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## The Richard Laymon Collection, Volume 3: Night Show / Allhallow's Eve by Richard Laymon

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The plot is about as basic as you can get: A woman is being followed by a stalker. Things escalate. The end. There is a brief additional side plot, but it doesn't really add much to the story and feels thrown in simply to pad things out.

When it comes to horror novels with "Halloween" or some variation thereof in the title, expectations should be set pretty low. Overall, I enjoyed the novel well enough, though I certainly sympathize with its detractors. Trying to justify a Richard Laymon novel is like trying to justify chocolate The Richard Laymon Collection: Night Show and All Hallows Eve v.

3 for breakfast. All you can do is mumble "So, sue me" between mouthfuls. One thing Laymon does a pretty good job with here is the characters. Yes, by-and-large, they are extremely two-dimensional, but what little inner conflict Laymon does instill in them, he plays to the hilt.

None of the characters are interesting in and of themselves, but, taken together, they keep you invested enough to keep turning the pages to the end. Ah, yes, "the end. After setting up all the pieces for a rollicking conclusion, Laymon simply doesn't know how to wrap things up properly, and the whole story takes a wrong turn into Stupid Town. Instead of excitement, all we are left with is a one-two punch of sickening brutality followed by pure anti-climax.

If a bad ending is a deal-breaker The Richard Laymon Collection: Night Show and All Hallows Eve v. 3 you, then don't even bother. Jul 19, Tex rated it liked it Shelves: reads. Who sent the invites, The Richard Laymon Collection: Night Show and All Hallows Eve v. 3 were they sent Both of these books get to the point of the story very quickly and set up the final scene very well.

The biggest issue is that they also both end very quickly - in some ways it's almost like Laymon worked so hard on the set up that he was just too tired to give the stories the finish that they both deserved. This is probably the only real gripe I had about the books and was what I felt stopped them from being better than average.

I've come to accept that with Laymon many of his characters are about as deep as a parking lot puddle, there are inconsistencies in the way some characters act, and the writing is very basic and to the point. That said I don't read his books for great character development and award winning literature. I mean, you don't go to the movies to see "Friday the 13th" or "Saw" because you think they are films worthy of winning an Oscar. You go because you know what to expect - some blood and guts horror and suspense.

The same with Richard Laymon. You know what you're going to get every time you open the cover - an in your face assault of splatterpunk not a nominee for the next round of Pulitzer's.

Overall "Night Show" and "Allhallow's Eve" kept me interested, were quick and easy to read, and didn't make me feel that I'd wasted my time reading them. Three scary abandoned houses out of five. Oct 09, Gavin rated it it was ok. Laymon-lite may be a better description. The plot points are all screaming for excessive splatter and a thrilling ride. Wronged woman wants revenge. Deranged attacker on the loose in Hollywood

Horror SFX master as lead Instead what we get is an insipid daytime soap interspersed with random sex and tame for Laymon violence.

Chapters are wasted with meaningless chat whereas the revenge plot is woefully underplayed. Two conveniently plotted stories intertwine to conclude at a rather underwhelming climax.

The Richard Laymon Collection: Night Show and All Hallows Eve v. 3 until the finale Allhallow's Eve featured minimal gore and a hint of schoolboy sexual fantasy which oddly turned to ideas of rape. A mass murder occurs in a house which is now left empty. A Halloween party is planned in the empty house all the while a murder is being investigated by cop Sam in the same town.

As a murder mystery this could have been fantastic but another plotline comes into play to blur things. Characters are forgotten about and killed off the page. Villains become heroes and vice versa for no rhyme nor reason. Completely unnecessary sexual violence is thrown in and don't get me started on the ending. I'm not sure if Laymon had a phone call at pm saying the final manuscript had to be handed in at 5pm.

The book just stops with a very unsatisfying epilogue to try and close things up. Allhallow's Eve is upto a point a fun, fast read but let down by key characters disappearing, a lead character ending up with another character that went against everything his inner monologues stated. The sexual violence was unrequired for the plot, we know the character is a monster already. If this had continued as a straight murder mystery this could have been brilliant.

Sadly Allhallow's Eve feels more trick than treat. Jul 04, Kevin Holland rated it liked it. Richard Laymon books are great if you just want something light. Most follow a standard formula. Oct 16, Collette Mclaughlin rated it liked it. Both of these stories start of great but both have disappointing endings. Had the potential for great things but short quick endings. Not a pair of Laymons best duos. Derrick rated it liked it May 25, Pinky Jolley rated it it was amazing Dec 24, Zoe rated it it was ok Mar 20, Bevb rated it liked it Jan 14, Penelope Smyth rated it it was amazing Jul 25, Gemma rated it really liked it Apr 18, The Richard Laymon Collection: Night Show and All Hallows Eve v.

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