

You may not know H.P. Lovecraft, you may not be able to define Cosmic Horror, but if you have read a horror book, watched a horror movie, or engaged in any sort of fantasy game in the past 70 years, you have felt his influence. Tales of Eldritch Horrors such as Cthulhu have captivated the minds of audiences for generations, inspiring a cult love for his tales that has stood the test of time, and has influenced many great creators of horror, such as Stephen King, who has described Lovecraft as being the author whose tales scare him! To understand both the due respect Lovecraft is given, and the terror that comes from his works, one should look no further than some of his classic tales, such as *The Call of Cthulhu* and *At The Mountains of Madness*, where the very concept of fear is turned on its head, due to a lethal injection of the unknown.

Such is the case with the young man in Lovecraft's *Call of Cthulhu*, who is simply going through his deceased Uncle's Belongings when he comes across a small statue of a creature with a man's body, the wings of a dragon, and the head of a squid. Without even seeing the creature himself, the narrative of this man fully conveys the danger even hearing of Cthulhu can present to a man's sanity, and sets the stage for Lovecraft's entire Cthulhu Mythos.

And if you still have your wits about you after such a tale, dive into Lovecraft's *At the Mountains of Madness*, and truly experience the depths of Lovecraft's horror deep within an ancient, alien Arctic city, filled with shambling masses, Elder beings, creatures so evil they drive men insane simply by having their eyes layer upon it, and, if you can handle it, a further drop, deep into the Mountains of madness that inhabit one's own mind, as well as the introduction of another staple of Lovecraft Mythos, the nigh incomprehensible shambling mass that is a Shoggoth.

These are just the beginning however. With a Strange and atypical narrative style, all of Lovecraft's tales tell of beings who sleep underneath the earth and in the stars, beings of incomprehensible power and influence, whose biggest danger, is their inability to be comprehended by the human mind. If that sounds interesting to you, then don't worry, in this collection there are many, many more terrifying stories. Get ready to dive into the depths of madness, but be warned, not one of his tales are for the faint of heart, and if you aren't careful, you may even feel your own sanity slipping away.

"Now that really is scary, and well worth a reprint." –theguardian

"Call of Cthulhu is a great piece of literature, elegant, thoughtful, faintly disturbing and above all entertaining." –SFBook Reviews

"The effectiveness of Lovecraft's fiction has little to do with its purely literary qualities... it casts a spell. Fiction like Lovecraft's can be brutally hypnotic"

–The New York Review of Books



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