



## Vampires: A Field Guide to the Creatures That Stalk the Night

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New Page Books. Paperback. Condition: New. 224 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. Vampire! The very word conjures up visions of ruined castles, of enigmatic, pale-skinned noblemen shrouded in dark cloaks, of slumbering beauties being bloodily ravished by supernatural, nocturnal creatures. But just how accurate is that picture How much do we really know about these mysterious entities Surprisingly, perhaps, almost every culture can boast of its own vampire beings, few of which correspond to the stock Hollywood image-some are not even human in form, some do not drink blood, some appear in daylight. Are you ready for such horrors as the Penanggal, the screaming blood-soaked lead that drifts through the Malayan jungle seeking victims; the Jaracacca, the Brazilian stalker that hides in the clothes of its victims to drink their blood or bodily fluids; or the Aswang, the scaly demon of the Philippines, who lies among the leafy roofs of huts and drinks through its tongue And how do we dispose of vampires Is the simple stake through the heart-much beloved of Hollywood directors-really enough, or is there something more And does the sight of the crucifix repel all vampires-what if the vampire is Jewish (a dibbyuk) Vampires is...



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