

Thinklings' Thoughts



Hello!

Welcome to our *new* newsletter! Around Halloween, we had some great ideas for re-vamping it, and we hope you find it fang-tastic!

Thinking/punning of vampires...they're the theme for this newsletter. We're going to try to put one out twice a month, each with a different theme of book recommendations. (If you have a theme you'd like us to do, let us know at contact@thinklingsbooks.com!) Since we publish sci-fi and fantasy, we're mostly going to stick to those and other speculative subgenres.



Vampire books to die for

This list comes from our CEO, Deborah Natelson, author of the supernatural thriller [Bargaining Power](#). Here's her top 10 list of favorites:

1. [How to Be a Vampire](#) by R.L. Stine: yes, the Goosebumps author!
2. [Sunshine](#) by Robin McKinley: smart, funny, suspenseful, and romantic
3. [The Vampire Tapestry](#) by Suzy McKee Charnas: a highly praised classic
4. [Dracula](#) by Bram Stoker: 'nough said :)
5. [Interview with the Vampire](#) by Anne Rice: ditto :)
6. [Those Who Hunt the Night](#) by Barbara Hambly: a vampire forces an ex-spy to work for him (first in a series)

7a. [By Blood We Live](#): a collection of stories, many in the *Dracula* tradition

7b. [Vampires: A Collection of Original Stories](#) (similar to #7a)

8. [Twilight Forever Rising](#) by Lena Meydan: vampire clans at war

9. [Companions of the Night](#) by Vivian Vande Velde: a young-adult thriller

10. [Prisoner of Vampires](#) by Nancy Garden: a light-hearted children's book

For specific details on what Deborah enjoyed about these books, as well as some minor caveats, see [this video](#) on our YouTube channel.

Sarah would add to this list: [The Vampire Files](#) series by P.N. Elrod. It follows a journalist-turned-vampire in gangster-infested Chicago in the Roaring Twenties.

What are we watching?

Sarah: On Halloween, my hubby and I watched [Blood Red Sky](#) on Netflix - it was thrilling, and I'd watch it again! My favorite vampire movie is still [Daybreakers](#) by the Spierig brothers, starring Ethan Hawke. :) P.S. I'm almost done reading [The Wolfman](#) by Jonathan Maberry, adapted from the 2010 movie - which I need to watch again.

Deborah: I just watched [The Fairy Seed Planting Manual](#), which isn't a vampire show BUT has antagonistic succubae that act a whole lot like vampires. So it...counts? Also, it has an absolutely fantastic villain. Definitely a villain for my top ten - no, top five list.

Never have we ever...

The Halloween Version

Deborah: ...watched a vampire show I liked better than the low-budget Canadian vampire-detective show [Forever Knight](#). Budget is nothing compared to great characters and a compelling storyline.

Sarah: ...seen [Hocus Pocus](#). I know, I know! I will, someday. It's such a classic now. I think I have watched bits of it, but back when it came out, I was much more into other things, like Pokemon. Pika pika! (Still am...and you bet I own a copy of [Detective Pikachu!](#) 😊)

More dark fantasy

Finally, we wanted to note that [Surviving in Horror](#) has new chapters out, and more are being written and edited!

And [Sand to Glass](#) is available in e-book, paperback, **and** hardback! We're very excited that Amazon has added that last option! It suits literary fiction very well.

We hope you enjoyed this new version of Thinklings' Thoughts, and stay tuned for more awesome recommendations of all things speculative fiction!

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