie Powell born 1927 - stuntman seen in *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1965) and *Alien* (1979).
***Tales from the Crypt* released 1972** - Amicus anthology horror with Peter Cushing and Joan Collins.

MARCH 10TH
***Buffy the Vampire Slayer* first aired 1997 (USA)** - the Scooby gang hit our TV screens for the first time.
***The Hills Have Eyes* released 2006** - nerve-shredding remake of Wes Craven's 1977 horror classic.

MARCH 11TH
William Dyer born 1881 - the gravedigger in *Frankenstein* (1931).
F W Murnau died 1931 - director of *Nosferatu* (1922).

MARCH 12TH
***Horror Express* released 1974** - Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing on the train journey from hell.

MARCH 13TH
***Metropolis* released 1927** - Fritz Lang's sci-fi epic.
***The Ghost of Frankenstein* released 1942** - double-crossing and brain-switching in the series' fourth entry.

MARCH 14TH
***The Walking Dead* released 1936** - Boris Karloff experiences life after death.
Val Lewton died 1951 - producer of several memorable RKO shockers.

MARCH 15TH
Brember Wills born 1883 - played Saul Femm in *The Old Dark House* (1932).
Michael Mark born 1886 - Little Maria's father Ludwig in *Frankenstein* (1931).
H P Lovecraft died 1937 - writer of cosmic horror tales such as The Call of Cthulhu.

MARCH 16TH
***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* released 1942** - Spencer Tracy stars as the mind-altering scientist.
***The House of Fear* released 1945** - Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce and some threatening orange pips.
***The Vault of Horror* released 1973** - Amicus anthology horror with Terry-Thomas and Dawn Addams.

MARCH 17TH
Freddie Francis died 2007 - Hammer and Amicus director who brought us *The Evil of Frankenstein* (1964) and *Tales from the Crypt* (1972).

MARCH 18TH
***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* released 1920** - John Barrymore dislocated his jaw on-camera for his spidery transformation.

MARCH 19TH
Tod Slaughter born 1885 - revived the Victorian melodrama with films such as *Crimes at the Dark House* (1940).

MARCH 20TH
***Omen III: The Final Conflict* released 1981** - little Damien grows up into Sam Neill. He's still evil.
Ronald Chetwynd-Hayes died 2001 - prolific writer of horror and ghost stories including The Monster Club.

MARCH 21ST
***Godzilla vs Mechagodzilla* released 1974** - gigantic monsters aplenty, this time with added aliens.

MARCH 22ND
***Friday the 13th: A New Beginning* released 1985** - Jason only has a bit-part in this fifth entry in the series.
Gloria Holden died 1991 - striking star of *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
***Konga* released 1961** - Michael Gough's giant ape runs amok in London.
***The Spider Woman Strikes Back* released 1946** - botany meets vampirism. Gale Sondergaard stars.

MARCH 23RD
Peter Lorre died 1964 - versatile actor who lit up the screen in *Mad Love* (1935).

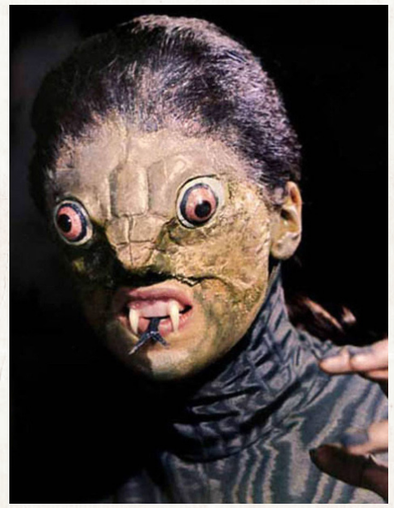
MARCH 24TH
Alyson Hannigan born 1974 - played Willow in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.
Jules Verne died 1905 - author and sci-fi pioneer.
Martin Kosleck born 1904 - appeared in *The Mummy's Curse* (1944) among other horror films.
***The Hound of the Baskervilles* released 1939 (New York premiere)** - Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce in their most famous adventure.
***The Dark Eyes of London (US: The Human Monster)* released 1940** - Bela Lugosi runs a deadly insurance scam.

MARCH 25TH
Patrick Troughton born 1920 - played Klove in *Scars of Dracula* (1970).



*Left: **Picture this** - Hurd Hatfield comes face to face with his real self in **The Picture of Dorian Gray** (MGM 1945).*

*Right: **Water babies** - original poster for **Creature from the Black Lagoon** (Universal 1954).*



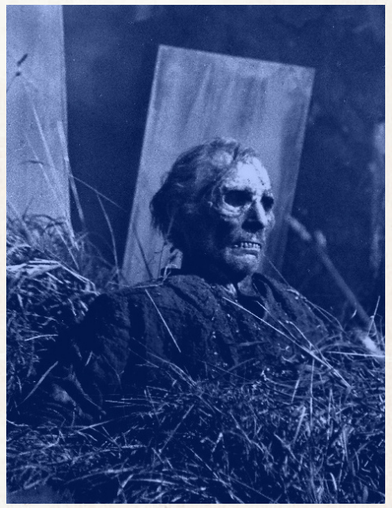
*Above: **Snakeskin bag** - vicious Jacqueline Pearce prepares for the bite in **The Reptile** (Hammer 1966).*

MARCH 26TH
Louis M Heyward died 2002 - head of American International Pictures.
***Mr Wu* released 1927** - Lon Chaney Sr in a dual role.
Sam Kydd died 1982 - early Hammer star.
***The Illustrated Man* released 1969** - sci-fi film based on Ray Bradbury's novel.

MARCH 27TH
***Legend of the Werewolf* released 1975** - Tyburn's take on the werewolf legend, starring Peter Cushing.
***Phantom of the Rue Morgue* released 1954** - Karl Malden stars in a tale of some seriously bad science in Paris.
Ralph Bates died 1991 - starred in *The Horror of Frankenstein* (1970), *Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde* (1971) and other TV and movie roles.

MARCH 28TH
Gil Perkins died 1999 - stuntman in films including *King Kong* (1933) and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
***Horror Island* released 1941** - Universal horror starring Dick Foran.
***Man Made Monster* released 1941** - Lon Chaney Jr stars as Dynamo Dan, the Electric Man.
Patrick Troughton died 1987 - appeared in *The Gorgon* (1964).

MARCH 29TH
***House of Horrors* released 1946** - Universal horror featuring Rondo Hatton as 'The Creeper'.
Jack Asher born 1916 - Hammer cinematographer on *Dracula* (1958) and *The Brides of Dracula* (1960).
Onslow Stevens born 1902 - splendidly deranged in *House of Dracula* (1945).



*Above: **Grave matter** - Peter Cushing rises from the grave in **Tales from the Crypt** (Amicus 1972).*

MARCH 30TH
Matt Willis died 1989 - played a werewolf opposite Bela Lugosi's vampire in *The Return of the Vampire* (1944).
Turhan Bey born 1922 - brought an exotic touch to *The Mummy's Tomb* (1942) and *The Mad Ghoul* (1943).

MARCH 31ST
George Woodbridge died 1973 - prolific Hammer support actor.
Anne Gwynne died 2003 - Peter Coe's American wife in *House of Frankenstein* (1944).



12 APRIL

APRIL 1ST

Lon Chaney born 1883 - the legendary Man of a Thousand Faces.
Edgar Wallace born 1875 - mystery writer and creator of King Kong.

APRIL 2ND

Brian Glover born 1934 - English actor, appeared in *An American Werewolf in London* (1981).
Edward Laemmle died 1937 - nephew of Universal founder Carl Laemmle; directed many of the studio's films.
***The Return of Dracula* released 1958** - 1950s-set Dracula with Francis Lederer.
Tomoyuki Tanaka died 1997 - producer of the original 1954 *Godzilla*.

APRIL 3RD

Andrew Keir born 1926 - Father Sandor in *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966) and Professor Quatermass in *Quatermass and the Pit* (1967).
Conrad Veidt died 1943 - German-born British actor famous for silent classics like *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919) and *The Man Who Laughs* (1928).
***Mystery of Marie Roget* released 1942** - Poe-based gothic mystery with Patric Knowles.

APRIL 4TH

Anthony Perkins born 1932 - the original and best Norman Bates.
***Death Ship* released 1980** - ocean-set British-Canadian horror movie.
Faith Domergue died 1999 - appeared in *It Came from Beneath the Sea* (1955).

APRIL 5TH

Bette Davis born 1908 - legendary actress, famous for *Hush… Hush, Sweet Charlotte* (1964) and *The Nanny* (1965).
Brian Donlevy died 1972 - Hammer's original Professor Bernard Quatermass.
Melvyn Douglas born 1901 - appeared in *The Vampire Bat* (1933).
***One Million BC* released 1940** - prehistoric romp with Lon Chaney Jr.
Roger Corman born 1926 - director of many AIP movies including *The Raven* (1963).
***Theatre of Blood* released 1973** - Vincent Price in a tale of theatrical revenge.

APRIL 6TH

Anita Harder born 1905 - the flower girl in *Dracula* (1931).

APRIL 7TH

***Captain Kronos Vampire Hunter* released 1974** - Hammer fantasy romp with Horst Janson.
Gavin Gordon born 1901 - played George Gordon, Lord Byron in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Gavin Gordon died 1983 - another example of birth-and-death day coincidences.
***King Kong* released 1933** - the eighth wonder of the world.

APRIL 8TH

***Day of the Dead* released 2008** - loose remake of George Romero's 1985 movie.
Richard Brooker died 2013 - played Jason Voorhees in *Friday the 13th Part 3* (1982).

APRIL 9TH

Mark Pellegrino born 1965 - appeared in various horror TV series.
Philip M Friedman born 1895 - cast Bela Lugosi as Dracula.

APRIL 10TH

***House of Wax* released 1953** - 3-D horror movie starring Vincent Price.

APRIL 11TH

Howard W Koch born 1916 - director of *Frankenstein 1970* (1958).

APRIL 12TH

***Black Friday* released 1940** - sci-fi horror with Karloff and Lugosi.



*Above: **Hole in the head** - Bela Lugosi menaces some potential victims in **Mark of the Vampire** (MGM 1935).*

*Right: **Handsome Janson** - Captain Kronos (Horst Janson) hits the road in **Captain Kronos Vampire Hunter** (Hammer 1974).*



APRIL 13TH

***Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter* released 1984** - fourth instalment. Clearly not the final chapter.

APRIL 14TH

***Blood on Satan's Claw* released 1971** - Tigon horror with Patrick Wymark.
Fredric March died 1975 - Oscar-winning horror star.
Sarah Michelle Gellar born 1977 - the most popular Buffy.
Valerie Hobson born 1917 - appeared in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935) and *Werewolf of London* (1935).
***Weird Woman* released 1944** - the second Inner Sanctum film, starred Lon Chaney, Anne Gwynne and Evelyn Ankers.

APRIL 15TH

Herbert Bunston born 1874 - Dr Seward in *Dracula* (1931).
Gaston Leroux died 1927 - writer of The Phantom of the Opera.
Hazel Court died 2008 - appeared in several Hammers including *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957) and *The Man Who Could Cheat Death* (1959).

APRIL 16TH

Roy Ashton born 1909 - created some of Hammer's most iconic make-up designs.

APRIL 17TH

***The Strange Case of Doctor Rx* released 1942** - horror mystery with Patric Knowles and Lionel Atwill.

APRIL 18TH

Nigel Kneale born 1922 - creator of Professor Bernard Quatermass.
***She* released 1965** - Ursula Andress simply must be obeyed.

APRIL 19TH

Michael Carreras died 1994 - Hammer producer and director who worked on *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957) and *The Curse of the Werewolf* (1960).
***Nightmare* released 1964** - Hammer horror thriller.



*Above: **Monkey swoon** - apish antics in **The Strange Case of Doctor Rx** (Universal 1942).*



*Above: **Double date** - Kong protects Fay Wray from a passing pterodactyl in **King Kong** (RKO 1933).*

APRIL 20TH

Elena Verdugo born 1926 - played Ilonka in *House of Frankenstein* (1944).
Bram Stoker died 1912 - creator of Dracula.
***Dawn of the Dead* released 1979 (New York premiere)** - George Romero's genre-defining zombie movie.

APRIL 21ST

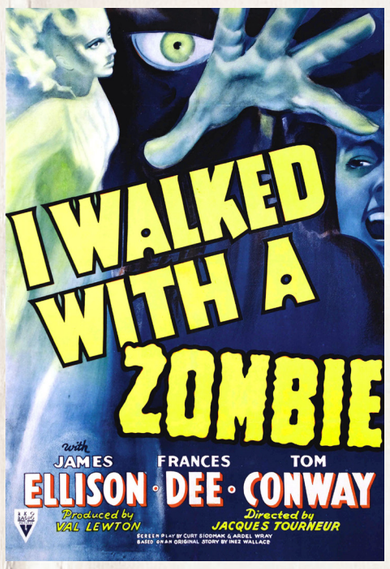
Merian C Cooper died 1973 - directed and produced *King Kong* (1933).

APRIL 22ND

Rondo Hatton born 1894 - actor famous for playing thuggish roles.
Lionel Atwill died 1946 - popular Universal star, seen in *Son of Frankenstein* (1939) and others.
***The Beast Must Die* released 1974** - Amicus werewolf movie with Peter Cushing and Anton Diffring.

APRIL 23RD

Jennifer Jayne died 2006 - appeared in *Dr Terror's House of Horrors* (1965).



APRIL 24TH

Marceline Day born 1908 - starred in *London After Midnight* (1927).
William Castle born 1914 - gimmick-loving director of *House on Haunted Hill* (1959).
Bud Abbott died 1974 - half of the famous comedy duo.

APRIL 25TH

***The Invisible Ghost* released 1941** - Bela Lugosi has an urge to kill.

APRIL 26TH

***Mark of the Vampire* released 1935** - remake of *London After Midnight* (1927).
***The Creature Walks Among Us* released 1956** - everyone's favourite amphibian gets dressed up.

APRIL 27TH

Eva Moore died 1955 - Rebecca Femm in *The Old Dark House* (1932).
Roy Del Ruth died 1961 - directed *The Terror* (1928).
***The Thing from Another World* released 1951** - ice-bound sci-fi horror.
***And Now the Screaming Starts!* released 1973** - Amicus horror with Peter Cushing and Herbert Lom.

APRIL 28TH

Lionel Barrymore born 1878 - starred in *Mark of the Vampire* (1935) and *The Devil Doll* (1936).
Carl Laemmle Jr born 1908 - Universal producer in charge of *Dracula* (1931), *Frankenstein* (1931) and many more.

APRIL 29TH

Richard Carlson born 1912 - starred in *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954).
Alfred Hitchcock died 1980 - master of the suspense movie.
Mae Clarke died 1992 - played Elizabeth in *Frankenstein* (1931).

APRIL 30TH

David Manners born 1900 - starred in *Dracula* (1931) and *The Mummy* (1932).
Helen Chandler died 1965 - played Mina Harker in *Dracula* (1931).
***I Walked with a Zombie* released 1943** - Val Lewton voodoo shocker.
***Sherlock Holmes in Washington* released 1943** - Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce go a-sleuthing.
***Vampire Circus* released 1972** - Hammer horror featuring the scariest show on Earth.
***A Nightmare on Elm Street* released 2010** - remake of the 1984 classic, with Rooney Mara.



*Left: **Sleeping dead** - original poster from **I Walked with a Zombie** (RKO 1943).*
*Above: **Ringside seat** - a feeding frenzy in **Vampire Circus** (Hammer 1972).*

14 MAY

MAY 1ST

The Curse of the Werewolf **released 1961** - adaptation of Guy Endore's The Werewolf of Paris, starring Oliver Reed.
The Shadow of the Cat **released 1961** - double-bill with *The Curse of the Werewolf*, starring André Morell and Barbara Shelley.
Friday the 13th Part 2 **released 1981** - the first movie to feature an adult Jason Voorhees as the Crystal Lake killer.

MAY 2ND

The Curse of Frankenstein **released 1957** - Hammer's first colour horror feature, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.
Frankenstein and the Monster from Hell **released 1974** - featured Peter Cushing's final performance as Baron Frankenstein, with David Prowse as the Monster.
Oliver Reed died 1999 - famed for roles in many films including Hammer productions *The Curse of the Werewolf* (1961) and *Captain Clegg* (1962).
The Black Cat **released 1941** - Universal horror movie starring Basil Rathbone with Bela Lugosi in a small supporting role.
Night Key **released 1937** - science-fiction crime thriller starring Boris Karloff.

MAY 3RD

Tom Tyler died 1975 - played Kharis in *The Mummy's Hand* (1940).
The Ghost Train **released 1941** - English mystery thriller starring Arthur Askey.
Frederick Kerr died 1933 - played the old Baron in *Frankenstein* (1931).
Karl Freund died 1969 - cinematographer on *Metropolis* (1926) and *Dracula* (1931), also directed *The Mummy* (1932) and *Mad Love* (1935).

MAY 4TH

Phil Leakey born 1908 - Hammer make-up artist who created the Creature in *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957).
The Hound of the Baskervilles **released 1959** - Hammer's adaptation of the Conan Doyle novel.



Above: ***Double trouble*** *- original poster for the double-bill of* ***The Curse of the Werewolf*** *and* ***The Shadow of the Cat*** *(Hammer 1961).*

MAY 5TH

Jack P Pierce born 1889 - make-up artist who created the monster designs for *Frankenstein* (1931) and *The Wolf Man* (1941) among others.

MAY 6TH

Bride of Frankenstein **released 1935** - first sequel in the franchise, starring Boris Karloff and Elsa Lanchester.
Gaston Leroux born 1868 - writer of Le Fantôme de l'Opéra, published as a novel in 1911.

MAY 7TH

The Black Cat **released 1934** - the first movie to pair Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi and one of the first classic horrors with a complete musical score.
Mary Philbin died 1993 - starred in *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925) and *The Man Who Laughs* (1928).
Taste the Blood of Dracula **released 1970** - fourth Hammer Dracula movie, released as a double bill with *Crescendo* (1970).
Val Lewton born 1904 - screenwriter who worked on the likes of *I Walked with a Zombie* (1943) and *The Body Snatcher* (1945).
Ray Harryhausen died 2013 - stop-motion animation pioneer who created the skeletons in *Jason and the Argonauts* (1963) among many other effects.
Whistle and I'll Come to You **released 1968** - adaptation of M R James' eerie story starring Michael Hordern.

MAY 8TH

The Corpse Vanishes **released 1942** - stars Bela Lugosi as mad Dr Lorenz who performs operations to preserve his wife's beauty.

MAY 9TH

Friday the 13th **released 1980** - the first of the series, which only featured Jason Voorhees briefly as a child.

MAY 10TH

Max Steiner born 1888 - wrote the scores for *King Kong* (1933), *Gone with the Wind* (1939) and *Casablanca* (1942).
Bedlam **released 1946** - Val Lewton's final RKO horror movie, starring Boris Karloff and Anna Lee.

MAY 11TH

Dracula's Daughter **released 1936** - sequel to *Dracula* (1931) starring Gloria Holden, Edward van Sloan and Irving Pichel.
A Nightmare on Elm Street: The Dream Child **released 1990** - fifth instalment in the Elm Street franchise.

MAY 12TH

Lionel Belmore born 1867 - played the Burgomaster in *Frankenstein* (1931), also appeared in *Son of Frankenstein* (1939) and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939).
Arthur Lubin died 1995 - directed *Phantom of the Opera* (1943) as well as TV shows including *The Addams Family* (1965).
Thorley Walters born 1913 - actor in Hammer movies such as *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966) and *Vampire Circus* (1972).



Above: ***Wedding belle*** *- Elsa Lanchester and Boris Karloff in* ***Bride of Frankenstein*** *(Universal 1935).*

MAY 13TH

Revenge of the Creature **released 1955** - sequel to *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954), released in 3-D.
Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood **released 1988** - the first Friday the 13th movie to star Kane Hodder as Jason Voorhees.

MAY 14TH

King of the Zombies **released 1941** - horror comedy starring Dick Purcell.
Nightmare in Wax **released 1969** - wax-museum horror thriller starring Cameron Mitchell.

MAY 15TH

André de Toth born 1912 - directed *House of Wax* (1953).

MAY 16TH

Robert Florey died 1979 - director, screenwriter and actor who directed *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (1932).

MAY 17TH

She Wolf of London **released 1946** - horror thriller starring June Lockhart.
The Cat Creeps **released 1946** - mystery movie starring Lois Collier.

MAY 18TH

Frankenstein Created Woman **released 1967** - fourth film in Hammer's Frankenstein series, starring Peter Cushing and Susan Denberg.
The Mummy's Shroud **released 1967** - released as a double-bill with *Frankenstein Created Woman* (1967), starring André Morell and John Phillips.
Denis Gifford died 2000 - writer, historian and comic artist.
The Abominable Dr Phibes **released 1971** - Vincent Price stars as the vengeful Biblically-inspired scientist.

MAY 19TH

The Damned **released 1963** - science fiction movie starring Oliver Reed.
Angel **final episode aired 2004 (US)** - conclusion of the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* spin-off series.

MAY 20TH

Anton Diffring died 1989 - starred in *The Man Who Could Cheat Death* (1959) and *The Beast Must Die* (1974).
Buffy the Vampire Slayer **final episode aired 2003 (US)** - final show in the seminal horror-drama series.
Omen IV: The Awakening **released 1991** - made-for-TV movie with the Antichrist reborn as a young girl.

MAY 21ST

The Vampire's Ghost **released 1945** - horror movie starring John Abbott.

MAY 22ND

Victor Hugo died 1885 - writer of Notre-Dame de Paris, known in English as The Hunchback of Notre Dame.
Dracula **released 1958 (UK)** - Hammer's version, starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.
Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed **released 1969** - Peter Cushing stars as the Baron in the fifth movie in the series.

MAY 23RD

Poltergeist II: The Other Side **released 1986** - sequel to the 1982 original.

MAY 24TH

Quatermass II **released 1957** - the second in Nigel Kneale's sci-fi horror series.

MAY 25TH

The Body Snatcher **released 1945** - the final movie to star Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi.
It Came From Outer Space **released 1953** - 3-D sci-fi movie starring Richard Carlson.
The Vengeance of Fu Manchu **released 1967** - Christopher Lee stars as the sadistic criminal mastermind.

MAY 26TH

Peter Cushing born 1913 - prolific Hammer horror actor.
The Deadly Mantis **released 1957** - sci-fi movie starring Craig Stevens.
The Gorilla **released 1939** - Ritz Brothers horror comedy starring Bela Lugosi and Lionel Atwill.
Dracula published 1897 - Bram Stoker's eternal vampire classic.

MAY 27TH

Christopher Lee born 1922 - iconic Hammer horror actor.
Vincent Price born 1911 - long-serving American horror actor.

MAY 28TH

George Zucco died 1960 - appeared in *The Mad Ghoul* (1943) and *House of Frankenstein* (1944) among others.



Above: ***Creature feature*** *- Universal copyright prevented Christopher Lee's character from being called the Monster in* ***The Curse of Frankenstein*** *(Hammer 1957).*

MAY 29TH

James Whale died 1957 - English director of *Frankenstein* (1931) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
John Barrymore died 1942 - starred in *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1920).
John Gilling born 1912 - directed *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966) and *The Reptile* (1966) among others.

MAY 30TH

Claude Rains died 1967 - appeared in *The Invisible Man* (1933) and *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).
Irving Thalberg born 1899 - producer of *London After Midnight* (1927) and *Freaks* (1932).
The Castle of Fu Manchu **released 1969** - starred Christopher Lee as the insane genius.

MAY 31ST

William Castle died 1977 - directed *House on Haunted Hill* (1959) and produced *Rosemary's Baby* (1968).



Above: ***Fangs for nothing*** *- Christopher Lee attacks John Van Eyssen in* ***Dracula / Horror of Dracula*** *(Hammer 1958).*

16 JUNE

JUNE 1ST

This Island Earth **released 1955** - Universal's first colour science fiction movie introduced us to the Metaluna Mutant.
The Evil of Frankenstein **released 1964** - Peter Cushing makes a monster out of Kiwi Kingston.
That's the Spirit **released 1945** - Universal's moving and amusing ghost story.
Jaws **released 1975** - Steven Spielberg's now-classic telling of Peter Benchley's novel.

JUNE 2ND

Dance of the Vampires **released 1967** - Roman Polanski's classic horror spoof.
World War Z **released 2013** - it's Brad Pitt against the zombies in this modern shocker.

JUNE 3RD

Nosferatu **released 1922** - F W Murnau's unauthorised version of Stoker's Dracula.
Werewolf of London **released 1935** - Henry Hull stars as the lycanthrope of the title.

JUNE 4TH

Captive Wild Woman **released 1943** - Acquanetta goes wild in this Universal monkey business.
Poltergeist **released 1982** - stay away from the light, Carol Anne.

JUNE 5TH

Charles Ogle born 1865 - played the Monster in Thomas Edison's *Frankenstein* (1910).
Garrett Fort born 1900 - wrote the screenplays for *Dracula* (1931) and *Frankenstein* (1931) among others.
Taste of Fear **released 1961** - Jimmy Sangster's first outing as a producer for Hammer.

JUNE 6TH

E E Clive died 1935 - popular Universal English support player.
Robert Englund born 1947 - Freddy Krueger's alter-ego.



Above: ***Desert Raid*** *- giant ants threaten humanity in* ***Them!*** *(Warner Brothers 1954).*



Above: ***Evil machinations*** *- Damien contemplates his nefarious deeds in* ***Damien: Omen II*** *(20th Century Fox 1978).*

JUNE 7TH

Captain Clegg **released 1962** - Peter Cushing stars in an atmospheric tale of smugglers.
The Phantom of the Opera **released 1962** - Hammer's remake of the classic with Herbert Lom.

JUNE 8TH

Ernest B Schoedsack born 1893 - co-director of *King Kong* (1933).
Ruth Rose died 1978 - screenwriter of *King Kong* (1933) and wife of Ernest B Schoedsack.

JUNE 9TH

The Invisible Man's Revenge **released 1944** - Universal's fifth and final entry in the saga starred Jon Hall.
Peter Coe died 1993 - handsome Universal support player, seen in *House of Frankenstein* (1944) and *The Mummy's Curse* (1944).
Charles Dickens died 1870 - English novelist and social critic, writer of several ghost stories.
James Carreras died 1990 - co-founder of Hammer Films.
Damien: Omen II **released 1978** - Harvey Stephens grows up to become Jonathan Scott-Taylor.

JUNE 10TH

Poltergeist III **released 1988** - the further adventures of Carol Anne.

JUNE 11TH

The Oblong Box **released 1969** - Vincent Price's thirteenth Edgar Allan Poe film also starred Christopher Lee.
Wallace Ford died 1966 - starred in Tod Browning's controversial *Freaks* (1932).

JUNE 12TH

M R James died 1936 - English master of the gothic ghost story.
Rosemary's Baby **released 1968** - Roman Polanski makes Mia Farrow wish she'd had the morning-after pill.

JUNE 13TH

Basil Rathbone born 1892 - prolific Universal actor, known for *Son of Frankenstein* (1939).

JUNE 14TH

Max J Rosenberg died 2004 - co-founder of Amicus Films.

JUNE 15TH

Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein **released 1948** - the final instalment in Universal's Frankenstein saga.
Sandor Elès born 1936 - Hungarian actor known for *The Evil of Frankenstein* (1964) and *Countess Dracula* (1970).

JUNE 16TH

Ilona Massey born 1910 - glamorous Hungarian actress seen in *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
Norman Kerry born 1894 - handsome co-star of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1923) and *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).
Suzan Farmer born 1942 - Hammer glamour star famous for *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966) and *Rasputin, The Mad Monk* (1966).
Ghost Catchers **released 1944** - Universal's horror-comedy-musical extravaganza.

JUNE 17TH

Ralph Bellamy born 1904 - Universal horror co-star seen in *The Wolf Man* (1941) and *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).
The Terror **released 1964** - Boris Karloff stars in this Poe-esque tale.
Wolf **released 1994** - Jack Nicholson, James Spader and Michelle Pfeiffer star in a modern werewolf tale.

JUNE 18TH

Dick Foran born 1910 - Universal support actor seen in several of their Mummy series.
Terence Fisher died 1980 - iconic Hammer horror director, responsible for *The Curse of Frankenstein* (1957) and *Dracula* (1958) among many others.

JUNE 19TH

King Kong Escapes **released 1968** - Toho revives the world's most famous giant ape.
David Peel born 1920 - played Baron Meinster in Hammer's *The Brides of Dracula* (1960).
I Was a Teenage Werewolf **released 1957** - Michael Landon stars in this drive-in classic.



Above: ***Furry and fearsome*** *- original poster from* ***Werewolf of London*** *(Universal 1935).*

Them! **released 1954** - Warner Brothers' epic tale of atomically enlarged ants.

JUNE 20TH

Edgar Barrier died 1964 - played Raoul in *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).

JUNE 21ST

The Ghost Breakers **released 1940** - comedy-horror movie with Bob Hope.

JUNE 22ND

Bramwell Fletcher died 1988 - appeared in *The Mummy* (1932) and was briefly married to *Dracula* (1931) star Helen Chandler.
House of Usher **released 1960** - Vincent Price stars in a reworking of the Edgar Allan Poe story The Fall of the House of Usher.

JUNE 23RD

Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy **released 1955** - the final movie starring the comedy duo.
Werner Krauss born 1884 - played the sinister titular showman in *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919).

JUNE 24TH

Irving Pichel born 1891 - versatile character actor famous for *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
The Masque of the Red Death **released 1964** - Poe-Corman-Price classic.

JUNE 25TH

Colin Clive died 1937 - troubled star of *Frankenstein* (1931) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
The Omen **released 1976 (US)** - Damien's very first outing in the guise of Harvey Stephens.

JUNE 26TH

King Kong vs Godzilla **released 1963** - Toho's pairing of two iconic behemoths.
Peter Lorre born 1904 - prolific Austro-Hungarian horror actor.

JUNE 27TH

Peggy Webling died 1949 - writer of the Frankenstein stage play on which Universal's 1931 movie was based.
Milton Subotsky died 1991 - co-founder of Amicus Films.

JUNE 28TH

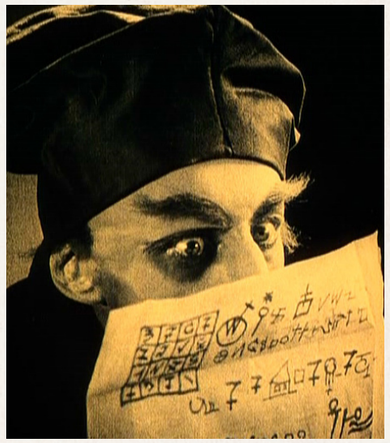
Michael Ripper died 2000 - stalwart Hammer actor who appeared in more of their films than any other.

JUNE 29TH

Ray Harryhausen born 1920 - master of stop-motion animation.
Nelson Eddy born 1901 - American actor and singer who starred as Anatol in *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).
The Frozen Ghost **released 1945** - Inner Sanctum movie starring Lon Chaney Jr.
The Jungle Captive **released 1945** - more apish antics from Paula Dupree.



Above: ***Masked muse*** *- Herbert Lom tutors Heather Sears in* ***The Phantom of the Opera*** *(Hammer 1962).*



Above: ***Lost soul*** *- Graf Orlok seeks information in* ***Nosferatu*** *(Prana 1922).*

Below: ***Welcome party*** *- the Metaluna Mutant doesn't take kindly to visitors in* ***This Island Earth*** *(Universal 1955).*

JUNE 30TH

The House of Fear **released 1939** - murder and mystery abound in theatreland in Universal's suspense thriller.



18 JULY

JULY 1ST

Charles Laughton born 1899 - starred in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939).
David Prowse born 1935 - played the Frankenstein Creature twice for Hammer.
Michael Landon died 1991 - starred in *I Was a Teenage Werewolf* (1957).
***How to Make a Monster* released 1958** - final part in the drive-in shocker trilogy.

JULY 2ND

Fred Gwynne died 1993 - played Jud Crandall in *Pet Sematary* (1989).

JULY 3RD

***The Alligator People* released 1959** - sci-fi B-movie starring Beverley Garland and Lon Chaney Jr.

JULY 4TH

Gloria Stuart born 1910 - appeared in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *The Invisible Man* (1933).
Guy Endore born - some say 1900, some say 1901, but what isn't in doubt is that he wrote Werewolf of Paris and several horror screenplays.

JULY 5TH

Lambert Hillyer died 1969 - directed *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
Jean Cocteau born 1889 - directed *La Belle et la Bête* (1946).

JULY 6TH

Thorley Walters died 1991 - Hammer actor in *The Phantom of the Opera* (1962) and *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966) among others.

JULY 7TH

***The Mummy's Ghost* released 1944** - Lon Chaney's final outing as Kharis.
***Jungle Woman* released 1944** - Acquanetta does a little more monkeying around.
***The Brides of Dracula* released 1960** - Hammer's stylish non-Dracula Dracula sequel, starring David Peel.
***The Devil Rides Out* released 1968** - Hammer's creepy rendition of the Dennis Wheatley classic.
***Return of the Terror* released 1934** - First National's reworking of the first horror talkie.

JULY 8TH

Lambert Hillyer born 1889 - director of *The Invisible Ray* (1936).
Paul Leni born 1885 - directed Conrad Veidt in *The Man Who Laughs* (1928).

JULY 9TH

Valerie Gaunt born 1933 - Christopher Lee's eerie bride in *Dracula* (1958).
***Fear in the Night* released 1972** - Hammer suspense thriller starring Peter Cushing, Ralph Bates and Joan Collins.
***Straight On Till Morning* released 1972** - psychological horror starring Shane Briant and Rita Tushingham, part of a double-bill with *Fear in the Night*.

JULY 10TH

Fred Gwynne born 1926 - Herman Munster himself.
***The Devil Doll* released 1936** - Tod Browning's final horror movie, starring Lionel Barrymore in drag.

JULY 11TH

***Dr Phibes Rises Again* released 1972** - Vincent Price in a high-camp tale of the macabre.

JULY 12TH

Tod Browning born 1880 - director of *Dracula* (1931) and *Freaks* (1932).
Lon Chaney Jr died 1973 - only star to play all four Universal classic monsters.
James Bernard died 2001 - classic Hammer composer.
***Mad Love* released 1935** - Peter Lorre and Colin Clive star in this body-shock horror.
***Halloween: Resurrection* released 2002** - Jamie Lee Curtis is back for a brief final battle with Michael Myers.

JULY 13TH

Irving Pichel died 1954 - star of *Murder By the Clock* (1931).

JULY 14TH

Zita Johann born 1904 - exotic star of *The Mummy* (1932).



*Above: **Maimed and dangerous** - Horror make-up is a weapon of war in **How to Make a Monster** (AIP 1958).*



*Above: **Dolly bird** - Lionel Barrymore drags up for the dollies in **The Devil Doll** (MGM 1936).*

JULY 15TH

***Return of the Fly* released 1959** - sequel to the chilling original.

JULY 16TH

***The Fly* released 1958** - Vincent Price stars in this enduring sci-fi horror.
Mary Philbin born 1902 - played opposite Lon Chaney in *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).

JULY 17TH

Marilyn Harris born 1924 - Little Maria in *Frankenstein* (1931).
***Return of the Ape Man* released 1944** - Bela Lugosi apes around in this budget Monogram horror romp.

JULY 18TH

James Brolin born 1940 - starred as George Lutz in *The Amityville Horror* (1979).

JULY 19TH

***Jason X* released 2001 (Munich premiere)** - space-age slasher romp.
Jack P Pierce died 1968 - Universal's monster make-up maestro.

JULY 20TH

***Frankenstein 1970* released 1958** - Boris Karloff on the other side of the table.
***Secret of the Blue Room* released 1933** - Lionel Atwill and Gloria Stuart paired to magnificence.

JULY 21ST

Basil Rathbone died 1967 - star of *Son of Frankenstein* (1939) and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1939) among others.
***Murder By the Clock* released 1931** - tense murder-thriller with Irving Pichel.

JULY 22ND

***The Raven* released 1935** - classic Poe pairing of Karloff and Lugosi.
***Plan 9 from Outer Space* released 1959** - Ed Wood's cult sci-fi horror movie - what could we say here to do it justice?
***Cry of the Banshee* released 1970** - AIP Price-Poe romp.
James Whale born 1889 - genius English director responsible for *Frankenstein* (1931) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935) among others.
***The Hills Have Eyes* released 1977** - the creepy original.

JULY 23RD

Daniel Radcliffe born 1989 - Harry Potter himself, and star of *The Woman in Black* (2012).

JULY 24TH

Virginia Christine died 1996 - Universal support star, seen in *The Mummy's Curse* (1944).

JULY 25TH

Arthur Lubin born 1898 - director of many Abbott and Costello movies and *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).



JULY 26TH

***The Maze* released 1953** - 3-D horror movie with a frog as the tragic monster.



*Above: **Cold-blooded thriller** - Richard Crane and Beverly Garland fear the truth in **The Alligator People** (20th Century Fox 1959).*
*Left: **Frog's born** - original poster for **The Maze** (Allied Artists 1953).*
*Below right: **It's a wrap** - Kharis (Lon Chaney Jr) moves to Mapleton in **The Mummy's Ghost** (Universal 1944).*

JULY 27TH

***The Woman in Green* released 1945** - Sherlock Holmes mystery thriller with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
***The Amityville Horror* released 1979** - whether it's true or not, it's still scary.

JULY 28TH

***Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan* released 1989** - Mr Voorhees takes a shopping trip to the Big Apple.

JULY 29TH

Maria Ouspenskaya born 1876 - Maleva the gypsy woman in the Wolf Man series, and overall goddess.
Raymond Massey died 1983 - veteran actor, famous for *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944).
***The Tingler* released 1958** - William Castle's gimmick-laden Vincent Price vehicle.

JULY 30TH

Holmes Herbert born 1882 - English horror support actor, seen in *Mark of the Vampire* (1935) among others.

JULY 31ST

***Invisible Agent* released 1942** - Jon Hall as the grandson of the original unseen villain.





*Above: **Blonde trouble** - Pretty Yvonne Monlaur is menaced by prettier David Peel in **The Brides of Dracula** (Hammer 1960).*

20 AUGUST

AUGUST 1ST

M R James born 1862 - master of the English gothic ghost story.
Erle C Kenton born 1896 - director of Universal horrors including *House of Frankenstein* (1944).
***Abbott and Costello Meet Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* released 1953** - the comedy duo face off against Karloff.
***Jason Lives: Friday the 13th Part VI* released 1986** - that Voorhees boy just won't go away.

AUGUST 2ND

Susan Denberg born 1944 - glamorous Hammer star of *Frankenstein Created Woman* (1967).
Fritz Lang died 1976 - genius creator of *Metropolis* (1927) and *M* (1931).

AUGUST 3RD

James Cruze died 1942 - star of the 1912 silent short film *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.
Carolyn Jones died 1983 - probably most famous for playing Morticia Addams, but also appeared in *House of Wax* (1953) and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956).
John Landis born 1950 - director of *An American Werewolf in London* (1981).

AUGUST 4TH

***White Zombie* released 1932** - Bela Lugosi at his sinister best.
Melvyn Douglas died 1981 - American actor famous for *The Old Dark House* (1932) and others.

AUGUST 5TH

***Halloween H20* released 1998** - Michael Myers is back to celebrate 20 years of mayhem.
***Daleks - Invasion Earth 2150AD* released 1966** - cinematic Dr Who adventure starring Peter Cushing.

AUGUST 6TH

Cedric Hardwicke died 1964 - English actor seen in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939) and *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942) among others.
Warner Oland died 1938 - Swedish-American actor who starred in *Werewolf of London* (1935).



*Above: **Window to the soul** - Kiefer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon consider their risky experiments in **Flatliners** (Columbia 1990).*

AUGUST 7TH

Jane Adams born 1921 - played hunchback nurse Nina in *House of Dracula* (1945).

AUGUST 8TH

Fay Wray died 2004 - super-screamer extraordinaire in *King Kong* (1933).
Marilyn Burns died 2014 - starred in *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* (1974).
***Hold That Ghost* released 1941** - Abbott and Costello, and a haunted house.

AUGUST 9TH

Sharon Tate died 1969 - American actress and sex symbol murdered by the Manson "family", remembered for *Dance of the Vampires* (1967).
Tom Tyler born 1903 - Western star, also famous for *The Mummy's Hand* (1940).
***The Bat* released 1959** - when it flies, someone dies. Apparently.

AUGUST 10TH

***The Ugly Duckling* released 1959** - Hammer's comedy retelling of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, starring Bernard Breslaw.
Curt Siodmak born 1902 - novelist and screenwriter who created *The Wolf Man* (1941)



*Above: **Which zombie?** - witch doctor Murder Legendre (Bela Lugosi) is up to no good in **White Zombie** (Halperin 1932).*

among others.
Dick Foran died 1979 - almost played the Wolf Man, but appeared in several Universal Mummy films.
***Flatliners* released 1990** - creepy near-death-experience horror with Kiefer Sutherland and Julia Roberts.

AUGUST 11TH

Peter Cushing died 1994 - English star of many Hammer horrors.
Philip Martell died 1993 - head of Hammer's music department.
Eddie Powell died 2000 - Christopher Lee's stunt double who also starred in *The Mummy's Shroud* (1967).

AUGUST 12TH

***The Pit and the Pendulum* released 1961** - Poe-based Vincent Price classic.
Aida Young died 2007 - production manager and producer in charge of many Hammer horrors.

AUGUST 13TH

***Friday the 13th Part 3* released 1982** - 3-D continuation of Jason's adventures.
***Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday* released 1993** - it was anything but final, but it was a Friday.
Alfred Hitchcock born 1899 - what can we say? The master of suspense.

AUGUST 14TH

***Witchfinder General* released 1968** - Vincent Price stars in the eerie Michael Reeves classic.
Aida Young born 1920 - produced many Hammer classics.

AUGUST 15TH

***Targets* released 1968** - it wasn't quite Karloff's last film, but it would have made a perfect swansong.
***Freddy vs Jason* released 2003** - superior pairing of two modern classic monsters.

AUGUST 16TH

***The Time of Their Lives* released 1946** - ghostly wartime japes for Abbott and Costello.
Bela Lugosi died 1956 - the world's most iconic Count Dracula left us on this day.
Glenn Strange born 1899 - the best-loved Frankenstein Monster after Karloff.
Mae Clarke born 1910 - played Elizabeth in *Frankenstein* (1931).
Donnie Dunagan born 1934 - played young Peter in *Son of Frankenstein* (1939).

AUGUST 17TH

***The Man They Could Not Hang* released 1939** - mad Boris Karloff gets to grips with a mechanical heart.
Evelyn Ankers born 1918 - Universal's super-screamer, famous for *The Wolf Man* (1941) and *The Mad Ghoul* (1943).
Maureen O'Hara born 1920 - "Friend, she gave me water." … But sadly, not much else. Esmeralda, of course, from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939).
Shane Briant born 1946 - latter Hammer star, famous for a handful of their psychological thrillers.



*Above: **Identity crisis** - Bud and Lou face their dark sides in **Abbott and Costello Meet Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** (Universal 1953).*

AUGUST 18TH

***Maria Marten, or The Murder in the Red Barn* released 1936** - dastardly Tod Slaughter up to his even more dastardly antics.
Roman Polanski born 1933 - visionary Polish filmmaker who gave us *Rosemary's Baby* (1968).

AUGUST 19TH

Jimmy Sangster died 2011 - Hammer screenwriter and sometime director.
Olga Baclanova born 1896 - appeared in *The Man Who Laughs* (1928) and *Freaks* (1932).
***A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master* released 1988** - more nightmarish antics with Freddy Krueger.

AUGUST 20TH

Ilona Massey died 1974 - Hungarian star of *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
André Morell born 1909 - Hammer actor famous for *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966) and *The Mummy's Shroud* (1967).
H P Lovecraft born 1890 - author of numerous horror novels and stories.

AUGUST 21ST

***An American Werewolf in London* released 1981** - John Landis' breakthrough lycanthrope movie.

AUGUST 22ND

Jean Yarbrough born 1900 - directed *The Devil Bat* (1940), *King of the Zombies* (1941) and others.
Ray Bradbury born 1920 - sci-fi and horror writer, famous for It Came from Outer Space among many other works.

AUGUST 23RD

***Dr Who and the Daleks* released 1965** - Peter Cushing in a sci-fi romp inspired by the popular TV series.

AUGUST 24TH

Victor Halperin born 1895 - director of *White Zombie* (1932).
Rita Carlyle died 1949 - actress known for *The Vampire Bat* (1933).
Helena Grant born 1908 - plays a small role in Karloff mystery-horror movie *The Black Room* (1935).

AUGUST 25TH

***The Skull* released 1965** - Amicus horror starring Peter Cushing.



*Above: **Masked marauder** - Jason Voorhees prepares for battle in **Freddy vs Jason** (New Line 2003).*



*Above: **At a loose end** - original poster for **The Man They Could Not Hang** (Columbia 1939).*

AUGUST 26TH

***The Quatermass Xperiment* released 1955** - apocalyptic Hammer sci-fi horror starring Brian Donlevy.
***The Abominable Snowman* released 1957** - Peter Cushing on the trail of the Yeti in this Hammer classic.
Lon Chaney died 1930 - silent horror superstar and make-up magician.

AUGUST 27TH

***Phantom of the Opera* released 1943** - Universal's lavish full-colour musical with Claude Rains in the title role.
Johnny Eck born 1911 - the "Half-Boy" from Tod Browning's *Freaks* (1932).
***The Revenge of Frankenstein* released 1958** - Michael Gwynn stars as Baron Cushing's second creation.
***Dr X* released 1932** - Lionel Atwill up to mad-doctor high jinks and antics.

AUGUST 28TH

***The Haunted Palace* released 1963** - Vincent Price and Lon Chaney Jr star in this dark Poe-inspired tale.
J Sheridan Le Fanu born 1914 - Irish writer of horror and mystery tales including Carmilla.
E E Clive born 1883 - English horror star known for *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).

AUGUST 29TH

***The Legend of the 7 Golden Vampires* released 1974** - Hammer, vampires, kung fu and Peter Cushing. What's not to like?
***Mighty Joe Young* released 1949** - another ape riding on the coat-tails of Kong.
Evelyn Ankers died 1985 - and now the screaming stops. May she rest in peace.

AUGUST 30TH

Mary Shelley born 1797 - mother of Frankenstein and precocious novelist.
Raymond Massey born 1896 - replaced Karloff in the film version of *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944).
***The Blood of Fu Manchu* released 1968** - more attempts at world domination by Christopher Lee.

AUGUST 31ST

***Halloween* released 2007** - Rob Zombie's respectable remake of John Carpenter and Debra Hill's classic.
Fredric March born 1897 - the only monster ever to win an Oscar, for *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1931).

22 SEPTEMBER



Above: ***Looks like Karloff*** *- Cary Grant, Raymond Massey and Peter Lorre in* ***Arsenic and Old Lace*** *(Warner Brothers 1944).*

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Sandor Elès died 2002 - Hungarian star of *Evil of Frankenstein* (1964).
Isle of the Dead **released 1945** - Val Lewton shocker for RKO, starring Boris Karloff.

SEPTEMBER 2ND

Paul Leni died 1929 - directed *The Man Who Laughs* (1928).
Francis Matthews born 1927 - starred in *The Revenge of Frankenstein* (1958) and *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966).
Curt Siodmak died 2000 - prolific Universal monster screenwriter.

SEPTEMBER 3RD

The Vampire Lovers **released 1970** - Hammer lesbian romp based on J Sheridan Le Fanu's Carmilla.

SEPTEMBER 4TH

Roy William Neill born 1887 - directed *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
David Peel died 1981 - Baron Meinster in *The Brides of Dracula* (1960).

SEPTEMBER 5TH

Gloria Holden born 1903 - she gave us that weird feeling in *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
Raquel Welch born 1940 - voluptuous Hammer star of *One Million Years BC* (1966).

SEPTEMBER 6TH

Corridors of Blood **released 1962** - Karloff once again finds himself in horrific medical shenanigans.
The Terror **released 1928** - guests at a spooky house are stalked by the titular killer in this Warner Brothers thriller.
The Hunchback of Notre Dame **released 1923** - Lon Chaney starred as persecuted Quasimodo.
Otto Kruger born 1885 - appeared in *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
Otto Kruger died 1974 - one of a handful of horror stars to die on their birthday.

Max Schreck born 1879 - cadaverous star of *Nosferatu* (1922).
Olga Baclanova died 1974 - glamorous co-star in *The Man Who Laughs* (1928) and *Freaks* (1932).

SEPTEMBER 7TH

City of the Dead **released 1960** - witchcraft high jinks with Christopher Lee.

SEPTEMBER 8TH

William Fawcett born 1894 - appeared in *The Return of Dracula* (1958).

SEPTEMBER 9TH

The Cat and the Canary **released 1927** - silent version of this classic cat-and-mouse murder mystery.

SEPTEMBER 10TH

Loretta King died 2007 - appeared in *Bride of the Monster* (1955).
Richard Karlan died 2004 - appeared in *Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy* (1955).
Michael Ross died 1993 - appeared in *Attack of the 50 Foot Woman* (1958).
Robert Wise born 1914 - director of *The Body Snatcher* (1945).
The Hound of the Baskervilles **released 1920** - retelling of the classic story starring Eille Norwood.



Above: ***I want my Mummy*** *- Peter Cushing fends off Christopher Lee in* ***The Mummy*** *(Hammer 1959).*

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Herbert Lom born 1917 - Czechoslovakian star of *The Phantom of the Opera* (1962).
The Man Who Changed His Mind **released 1936** - British sci-fi thriller sees Boris Karloff doing a spot of brain switching.

SEPTEMBER 12TH

Freddie Jones born 1927 - played the Creature in Hammer's *Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed* (1969).

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Max J Rosenberg born 1914 - co-founder of Amicus Films.
Paul Wegener died 1948 - German Expressionist filmmaker, famous particularly for the Golem series.
Dead Birds **first released 2004** - eerie Western-horror starring Henry Thomas.

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Robert Florey born 1900 - directed *Murders in the Rue Morgue* (1932).
Irving Thalberg died 1936 - genius producer of several Lon Chaney silent classics.
Robert Wise died 2005 - director of *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951).

SEPTEMBER 15TH

Fay Wray born 1907 - super-screamer famous for *King Kong* (1933) and *Mystery of the Wax Museum* (1933).

SEPTEMBER 16TH

The Old Dark House **released 1966** - Hammer's haunted-house classic starring Joyce Grenfell.

SEPTEMBER 17TH

Sherlock Holmes Faces Death **released 1943** - the further adventures of the supersleuth, starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
Before I Hang **released 1940** - low-budget Columbia shocker featuring Boris Karloff.
O P Heggie born 1877 - the Monster's only real friend in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).

SEPTEMBER 18TH

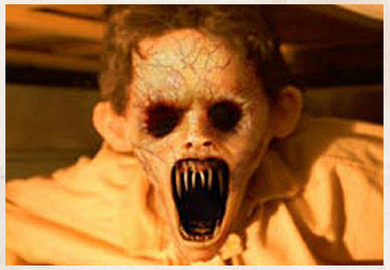
Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror **released 1942** - another outing for the super-detective and his sidekick, with Evelyn Ankers thrown in for good measure.
Veronica Carlson born 1944 - glamorous Hammer star of *Dracula Has Risen from the Grave* (1968) and *Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed* (1969).
Anthony Hinds born 1922 - stalwart Hammer producer and writer responsible for many of their classics.
Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer, Boris Karloff **released 1950** - more japes from the comedy duo.

SEPTEMBER 19TH

Gloria Talbot died 2000 - appeared in *I Married a Monster from Outer Space* (1958).

SEPTEMBER 20TH

James Bernard born 1925 - Hammer composer extraordinaire.
Glenn Strange died 1973 - cowboy actor turned monster.
The Mummy's Hand **released 1940** - Tom Tyler replaces Boris Karloff in the second of Universal's Mummy series.



Above: ***Pretty boy*** *- there's something nasty under the bed in* ***Dead Birds*** *(Columbia Tri-Star 2004).*

SEPTEMBER 21ST

X the Unknown **released 1956** - Jimmy Sangster-penned Hammer sci-fi.
James P Hogan born 1890 - directed *The Mad Ghoul* (1943).

SEPTEMBER 22ND

The Phantom of the Opera **released 1925** - the silent classic starring Lon Chaney.
The Pearl of Death **released 1944** - Sherlock Holmes adventure with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

SEPTEMBER 23RD

Arsenic and Old Lace **released 1944** - delightful black comedy starring Cary Grant, Peter Lorre and Raymond Massey.
Le Fantôme de l'Opéra first instalment published 1909 - Gaston Leroux's now-legendary novel, better known in English as The Phantom of the Opera.

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Carl Laemmle died 1939 - co-founder of Universal Studios.
Carl Laemmle Jr died 1979 - died on the same day as his father, exactly forty years later.



Above: ***Eye, eye*** *- Martha Mattox and Laura La Plante in* ***The Cat and the Canary*** *(Universal 1927).*

Zita Johann died 1993 - starred as Helen Grosvenor / Anck-es-en-Amon in *The Mummy* (1932).

SEPTEMBER 25TH

The Mummy **released 1959** - Hammer's bandage-wrapped horror retelling with Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.

SEPTEMBER 26TH

Martine Beswick born 1941 - starred in *Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde* (1971).
Gloria Stuart died 2010 - appeared in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *The Invisible Man* (1933).

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Herbert Lom died 2012 - star of *And Now the Screaming Starts!* (1973).
Milton Subotsky born 1921 - the other half of Amicus Films.

SEPTEMBER 28TH

Ed Wood **released 1994** - Tim Burton's acclaimed biopic of the life of Edward D Wood Jr.
The Day the Earth Stood Still **released 1951** - sci-fi classic featuring Gort the robot.
Dracula AD 1972 **released 1972** - Christopher Lee gets his groove on in the modern age.
Heather Sears born 1935 - played Christine in Hammer's *The Phantom of the Opera* (1962).

SEPTEMBER 29TH

Brember Wills died 1948 - famous to horror fans as Saul Femm in James Whale's *The Old Dark House* (1932).
The Terror of the Tongs **released 1961** - Hammer horror-thriller with Christopher Lee and Yvonne Monlaur.
Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers **released 1995** - the further exploits of the dysfunctional Myers child.

SEPTEMBER 30TH

Lil Dagover born 1887 - starred opposite Conrad Veidt in *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919).
Turhan Bey death 2012 - exotic-looking Universal player, seen in *The Mad Ghoul* (1943).
Anthony Hinds died 2013 - Hammer scriptwriter who occasionally went under the name of John Elder.
The Ape **released 1940** - Boris Karloff dresses up as an ape in the name of science.

Below: ***Skull cap*** *- Lon Chaney's iconc make-up for* ***The Phantom of the Opera*** *(Universal 1925).*



24 OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1ST

***The Brute Man* released 1946** - thriller starring Rondo Hatton.
***The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* released 1974** - Tobe Hooper's extreme horror introduced us to Leatherface.
***Night of the Living Dead* released 1968** - they're coming to get you, Barbra.

OCTOBER 2ND

Barton Yarborough born 1900 - played Dr Kettering in *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).
Bud Abbott born 1897 - half of one of showbiz's favourite double-acts.

OCTOBER 3RD

Henry Hull born 1890 - lycanthropic Dr Glendon in *Werewolf of London* (1935).
Warner Oland born 1879 - played Dr Yogami in *Werewolf of London* (1935).
***Hands of the Ripper* released 1971** - Jack the Ripper's daughter isn't exactly well-adjusted in this Hammer horror.
***Twins of Evil* released 1971** - vaguely Carmilla-based Hammer vampire romp.

OCTOBER 4TH

Anne Rice born 1941 - writer of The Vampire Chronicles, which included Interview with the Vampire.
Charlton Heston born 1924 - fought the albino mutants in *The Omega Man* (1971).
Criswell died 1982 - famed psychic who made a cameo appearance in *Plan 9 from Outer Space* (1959).

OCTOBER 5TH

***Strange Confession* released 1945** - Inner Sanctum mystery starring Lon Chaney Jr.
Andrew Keir died 1997 - Father Sandor in *Dracula, Prince of Darkness* (1966).
Roy Ward Baker died 2010 - directed *The Vampire Lovers* (1970) and *Scars of Dracula* (1970) among others.
***Angel* premiere 1999 (US)** - Buffy spin-off taking the action to Los Angeles.

OCTOBER 6TH

Bette Davis died 1989 - Baby Jane Hudson herself, also appeared in Hammer's *The Anniversary* (1967).
Tod Browning died 1962 - directed *Dracula* (1931) and *Freaks* (1932).
Philip Martell born 1907 - Hammer composer, wrote scores including *Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde* (1971).

OCTOBER 7TH

***The Two Faces of Dr Jekyll* released 1960** - Paul Massie stars as the identity-crisis-ridden scientist.
***The Nanny* released 1965** - Bette Davis faces off against a ten-year-old boy in Hammer's psychological horror.
***Blood from the Mummy's Tomb* released 1971** - eerie Hammer horror movie based on Bram Stoker's novel The Jewel of Seven Stars.
Edgar Allan Poe death 1849 - troubled writer of enduring gothic fiction including The Pit and the Pendulum.

OCTOBER 8TH

***Mr Sardonicus* released 1961** - Guy Rolfe as the fixed-grinned protagonist.
***Scars of Dracula* released 1970** - Christopher Lee in the last of the gothic-set Dracula instalments.
***The Horror of Frankenstein* released 1970** - Ralph Bates makes a monster of Dave Prowse.

OCTOBER 9TH

Miriam Hopkins died 1972 - played Ivy in *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1931).

OCTOBER 10TH

Edward D Wood Jr born 1924 - filmmaker behind some of cinema's most derided yet beloved movies.

OCTOBER 11TH

Frederick Kerr born 1858 - English actor who played the old Baron in *Frankenstein* (1931).



*Above: **Smalltown scares** - Lon Chaney Jr and Turhan Bey plot revenge in **The Mummy's Tomb** (Universal 1942).*



*Above: **Suited for evil** - Louis Hayward in a publicity still for **The Son of Dr Jekyll** (Columbia 1951).*

OCTOBER 12TH

Christopher Wicking died 2008 - scriptwriter for Hammer and AIP.
Hugh Jackman born 1968 - responsible for the rebirth of the classic monsters craze via *Van Helsing* (2004).
Josephine Hutchinson born 1903 - played Elsa von Frankenstein to Basil Rathbone's *Son of Frankenstein* (1939),

OCTOBER 13TH

***Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers* released 1989** - rinse-and-repeat slasher movie.

OCTOBER 14TH

Fritz Leiber died 1949 - played Franz Liszt in *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).
***The Curse of the Cat People* released 1944** - Val Lewton's psychological thriller, with no visible cat people.

OCTOBER 15TH

***The Mystery of the Mary Celeste* released 1936** - Bela Lugosi stars in this early Hammer mystery thriller.

OCTOBER 16TH

Douglas Walton born 1910 - Percy Bysshe Shelley in the prologue to *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Matt Willis born 1913 - poor Andreas, losing his soul not once, but twice in *The Return of the Vampire* (1944).

OCTOBER 17TH

***Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde* released 1971** - gender-bending version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale starring Ralph Bates and Martine Beswick.
***A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge* released 1986** - famous for the first male scream queen in the shape of Mark Patton.
***The Phantom Creeps* released 1939** - Bela Lugosi and an eight-foot-tall slave robot in Universal's serial.
***The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* released 2003** - terrifying reboot of the 1974 classic.

OCTOBER 18TH

***The Gorgon* released 1964** - Hammer tackle Greek mythology with gusto.
***The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb* released 1964** - Hammer tackle Egyptology with equal gusto.
Roy Del Ruth born 1893 - directed *Phantom of the Rue Morgue* (1954) and *The Alligator People* (1959).
Miriam Hopkins born 1902 - prolific film actress with a well-publicised and long-running feud with Bette Davis. But then, who didn't have?

OCTOBER 19TH

***The Thirteenth Chair* released 1929** - Bela Lugosi in Tod Browning's thriller released in both silent and sound versions.

OCTOBER 20TH

Bela Lugosi born 1882 - one of horror's great masters.
Carla Laemmle born 1909 - spoke the first lines in *Dracula* (1931).
Anton Diffring born 1918 - German actor famous for *The Man Who Could Cheat Death* (1959).
***The Climax* released 1944** - loosely-based sequel to *Phantom of the Opera* (1943), recycled sets, Susanna Foster and added Boris Karloff.
Werner Krauss died 1959 - specialised in sinister roles in movies such as *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (1919) and *The Student of Prague* (1926).
***The Old Dark House* released 1932** - James Whale shows everyone how to make a haunted-house movie. And it has Ernest Thesiger. Class.



*Above: **Vanishing act** - original poster for **The Mystery of the Mary Celeste** (Hammer 1935).*

OCTOBER 21ST

***Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers* released 1988** - yawn.

OCTOBER 22ND

John L Balderston born 1889 - contributed to some of horror's most iconic screenplays including *Dracula* (1931) and *Frankenstein* (1931).
Frances Drake born 1912 - appeared in *Mad Love* (1935) and *The Invisible Ray* (1936).
***Halloween III: Season of the Witch* released 1982** - the only one without Michael Myers.



*Above: **Charged with murder** - Dracula (Christopher Lee) meets a dramatic end in **Scars of Dracula** (Hammer 1970).*

OCTOBER 23RD

Peggy Moran born 1918 - appeared in *The Mummy's Hand* (1940) and *The Mummy's Tomb* (1942).
***The Mummy's Tomb* released 1942** - bandage-swathed horror with Lon Chaney Jr.
***Night Monster* released 1942** - Bela Lugosi, Lionel Atwill and some rematerialised limbs.
Una O'Connor born 1880 - much-loved Irish actress, a favourite of James Whale. Appeared in *The Invisible Man* (1933) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).

OCTOBER 24TH

Merian C Cooper born 1893 - movie producer famous for *King Kong* (1933).
Peggy Moran died 2002 - starred in *The Mummy's Hand* (1940).
***The Face of Fu Manchu* released 1965** - Christopher Lee dons the famous moustache.

OCTOBER 25TH

Vincent Price died 1993 - American actor who spanned two generations of horror movies.
***Halloween* released 1978** - the first appearance of Michael Myers.
Whit Bissell born 1909 - appeared in *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954).

OCTOBER 26TH

***Pursuit to Algiers* released 1945** - Sherlock Holmes thriller with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
Garrett Fort died 1945 - screenwriter on *Dracula* (1931) and *Frankenstein* (1931).
***Moon Zero Two* released 1969** - Hammer sci-fi western.

OCTOBER 27TH

André de Toth died 2002 - directed the 3-D version of *House of Wax* (1953).

OCTOBER 28TH

Elsa Lanchester born 1902 - the Monster's mate in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
John Boles born 1895 - played Victor Moritz in *Frankenstein* (1931).



*Above: **Heavy metal** - the Creature (David Prowse) prepares for a rampage in **The Horror of Frankenstein** (Hammer 1970).*

OCTOBER 29TH

Ben Chapman born 1925 - played the *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954) on land.
***Flesh and Fantasy* released 1943** - horror anthology movie from Universal.
Nigel Kneale died 2006 - famously created Professor Bernard Quatermass.
***Der Golem, wie er in die Welt kam* released 1920 (USA)** - Paul Wegener's third Golem film.

OCTOBER 30TH

***Halloween II* released 1981** - picks up exactly where the first film ends.

OCTOBER 31ST

Michael Landon born 1936 - star of *I Was a Teenage Werewolf* (1957).
***The Son of Dr Jekyll* released 1951** - brooding Jekyll-and-Hyde film with Louis Hayward.

26 NOVEMBER



*Above: **Give us a kiss** - Christopher Lee menaces Veronica Carlson in **Dracula Has Risen from the Grave** (Hammer 1968).*

NOVEMBER 1ST

Edward Van Sloan born 1882 - played Van Helsing in *Dracula* (1931).
***I, Monster* released 1971** - Amicus' twist on the Jekyll and Hyde story, with Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing.
***The Man Who Changed His Mind* released 1936 (US)** - Boris Karloff swaps minds in monkeys and men.

NOVEMBER 2ND

***The Sorcerers* released 1967** - Tigon mind-control drama with Boris Karloff.

NOVEMBER 3RD

***Godzilla* released 1954** - the giant lizard's impressive first appearance.
Robert Quarry born 1925 - starred as the titular vampire in *Count Yorga, Vampire* (1970) and its sequel.

NOVEMBER 4TH

***Gods and Monsters* released 1998** - James Whale biopic starring Ian McKellen and Brendan Fraser.
***The Phantom of the Opera* released 1989** - Robert Englund in a contemporary version of Gaston Leroux's novel.
James P Hogan died 1943 - directed *The Mad Ghoul* (1943).
***Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* released 1994** - more faithful to the novel than many previous adaptations.
***The Man Who Laughs* released 1928** - Conrad Veidt stars as disfigured Gwynplaine in this silent classic.

NOVEMBER 5TH

***Demons of the Mind* released 1972** - claustrophobic Hammer horror mystery with Robert Hardy and Shane Briant.
***Son of Dracula* released 1943** - Lon Chaney Jr stars as a particularly sinister vampire.
***The Mask of Fu Manchu* released 1932** - pre-code shocker with Boris Karloff, death rays and torture.



*Below: **Mistaken identity** - Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee in **I, Monster** (Amicus 1971).*

NOVEMBER 6TH

Aneta Corsaut died 1995 - starred in *The Blob* (1958).
Francis Lederer born 1899 - played the lead in *The Return of Dracula* (1958).
Robert Lang died 2004 - appeared in Amicus' *The House that Dripped Blood* (1970).

NOVEMBER 7TH

***Dracula Has Risen from the Grave* released 1968** - Christopher Lee reprises his role amid lurid photography.
Dwight Frye died 1943 - the Man with the Thousand-Watt Stare in *Dracula* (1931) and *Frankenstein* (1931).
***Quatermass and the Pit* released 1967** - Hammer's apocalyptic sci-fi horror.
***The Mad Genius* released 1931** - John Barrymore stars in a tale of love and control.

NOVEMBER 8TH

Bram Stoker born 1847 - creator of the Dracula legend.
Willis H O'Brien died 1962 - animator on *King Kong* (1933).

NOVEMBER 9TH

***Child's Play* released 1988** - introduced evil doll Chucky.
***Child's Play 2* released 1990** - Chucky returns for another bloodbath.
***Werewolf in a Girls' Dormitory* released 1961** - 'nuff said.



*Above: **Freddy and the dreamers** - Robert Englund as the Springwood Slasher in **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (New Line 1984).*

NOVEMBER 10TH

Claude Rains born 1889 - timeless English actor in many horror movies.
***Dead Man's Eyes* released 1944** - Inner Sanctum mystery with Chaney Jr.
Dennis Wheatley died 1977 - author of many occult novels.
***The Cat and the Canary* released 1939** - comic remake starring Bob Hope.

NOVEMBER 11TH

***Interview with the Vampire* released 1994** - Tom Cruise as Lestat the vampire.
Patric Knowles born 1911 - appeared in *The Wolf Man* (1941) and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
Peter Coe born 1918 - Dubrovnik-born actor in *House of Frankenstein* (1944).



*Above: **Fixed grin** - original poster for **The Man Who Laughs** (Universal 1928).*

NOVEMBER 12TH

***The Mad Ghoul* released 1943** - horror with Evelyn Ankers and George Zucco.

NOVEMBER 13TH

***Bram Stoker's Dracula* released 1992** - Gary Oldman as the Count.
Robert Louis Stevenson born 1850 - creator of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.
***The Invisible Man* released 1933** - Claude Rains as the unseen villain.
Valerie Hobson died 1998 - star of several black and white horror movies.

NOVEMBER 14TH

Kathleen Hughes born 1928 - appeared in *It Came from Outer Space* (1953).
Rosemary DeCamp born 1910 - starred in *13 Ghosts* (1960).

NOVEMBER 15TH

Douglas Walton died 1961 - played Percy Bysshe Shelley in *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Lionel Barrymore died 1954 - distinguished character actor, appeared in several horror pictures.

NOVEMBER 16TH

***A Nightmare on Elm Street* released 1984** - where it all began. Wes Craven's original and best masterpiece.

NOVEMBER 17TH

***Asylum* released 1972** - Amicus film with Peter Cushing,
***Tower of London* released 1939** - Boris Karloff and Basil Rathbone in a historical horror.

NOVEMBER 18TH

Harold J Stone died 2005 - appeared in *X: The Man with the X-Ray Eyes* (1963).

NOVEMBER 19TH

***Torture Garden* released 1967** - Amicus anthology horror.

NOVEMBER 20TH

***First Men in the Moon* released 1964** - Columbia sci-fi penned by Nigel Kneale.
Jim Siedow died 2003 - appeared in *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* (1974).

NOVEMBER 21ST

***Frankenstein* released 1931** - Boris Karloff in his most iconic role.
Ingrid Pitt born 1937 - Hammer beauty seen in *Countess Dracula* (1970) among others.
***The Witches* released 1966** - Joan Fontaine in Hammer's spellbinder.

NOVEMBER 22ND

Jamie Lee Curtis born 1958 - movie goddess, also played Laurie Strode in the Halloween series.
John Gilling died 1984 - directed *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966) and *The Reptile* (1966).

NOVEMBER 23RD

Boris Karloff born 1887 - English gentleman star of horror.
***I Was a Teenage Frankenstein* released 1957** - Gary Conway as a car-crash of a monster.
Ingrid Pitt died 2010 - Hammer glamour star.
Michael Gough born 1916 - British actor in *Horror of Dracula* (1958).
Ricou Browning born 1930 - played the Creature underwater.

NOVEMBER 24TH

Forrest J Ackerman born 1916 - horror historian, journalist and icon who launched Famous Monsters of Filmland.
Richard Carlson died 1977 - starred in *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954).

NOVEMBER 25TH

***The Ghoul* released 1933** - Boris Karloff in this English shocker.
Gaspard Ulliel born 1984 - played a young Dr Lecter in *Hannibal Rising* (2007).



*Above: **Classic monster** - Boris Karloff in pre-production make-up for **Frankenstein** (Universal 1931).*

NOVEMBER 26TH

Phil Leakey died 1992 - Hammer make-up artist extraordinaire.

NOVEMBER 27TH

John Carradine died 1988 - played Dracula in *House of Frankenstein* (1944) and *House of Dracula* (1945).
***The Undying Monster* released 1942** - 20th Century Fox werewolf romp.

NOVEMBER 28TH

André Morell died 1978 - Hammer star, seen in *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966).

NOVEMBER 29TH

Ralph Bellamy died 1991 - seen in *The Wolf Man* (1941) and *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).

NOVEMBER 30TH

Michael Gwynn born 1916 - Hammer actor best known for *The Revenge of Frankenstein* (1958).
***The Man Who Could Cheat Death* released 1959** - Anton Diffring as a 104-year-old doctor in Hammer's remake of *The Man in Half Moon Street* (1945).



*Above: **There he was, gone** - Gloria Stuart beseeches Claude Rains to see sense in **The Invisible Man** (Universal 1933).*

28 DECEMBER

DECEMBER 1ST

Marilyn Harris died 1999 - in both *Frankenstein* (1931) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
***Murder in the Blue Room* released 1944** - comedy-horror by Universal.

DECEMBER 2ND

Jimmy Sangster born 1927 - Hammer director whose work included *The Horror of Frankenstein* (1970).

DECEMBER 3RD

Maria Ouspenskaya died 1949 - Universal actress seen in *The Wolf Man* (1941) and *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
Robert Louis Stevenson died 1894 - penned the original tale of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.
***The Secret of the Chateau* released 1934** - Universal murder-mystery.

DECEMBER 4TH

Elspeth Dudgeon born 1871 - appeared in *The Old Dark House* (1932) and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
Forrest J Ackerman died 2008 - horror writer, historian, and magazine founder.
***The Stranglers of Bombay* released 1959** - historical Hammer horror-drama.

DECEMBER 5TH

Fritz Lang born 1890 - director of *Metropolis* (1927) and *M* (1931).
***The Mole People* released 1956** - subterranean Universal horror.

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*Below: **Chaney's baby** - Jack Pierce's iconic make-up for Lon Chaney Jr in **The Wolf Man** (Universal 1941).*



DECEMBER 6TH

***Black Sabbath* released 1964** - Italian anthology movie featuring Boris Karloff.
Susanna Foster born 1924 - Christine in *Phantom of the Opera* (1943).

DECEMBER 7TH

***House of Dracula* released 1945** - colossal monster mash-up starring Lon Chaney Jr and John Carradine.

DECEMBER 8TH

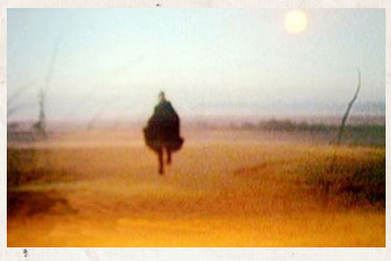
George Méliès born 1861 - cinematic special effects pioneer.

DECEMBER 9TH

***The Great Impersonation* released 1935** - mistaken-identity Universal drama.

DECEMBER 10TH

Anne Gwynne born 1918 - scream queen in *House of Frankenstein* (1944).
Edward D Wood Jr died 1978 - director of *Plan 9 from Outer Space* (1959).



*Above: **No diggin' here!** - the nightmarish ghost chase from **A Warning to the Curious** (BBC 1972).*

DECEMBER 11TH

Elspeth Dudgeon died 1955 - appeared as Sir Roderick Femm in *The Old Dark House* (1932).
Paul Wegener born 1874 - actor and director seen in *Der Golem* (1920).

DECEMBER 12TH

Eddie Parker born 1900 - stuntman who doubled for Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney Jr.
***The Wolf Man* released 1941** - a defining moment in werewolf history.

DECEMBER 13TH

***The Devil Bat* released 1940** - Bela trains bats in PRC's comedy-horror.

DECEMBER 14TH

***King Kong* released 2005** - Peter Jackson's retelling of the 1933 classic.
***Pillow of Death* released 1945** - eerie Inner Sanctum mystery.
Roy William Neill died 1946 - directed *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* (1943).
***Tarantula* released 1955** - popcorn sci-fi horror



*Above: **Mummy's girl** - original poster for **The Mummy** (Universal 1932).*

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with great effects.

DECEMBER 15TH

Charles Laughton died 1962 - starred in *Island of Lost Souls* (1932).
***House of Frankenstein* released 1944** - monster rally with John Carradine, Boris Karloff and many others.
***Young Frankenstein* released 1974** - Mel Brooks' loving horror homage.

DECEMBER 16TH

***The Brides of Fu Manchu* released 1966** - Christopher Lee builds a death ray.
***The Wicker Man* released 1973** - tale of paganism starring Christopher Lee.

DECEMBER 17TH

***Calling Dr Death* released 1943** - the first Inner Sanctum movie.
***King Kong* released 1976** - Jeff Bridges and Jessica Lange star in this remake.
***London After Midnight* released 1927** - famously lost film starring Lon Chaney.
***Night of the Demon* released 1957** - story of devil worship and murder.

DECEMBER 18TH

***Buffy the Vampire Slayer* final episode aired 2003 (UK)** - our last trip to Sunnydale.

DECEMBER 19TH

Barton Yarborough died 1951 - played Dr Kettering in *The Ghost of Frankenstein* (1942).
Roy Ward Baker born 1916 - prolific Hammer director who helmed *Scars of Dracula* (1970) among others.
***The Hunchback of Notre Dame* released 1956 (France)** - stars Anthony Quinn as Quasimodo.

DECEMBER 20TH

Charles K Gerrard born 1883 - Renfield's attendant Martin in *Dracula* (1931).
Jacqueline Pearce born 1943 - starred in *The Plague of the Zombies* (1966) and *The Reptile* (1966).

DECEMBER 21ST

Michael Carreras born 1927 - Hammer director behind *The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb* (1964) and many more.



*Above: **Monster titans** - original poster for **House of Dracula** (Universal 1945).*

DECEMBER 22ND

Freddie Francis born 1917 - directed *The Evil of Frankenstein* (1964), *The Skull* (1965) and more.
William Dyer died 1993 - the gravedigger in *Frankenstein* (1931).
***The Mummy* released 1932** - Boris Karloff and Zita Johann star.
***Son of Kong* released 1933** - sequel to King Kong (1933).
***The Mummy's Curse* released 1944** - conclusion to Universal's series.
***Destiny* released 1944** - film noir drama from Universal.
***The Number 13* released 2006** - M R James tale of a haunted hotel.

DECEMBER 23RD

Ernest B Schoedsack died 1979 - co-directed RKO's *King Kong* and *Son of Kong* (1933).
Patric Knowles died 1995 - English actor seen in *The Wolf Man* (1941).
David Manners died 1998 - appeared in *Dracula* (1931) and *The Mummy* (1932).
***The Treasure of Abbot Thomas* released 1974** - part of the BBC's series *A Ghost Story for Christmas*.
***The Ash Tree* released 1975** - BBC adaptation of M R James' eerie story.
***A View from a Hill* released 2005** - M R James' tale of bewitched binoculars.



*Above: **Daddy's boy** - cuddly Junior in **Son of Kong** (RKO 1933).*
*Below: **Bedtime story** - Boris Karloff attends Glenn Strange in **House of Frankenstein** (Universal 1944).*

DECEMBER 24TH

Franz Waxman born 1906 - wrote the score for *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935).
***The Ghost Ship* released 1944** - psychological mystery-horror.
***The Stalls of Barchester* released 1971** - first of the BBC's series *A Ghost Story for Christmas*.
***A Warning to the Curious* released 1972** - BBC retelling of M R James' unnerving story.
***The Woman in Black* released 1989** - adaptation of Susan Hill's ghost story.
***Whistle and I'll Come to You* released 2010** - John Hurt in a remake of the M R James story originally filmed in 1968.

DECEMBER 25TH

Marguerite Churchill born 1910 - sassy actress in *Dracula's Daughter* (1936).
***The Cat People* released 1942** - Val Lewton's feline shocker.
***Lost Hearts* released 1973** - unsettling tale of alchemy and child murder.

DECEMBER 26TH

Denis Gifford born 1927 - all-round pop culture guru.
Holmes Herbert died 1956 - star of several horror movies including *Mark of the Vampire* (1935).
Elsa Lanchester died 1986 - actress and wife of Charles Laughton.
***The Exorcist* released 1973** - the ultimate demonic possession movie.

DECEMBER 27TH

Rupert Julian died 1943 - directed *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).
***The Invisible Woman* released 1940** - sci-fi comedy with John Barrymore.

DECEMBER 28TH

F W Murnau born 1888 - director of *Nosferatu* (1922).
Max Steiner died 1971 - composed the score to *King Kong* (1933).
***Dracula* released 2006** - modern take with Marc Warren as Dracula.

DECEMBER 29TH

***The Hunchback of Notre Dame* released 1939** - Charles Laughton in a groundbreaking performance.

DECEMBER 30TH

***One Million Years BC* released 1966** - scanty prehistoric antics from Hammer.

DECEMBER 31ST

Sean Cunningham born 1941 - creator of the Friday the 13th franchise.



AFTERLIFEWORD

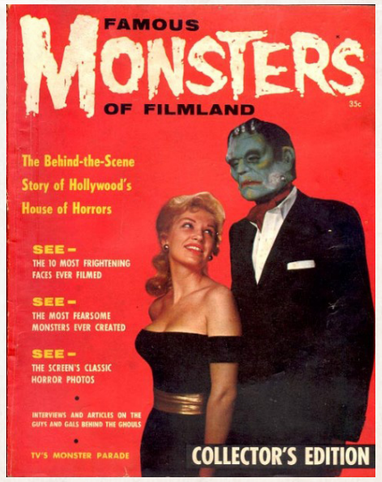
BITTEN BY THE HORROR BUG

Nige Burton describes how his interest in horror movies began, in the long ago of the world…

I had first known about horror movies from my Dad. From his own keen interest, he had purchased the very first collector's item edition of Forrest J Ackerman's Famous Monsters of Filmland, which had been published in 1958. Now, in the early 1970s, he had given it to me. Its cover, although still bright and vivid red, was torn and tatty. Its pages had been very well thumbed. But I held that prize high above all others, cherished it, read and re-read it, treasured it as if it had been so much precious gold, encrusted with gemstones.

Acknowledging my passion, and not really believing it to be doing me any harm, my Mum bought me a copy of Denis Gifford's A Pictorial History of Horror Movies; all my birthdays and Christmases had come at once.

Now I had two items in my collection, and I held them both dear. I would read them, turn by turn, and digest every nugget of information I could, learning actors' names, film titles, release dates easily by heart. And then the Kenyon boys borrowed both - I was forced to lend them out of politeness - and my world turned upside down. When they returned only the Gifford, having carelessly lost the Famous Monsters, the bottom fell out of it completely. To them, it was no big deal; to me, it was everything.



My experience soured somewhat, I remained undeterred, becoming an avid collector of whatever ephemera and memorabilia I could get my hands on. Aurora monster models followed, and then - one Saturday night - I was allowed to watch *King Kong* (1933). And that was that; my hopeless addiction to horror films was confirmed in a skittery, excitedly missed heartbeat.

Hammer's *Dracula* (1958) soon followed, and so too those delicious nights where my Dad would let me stay up late with him to watch *Appointment with Fear*: many of the classics were paraded before my juvenile eyes week after week. But it was a fun type of fear, and I think my Mum - and my Dad - had been right in their perception that it was doing me no real harm.

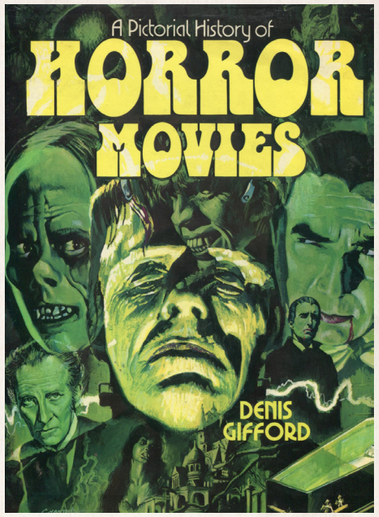
As an adult, I remain true to my faith. I collected more issues of Famous Monsters, together with other American titles when I could get them, and the British contenders such as Monster Mag, World of Horror, House of Hammer, and the multitude of one-offs and short run classics. Still having my battered and crippled collection of Aurora kits, I gradually re-bought them all mint and boxed, and then came the Sideshow revolution - real classic monsters for grown-ups.

In 2004 I finally, at a cost of £50, replaced my long lost and greatly missed copy of the first issue of Famous Monsters - and this one was much more pristine than my original.

It seems that once you've been bitten by the horror bug, it's with you for life. In fact, it becomes a way of life, and you sort of learn to live with it, as do those around you if you're lucky.
I don't let my collection spread throughout the house, Forry-style, but I do have my dedicated monster room - my office from which I catalogue and sort the alligator people from the zombies, the monsters from the ghouls, the werewolves from the vampires.

My collection still grows, and my magnificent obsession still makes me happy. And as I survey my vast and monstrous booty avidly, I am reminded of Professor Bruno Lampini's quote from Universal's 1944 production of *House of Frankenstein*: "I have a collection of the world's most astounding horrors!"

And I'd like to share them with you!





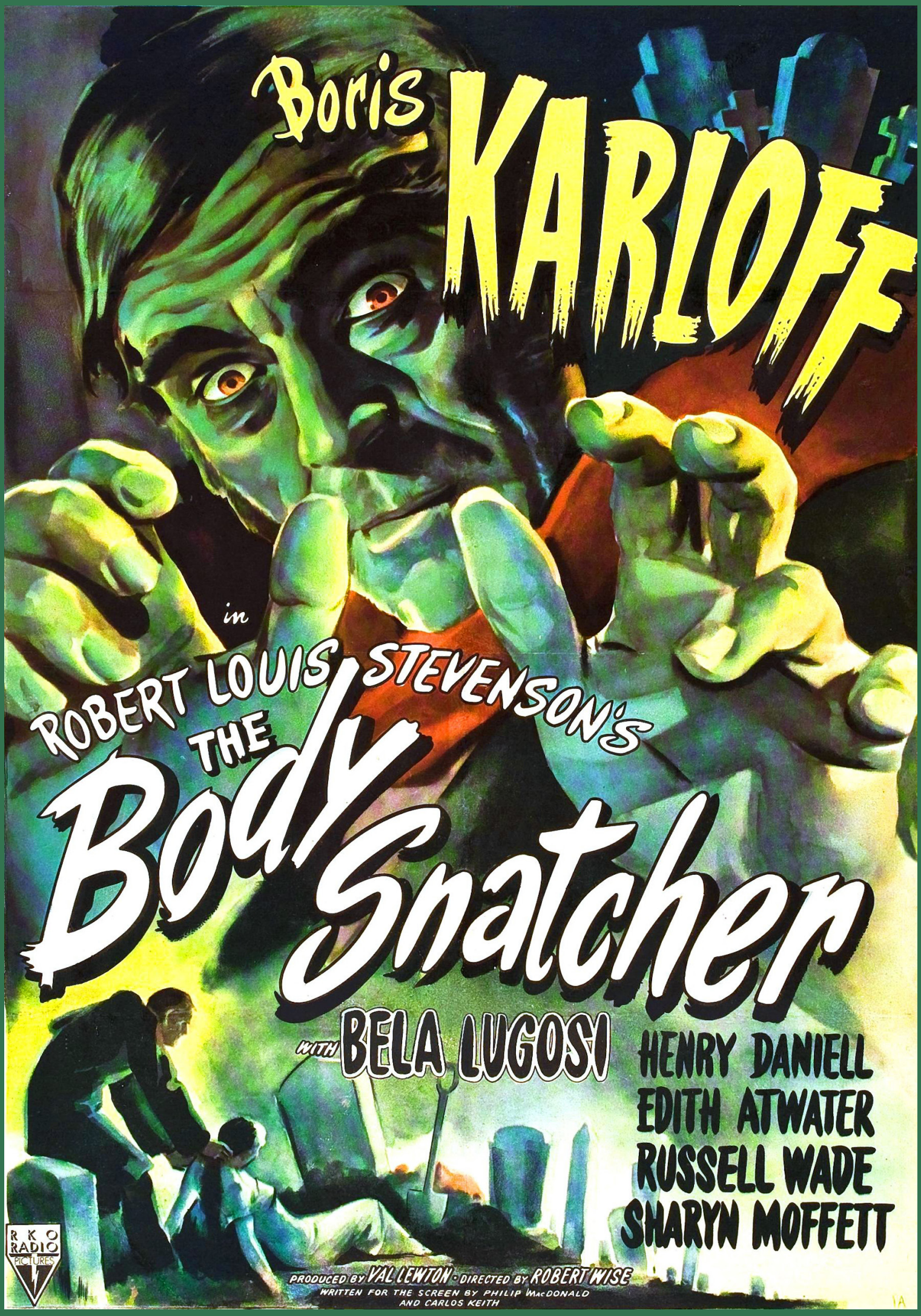
Left: ***Perfectly preserved*** *- an Aurora model kit of The Mummy, painted according to the original box artwork by James Bama.*

Top: ***Forry origins*** *- the cover of issue 1 of Forrest J Ackerman's beloved magazine, Famous Monsters of Filmland.*

Above: ***Tome from the tomb*** *- Denis Gifford's book A Pictorial History of Horror Movies was the go-to reference work for many a monster fan in the days before the internet.*

Right: ***Mud pack*** *- Boris Karloff as Ardeth Bey in* ***The Mummy*** *(Universal 1932).*




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