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Dustin Putman : The Fright File: 150 Films to See Before Halloween before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Fright File: 150 Films to See Before Halloween:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the Best Horror Movie ListsBy P. G. WickbergHorror fans tend to be obsessive about our love for the genre, so there are quite a few books out there that claim to be reviews of the top 50 or top 100 of all time (or since 1960, or whatever). This is one of the best, the one to buy if you're looking for a guide. Putman knows his stuff, giving you reviews (without spoilers, thankfully) of his favorite 150 of the genre and their actors and directors, along with WHY you should see them (be aware, however, that only two are from

before 1960, so if you're into classic Universal monsters, you might want to look elsewhere). And, unlike students of the genre like Kim Newman, he doesn't wax snide about movies he may disagree with. Another plus is that a lot of his selections are films that didn't make a splash because they were poorly distributed by the studio or went straight to video, so you might never have had a chance to see them. Take it for granted that you will have some disagreements with him, since everybody has their own likes and dislikes; For example, my list would not include "I Spit on Your Grave" or torture flicks like the "Hostel" series or "Human Centipede-Sequence One." But listing them has merit in its own right, since having somebody argue why you should see something you might otherwise instinctively shy away from is mind-broadening. After all, at the end of the day, no matter how passionate Putman may be about a movie, it's your dollar and you don't have to see it if after reading the review it still sounds like something that would make you go "ick."

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Kris P. Good book for the horror fan in me.
2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Dustin Putman Is THE Subject Matter Expert On Horror Movies!
By Lauren Bradshaw
Dustin Putman is not only one of the best writers I have ever read (I have been stalking his website DustinPutman.com for the past few years), he is also THE subject matter expert when it comes to horror films. Thankfully for all of us movie fans, his new book *THE FRIGHT FILE* is the perfect manual to becoming well-versed in a thrilling genre. Of course, many people have seen such horror classics as *Halloween* and *A Nightmare On Elm Street*... but what Dustin does brilliantly is highlight these masterpieces, while also focusing on the little guys, movies that you may have forgotten about or not heard of at all. This book is a must-have for any cinema fan... just prepare for your Netflix queue to jump to an additional 150 movies. I know mine has!

The *Fright File* presents some of the most frightening, fun and forgotten movies ever made from one of the earliest names in popular online film criticism. For over fifteen years, Dustin Putman has offered his trademark insight on movies of every kind as a syndicated Internet film critic, publishing over 2,500 reviews to date. However, Dustin has always been the most passionate about the films that frighten. The *Fright File* collects 150 of these essays from the horror genre and beyond, featuring films from Hollywood and around the world including some never-before-published exclusives. A love letter to a film genre that is often misunderstood, yet continues to be amazingly popular year after year, *The Fright File* is an invaluable companion for novice fans as well as discriminating fright enthusiasts. Highlighting "150 Films to See Before Halloween," *The Fright File* is your passport to an entertaining journey on which to (re)discover some of the most iconic motion pictures ever made, as well as lesser known gems that you may have missed. Sure, you might not be able to catch them all before this October 31st, but the dawn brings 364 more movie nights that are still "Before Halloween!"

The *Fright File* includes: *The Blair Witch Project* *Creepshow* *Don't Look Now* *The Exorcist* *The Fog* *Friday the 13th* *Halloween* *A Nightmare on Elm Street* *Nosferatu* *Poltergeist* *Psycho* *Scream* *The Shining* *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* *Trick 'r Treat* and 135 more frights to feast upon!

"Dustin Putman knows the horror genre inside and out!" -- Scott Derrickson, director of *SINISTER* and *THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE*" A necessary read for any genre fan and a chance to re-examine these films from a devoted perspective, *THE FRIGHT FILE* will renew your admiration for the movies you already love." -- Fangoria.com

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Dustin Putman is an alumnus of American University with a BA in Film Visual Media. A member of the Online Film Critics Society (OFCS) and the Washington DC Area Film Critics Association (WAFCA), he has been reviewing movies professionally since 1997 and has been quoted in print ads, magazine articles and television commercials. Dustin loves all things Halloween and lives in Ashburn, Virginia. Visit his website at dustinputman.com.