

31 Days of Horror 2024

Several years back, I decided instead of watching the same Halloween movies every year I would use October as a chance to dig a little deeper into a genre I love – horror. While I do still watch some of the same movies every year (it's called tradition folks!) **#31DaysofHorror** has now become one of my favorite holiday traditions in itself. As always, I have tried to include the **movie**, **genre**, and **platform**. The notes column is a place to drop relevant notes (duh), keep track of what I am watching and when and, **most importantly**, this is where you will find any **content warnings** I find necessary. Please note this *is* a horror movie list, so things like violence and gore (unless gratuitous) won't be noted.

2024 THEME: Movies Based on Books (and other written mediums)

To keep this introduction from mimicking a bad cooking blog, if you're morbidly curious about **#31DaysofHorror** you can read about its villain origin story under the list. **As for the rest of you?** Let's get to the part we all came here for, shall we? It's time to watch some SPOOKY MOVIES!!

#	Movie	Genre	Platform	Notes
1	Black Phone	Supernatural horror	Starz	Based on Joe Hill's short story, originally published as part of 20th Century Ghosts.
2	Slenderman	Supernatural horror	Starz	Born on the Something Awful Internet Forum. The OG creepypasta?
3	My Best Friend's Exorcism	Supernatural horror	Prime	Based on the book (same title) by Grady Hendrix.
4	I Know What You Did Last Summer	Thriller	Prime, Netflix	Surprise, one of Lois Duncan's original thrillers!
5	The Ring	Supernatural	Prime, Paramount	Based on the book (same title) by Koji Suzuki
6	Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (adaption TBD)			Based on the book by Robert Louis Stevenson.
7	Jaws	Thriller	Prime, Netflix	Based on the book by Peter Benchley
8-11	Silence of the Lambs Franchise (4 movies): The Silence of the Lambs (1991), Hannibal (2001), Red Dragon (2002) and Hannibal Rising (2007)	Psychological horror	Prime, Apple TV, Paramount, FreeVee	Based on the series of novels (starting with Red Dragon in 1981) by Thomas Harris. Entire franchise is great, add Manhunter for a cool juxtaposition to Red Dragon!
12	The Exorcist	Supernatural horror	Prime, Hulu	Based on the book by William Peter Blatty
13, 14	Interview with a Vampire & Queen of the Damned	I formally reject the romance category.	Netflix, Prime, Apple	Based on the Vampire Chronicles by Anne Rice. Special mention to the new IWTv tv show - stunning!

15	The Haunting (1999)	Supernatural	Prime	Based on The Haunting of Hill House (Shirley Jackson). Special mention to Flannagan's adaptation (series), though I hear it's not overly faithful to the source material.
16	Amityville Horror	Supernatural horror	Prime, Max	Based on the book by Jay Anson.
17	The Wicker Man (1975 or 2006)	British Horror	Apple TV, Prime	Based on the book by Robin Hardy.
18	30 Days of Night	Vampires	Prime, Apple TV, Peacock	Based on the book by Steve Niles.
19	Something Wicked This Way Comes	Supernatural horror	Apple TV	Based on the book (same title) by Ray Bradbury
20	Dracula (adaption TBD)			Based on the book by Bram Stoker
21	The Woman in Black	Supernatural	Prime, Paramount	Based on the book by Susan Hill
22	The Ritual	British supernatural folk horror	Netflix	Based on the book by Adam Nevill
23	Rosemary's Baby	Psychological horror	Prime, paramount	Based on the book by Ira Levin.
24	The Ruins	Survival Horror	Amazon, Paramount	Based on the book by Scott Smith.
25	Firestarter (1984 and/or 2022 adaption)	Science-fiction horror	Prime, Hulu, Starz	Based on the book (same title) by Stephen King
26	Christine (John Carpenter, 1983)	Supernatural	Amazon, Netflix, Apple TV	Based on the book (same title) by Stephen King
27	Minotaur	Horror	Starz, Hulu	Adaptation of classic Greek mythology.
28	Frankenstein (adaption TBD)			Based on the book by Mary Shelley
29	Pride, Prejudice and Zombies	Action comedy horror	Netflix, Prime, Peacock	Based on the novel by Seth Grahame-Smith (which is based on the novel by Jane Austen).
30	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter	Action comedy horror "historical"	Prime, Disney+	Based on the novel by Seth Grahame-Smith.

31	Needful Things	Horror	Apple TV	Based on the book by Stephen King.
Watched all 31? Extra Screams (Special Mentions) Below!				
	Voyage of the Demeter			Based on a chapter from the original Dracula novel. Highly recommend it.
	Candyman			Read the Clive Barker story that inspired the classic horror film Candyman.
	Let the Right One In			Based on the book by John Alvidge Lindqvist.

What the hell is #31DaysofHorror?

#31DaysofHorror is an annual list, plain and simple. Though the list changes from year to year, one thing remains the same – every list consists of 1 horror movie for each of October’s 31 days. The goal, of course, is to watch all 31 movies before the month is up! It doesn’t matter how you go about it, just as long as you watch all 31! After all, who am I to judge you for binge watching the first 3 Nightmare on Elm Street movies back-to-back on a Sunday afternoon?

POV: You came here for the Villain Origin Story

In the beginning, there was a woman with a strange love for horror and her creepy little handwritten list of terrifying movies. Today? Well, it’s still just a strange woman with a creepy little list. BUT, now that terrifying list of horrors has a HASHTAG too! #31DaysofHorror has entered the chat. For me, 31 Days started a decade ago. And yes, it really was this weird scribbled upon piece of notebook paper I carried around in my planner for over a month. Thanks largely to the **absolute moment** horror is having (and let’s be real, I must thank Twitter too) in the past couple of years I realized that _ *GASP!* _ I wasn’t the only person who watched horror movies as if they were romantic comedies during Hallmark Christmas Movie season. Inspired by conversations with friends and strangers alike, I decided to give 31 Days an upgrade from its pencil and paper beginnings to the virtual real-time document you see now. It’s still just a list, of course, still just an opportunity to dive into and appreciate a complex and fascinating genre. These days it’s also something more than that though, now it’s a strange little terrifying community too. Pretty spooky, huh?!

Last, but certainly not least (a disclaimer):

This should go without saying, but I am going to state it anyway. #31DaysofHorror is in *no way, shape, form, or fashion* a *comprehensive list*, nor should it be considered one. Hell, sometimes it’s not even a very *good* list! It is not my fault that October only has 31 days! Do you know how hard it is to narrow down a catalog as expansive and long standing as the horror genre to **ONLY 31 MOVIES?**! I am nothing if not a problem solver though. With the goal of serving as a guideline for what movies make the list and, perhaps more importantly, which don’t – each list’s theme sets the vibe. Past themes have included Horror through the Decades, Never Before Seen Horror, Paranormal & Poltergeists, Movies Based on Books, and beyond.

At the end of the day, I wish I could add every single movie recommended to me to the list. And I can promise you that every one of them **DOES** get added onto a To Watch list somewhere. There is

nothing I love more than talking with people about horror movies, the ones they love, the ones they hate, and everything in between. Got a recommendation? Want to respectfully disagree with my take? As long as you don't want to discuss King v. Kubrick you can find me on Twitter @HelloFrazier