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An anthology finalist award winner in the **Next Generation Indie Book Awards** and a **Gothic Readers Book Club Choice Award Winner**, *The Best Horror Short Stories 1800-1849* delivers 12 of the greatest horror stories for the first half of the 19th century.

Andrew Barger, author of the award winning *Coffee with Poe: A Novel of Edgar Allan Poe's Life* as well as *Edgar Allan Poe Annotated and Illustrated Entire Stories and Poems*, read over 300 horror short stories to compile the 12 best. At the back of the book he includes a list of all short stories he considered along with their dates of publication and author, when available. He includes background for each of the stories and author photos. A number of the stories were published in leading periodicals of the day such as *Blackwood's* and *Atkinson's Casket*. Read *The Best Horror Short Stories 1800-1849* tonight!

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- 1817 **The Deserted House** by E.T. A. Hoffmann (1776 1822)
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- 1830 **The Mysterious Mansion** by Honore de Balzac (1799-1850)
- 1828 **The Severed Hand** by Wilhelm Hauff (1802 1827)
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- 1842 The Pit and the Pendulum by Edgar Allan Poe (1809 1849)
- 1832 **The Executioner** by Honore de Balzac (1799-1850)
- 1832 The Thunder-Struck and the Boxer by Samuel Warren (1807 1877)
- 1845 The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar by Edgar Allan Poe (1809 1849)
- 1839 **The Fall of the House of Usher** by Edgar Allan Poe (1809 1849)

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Amazon Top Ten Reviewer

Barger aims for readers both scholarly and casual, ensuring that the authors get their due while making the work accessible overall to the mainstream.

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