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The Complete Stories, Vol. 3: Last Rites by Robert Bloch

Robert Bloch has become one with his fictional counterpart Ludvig Prinn: future generations of The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch will know him as an eldritch name hovering over a body of nightmare texts.

To know them will be to know him. Warren Clark felt it as he watched his wife get ready to meet her lover. Joe Marks felt it as The Complete

Stories of Robert Bloch as Irene told him to expect company. Carrie Humphreys had the creeps so bad she kept looking over her shoulder - instead of at the neighbours. Warren got them each time he thought about the red truck that accelerated as he crossed in front of it. They all sensed something evil lurking in the shadows, but no one dared to mention it - until they were caught in the deadly grip of the It was a dark and stormy night when Mary Crane glimpsed the unlit neon sign announcing the vacancy at the Bates motel.

Exhausted, lost, and at the end of her rope, she was eager for a hot shower and a bed for the night. Her room was musty but clean and the The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch worked. Norman Bates, the manager, seemed nice, if a little odd. In Twilight Zone: - wordt Bill, een door het uitblijven van promotie gefrustreerde verkoper, geterroriseerd door de vleesgeworden haar die hij in zich meedraagt; - maken duivelse krachten op een vliegtuigvleugel van computerdeskundige Valentine een amok makende psychopaat; - komt Helen terecht in een wereld die beheerst wordt door de fantasie van een kind; - wordt het plezier van een eeuwige jeugd werkelijkheid voor die bejaarden die nog kunnen dromen.

Robert Bloch, the creator of Psycho, takes you into the inner recesses of the mind of a madman. A man bent on revenge that comes out of the night, grabbing its victims by the throat and giving no quarter. The doctors had been brutally murdered, the patients had escaped. Best known as the author of "Psycho", Robert Bloch is world-renowned for his stories of horror, mystery, fantasy, and science fiction. Many of the 25 stories in this first volume of "The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch" have been unavailable for decades.

The stories are in his classic style of gripping suspense, science fiction and fantasy. As Bloch writes, "These stories in this collection have a common theme; they deal with monsters. Some of the monsters are human, some are not-- but all of them embody, in one way or another, the fears common to us in our dreams. We call these monsters by many names-- ghosts, vampires, extraterrestrials, changelings. But we recognize them for what they are; manifestations of the secret dreads and desires which lurk beneath the surface of consciousness.

After arriving in England to claim her inheritance, Hester Jekyll, niece of Dr. Henry Jekyll, discovers she gets nothing, and suddenly her friends are untrustworthy and aloof. Hester becomes entangled in her uncle's mysterious past, and a series of brutal deaths cause her to wonder if London's seen the last of Dr. Jekyll--or Mr. Steve Collins is looking for the Big Score, the crime that will set him up for life.

He thinks he's found it. He's going to kidnap Shirley Mae Warren, daughter of The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch wealthy banker and industrialist.

He can't do it alone. He'll need help. First, Shirley The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch nanny, Mary - for her, Collins is the perfect lover. Then, a driver and front man - the man Collins calls his best friend. The plan goes wrong. The child dies.

And Collins sacrifices all - friend, lover - to save himself. Deals with the devil, vampire cloaks, time machine, and atomic bombs are some of the ingredients in this Horror Master's recipe. Ten stories of The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch will leave you up at night! From the author of Psycho!

He is Tony Polanski, former Olympic track star already suffering a fatal disease—and the perfect donor. But to Dr. Charles Everett, a member of the surgery team, there is something too fortuitous about the circumstances.

Against spirited opposition and stern warnings, he delves deeper and deeper into the case, eventually exposing a masterly conceived and executed plan to insure the longevity of Todd, the man who wants to stay alive more than anything in the world.

His disclosure triggers a chain reaction that brings the story to a shattering climax. In 'Shooting Star', a famous movie star is found dead on the set of his latest picture - drugs hastily disposed of at the scene of the crime. In 'Spiderweb', Eddie Haines is collecting secrets from his wealthy clients in order to blackmail them. A genius on the set—a monster in the bedroom.

TOMMY —He stands apart from their deadly games—until he suddenly wakes to find himself trapped in the hour nightmare called Hollywood. Was she to be the killers next The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch The Complete Stories, Vol. Science Fiction. This collection of literature attempts to compile many of the classic works that have stood the test of time and offer them at a reduced, affordable price, in an attractive volume so that everyone can enjoy them.

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A solid anthology. Apr 26, Henrik rated it really liked it Recommends it for: anyone who likes good, classic suspense and weird stories of various kinds. Shelves: horrorfantasyscience-fictionthrillersshort-stories-by-authorlong-term-reading. This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, click here. But now I have obtained The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch number of books with his stories, so I can catch up:- April 25, "Frozen Fear": A very short, but delicious supernatural tale where the distorted psychological angle of the narrator is what makes it an interesting read; after all this revenge tale is essentially a rewrite of a classic theme.

But thanks to The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch obvious writing skills and insight into human nature, I think it nonetheless works, even today. April 26, "Almost Human": Something in the way it was written made this story sound a little outdated to me. And the "love" part in the end is darkly twisted. The one she just ran away from. She's gotta be lunatic, gotta be wrong. As a confessed bibliophile, how can I not?

Throw in that the only book reading guy in the story is also the one that connects the dots although a little too easily because he is the well-read guy of the group, add spices of Gulliver's Travels The Odyssey and the rabbit from Alice in Wonderland then you can imagine why I enjoyed this tale so much. April 27, "Lucy Comes to Stay": I have a suspicion this story illustrates Bloch's mastery of the aspects of the mentally ill that Psycho showcases so shudderingly well.

Not only is there a sureness in the way it's all written even The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch the first person perspective of the insane narrator but the believability is also impressive.

And then the two of us were laughing together, we couldn't stop even when the doctor went away. We just stood there against the bars, Lucy and I, laughing like crazy. April 30, "The Shadow from the Steeple": This was a fun read.

Not so much because of the story although it's entertaining enough but because it's The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch homage to a game Lovecraft and other writers had among themselves in some of their stories, Bloch included. He is especially--understandably--curious The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch to what really happened with the thing referred to as "the Shining Trapezehedron.

Ambrose Dexter, we learn that things have not ended as it was originally reported, whether by the official records or by the accounts of HPL;- Bloch seamlessly weave a tale where facts e. Doing this is the gentle homage from a writer who by the time of this story ca. It is fun how he changes a few facts to make the plot fit consistently with the earlier tales e.

HPL changed a few facts in his story to create a higher fictive tension, and he didn't want to include himself, and his own part in the horrors, in his own story:-P. Perhaps, but it doesn't read that strange, I can tell you. All this is only for those "in the know," really, and it all works well in the tale, even without this knowledge.

A tale that is told straight and clearly. That's all the author intended, I think:- Later same day;- : "The Past Master": A man appears, not out of the blue but from the ocean, naked and with odd questions re. What's this all about? Through eyewitnesses' own accounts we learn what's going on, and when we reach the conclusion of the tale it has taken a surprising turn, where sci-fi elements lurk in the background and the US fear of Communism in the s more than lurk in the fore of everything.

Very interesting and surprisingly gripping tale. Well, as the mysterious narrator says, "it's a matter of taste" and while this tale wasn't the best in the collection it was still entertaining enough. And the appearance of a UFO on the roof was a laugh. But something seems odd And after a while the suspicion arises: Is he a vampire?

Her mother doesn't believe her, of course, but Nancy is determined to demonstrate she's right, and it's not just because he turned her down one night. In the end Philip convinces The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch that he's not a vampire, which he really isn't.

Just a The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch he's a werewolf! It is inevitable that your life will come to a horrible end--and one that also involves a lot of psychological horror; as the narrator says: "It's The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch a matter of knowing how The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch use your imagination. And there are also nods to Poe. We learn what happens to the poor, last psychiatrist on Earth now that there is no longer use for one with that profession, and the robots have taken over just about all kinds of work.

Thoughtful story. I liked it. May 24, "The Thinking Cap": A little psychedelic, but okay story. A writer has the famous writer's block and he is at an all-time low in his life.

A woman enters his life, offers him a device he can put on his head and which is guaranteed to have him write successful stories. The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch accepts--and he becomes a successful writer. Of course, no gift is without a price. He ends up trying to regain his own life, and not be so dependant on the "thinking cap," which includes sessions with a psychiatrist.

Our protagonist discovers, though, that psychiatsts aren't always right;- I liked the ending very much. The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch wasn't a surprise, but it was still handled in a way that satisfied.

The "dream scenes" or whatchacallit were weird and psychedelic but worked well. I am wondering if Bloch writes from experience here--both in terms of the infamous writer's block "syndrome" and having trippy dreams-that-can-be-turned-into-succesful-stories? As always--more reviews to

come, as I complete the stories; View all 6 comments. Jun 19, Kurt Reichenbaugh rated it really liked it Shelves: pulphorror. They're not the "complete" stories of Robert Bloch, but rather the Collected stories, 3 volumes when published in hardback.

These are early stories by Bloch, all of them entertaining. He made horror fun, as it's supposed to be.

The Complete Stories, Vol. 1: Final Reckonings by Robert Bloch

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However, too many stories in this anthology hit too similar a note The technique gets old by the end of the book, and thus this collection is best read one story at a time, over time, as opposed to all in one sitting. Doled out in smaller portions, like vitamins, the stories are a lot more enjoyable. A lot of the plots will seem a little too "familiar" and predictable to horror fans, but to give Bloch credit where it's due, th As always, Bloch is a skilled writer.

A lot of the plots will The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch a little too "familiar" and predictable to horror fans, but to give Bloch credit where it's due, they were a lot more original at the time he wrote them. As The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch was a member of the Miskatonic Round Table, as it were, any collection of his writing must contain at least two stories of a Lovecraftian bent for fans of that genre.

This collection is no exception, but the inclusions are more in flavor than in a dictionary of the Cthulhu mythos, and in fact are subtle enough to name no names other than an offhand reference to R'lyeh. You could see the plot twist coming a mile away, but the last few lines really made the story work for me.

Jun 19, Kurt Reichenbaugh rated it it was amazing Shelves: horrorpulp. Again, hardly "complete" as the title misleads. A complete collection of Bloch's stories would be way more than 3 volumes. Anyway, most of these cuts are from the late 's, magazines like Ellery Queen, Alfred Hitchcock and Fantastic.

All of them entertain, and are good examples of the art of the short story. Mar 25, TrumanCoyote rated it really liked it. Lots of stuff about Hollywood.

And agents and things A tendency toward annoying cant about the deficiencies of the Modern Age; and not a lot of real nice guys in his brood. Apr 27, Kelly rated it it was amazing Shelves: own. Enjoyed these flavors more than vol. Douglas Reedy rated it really liked it Jul 10, Clydene rated it it was amazing Aug 20, Mrdurden24 rated it liked it Jul 14, Anthony Lawson rated it it was amazing Mar 28, Fred rated it it was amazing Feb 26, Jun 14, Christopher Sutch rated it really liked it.

Again, quite good genre fiction. Joseph rated it really liked it Jan 30, Anne rated The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch really liked it Dec 06, Colby rated it really liked it Dec 07, Robert rated it liked it Aug 21, Mitch rated it really liked it May 25, Larry rated it really liked it Dec 07, Jordan West rated it really liked it Mar 13, Sheila rated it really liked it Aug 15, Nabeal Ayari rated it it was amazing Oct 11, Arwen rated it it was amazing Feb 26, Scott Neumann rated it really liked it Jun 13, Paula Hartman rated it really liked it Feb 18, Jerry Levinson rated it it was amazing Aug 03, Darren rated it it was amazing Oct 15, Darren O.

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He was one of the youngest members of the Lovecraft Circle; Lovecraft was Bloch's mentor and one of the first to seriously encourage his talent. He was a contributor to pulp magazines such The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch Weird Tales in his early career, and was also a prolific screenwriter. He served a term as president of the Mystery Writers of America.

Robert Bloch was also a major contributor to science fiction fanzines and fandom in general. The Complete Stories of Robert Bloch the s, he created the humorous character Lefty Feep in a story for Fantastic Adventures. He also worked for a time in local vaudeville, and tried to break into writing for nationally-known performers.

He was a good friend of the science fiction writer Stanley G. In the 's, he wrote 3 stories for Star Trek. Books by Robert Bloch. Related Articles. Diverse voices and sparkling debuts dominate today's contemporary short story collections.