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Editorial Review

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For fans of the gory, grotesque, dark-humor-filled world of horror, zombie films may be the most beloved of subgenres. Kay (Disaster Movies, 2006) provides a chronological listing, with summary and review, for more than 250 films from 1932 to 2008. Summaries of each decade, interviews with filmmakers, and other features are interspersed, as is a generous complement of promotional photos. A list of the author's 25 favorite zombie films, an appendix of "zombie-less" zombie films, and a short bibliography follow. Director and film indexes complete the book. One caveat: basic information like running time, country of origin, director, and stars are spread throughout each film's description (and sometimes not included) instead of summarized at the top of each entry as in most filmographies. Kay's readable style and the subjective nature of so-bad-it's-good cinema make this fun book more appropriate for circulating collections than reference.

Review

"Kay's guide is the zombie movie bible for the film student and horror moviegoer [It] captures the satire, the fear, the politics, and the humor of both classic and modern horror flicks. From *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) to *Cemetery Man* (1994) to *Wild Zero* (2000), you can't go wrong with this guide. Fun for the whole undead family!" —*PopMatters*

"A near-perfect reference guide for followers of the shambling dead. With extremely up-to-date coverage . . . this volume will be a welcome addition to zombie connoisseurs' coffee tables." —*Fangoria*

"The definitive guide to zombie movies. Rated and reviewed, decade by decade, for the reader's convenience. A must-read for all zombie scholars!" —Dan O'Bannon, director, *The Return of the Living Dead*

"...Fans of flesh eaters in film should enjoy the hell out *Zombie Movies: The Ultimate Guide*. It's very complete, often amusing, has a wealth of information, a bunch of pictures, and lots of everything else that an (un)deadhead would want in their book about zombie flicks. If you love zombies like I love zombies then do yourself a favor and pick this one up." —*Horror World*

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"*Zombie Movies: The Ultimate Guide 2nd Edition* lives up to its name and is an indispensable guide for any fan of zombie films." —Mania.com

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