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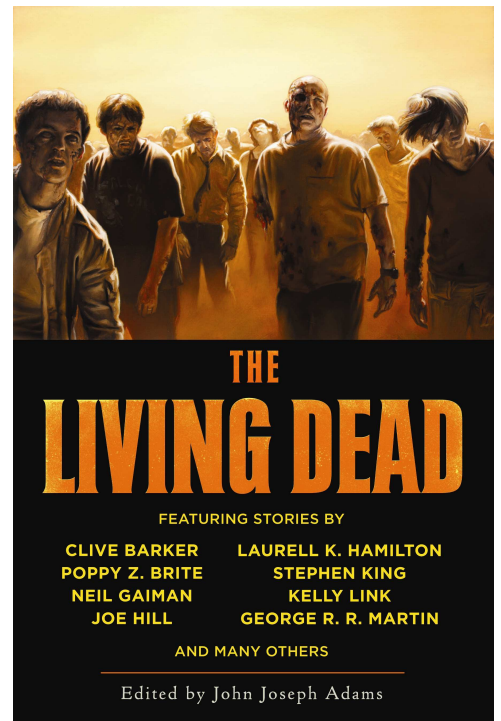
THE LIVING DEAD

edited by John Joseph Adams

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From *White Zombie* to *Dawn of the Dead*, from *Resident Evil* to *World War Z*, zombies have invaded popular culture, becoming the monsters that best express the fears and anxieties of the modern west. The ultimate consumers, zombies rise from the dead and feed upon the living, their teeming masses ever hungry, ever seeking to devour or convert, like mindless, faceless eating machines. Zombies have been depicted as mind-controlled minions, the shambling infected, the disintegrating dead, the ultimate *lumpenproletariat*, but in all cases, they reflect us, mere mortals afraid of death in a society on the verge of collapse.

Gathering together the best zombie literature of the last three decades from many of today's most renowned authors of fantasy, speculative fiction, and horror, including Stephen King, Harlan Ellison®, Robert Silverberg, George R. R. Martin, Clive Barker, Poppy Z. Brite, Neil Gaiman, Joe Hill, Laurell K. Hamilton, and Joe R. Lansdale, *The Living Dead*, covers the broad spectrum of zombie fiction, ranging from Romero-style zombies to reanimated corpses to voodoo zombies and beyond.



ADVANCE BUZZ

- "YOU NEED THIS BOOK! As terrific a short story collection as I've ever encountered, *The Living Dead* gathers together 34 of the cleverest, creepiest and most brain-freezing zombie tales. These are not your grandpa's *Late Late Show* walking dead, either, but direct descendants of the modern post-Romero gut-ripping, intestine-crunching undead hordes. A collection to die for—or with." —Joe Dante, award-winning director of *Gremlins*, *The Howling*, and *Homecoming*.
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PRAISE FOR JOHN JOSEPH ADAMS

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ABOUT THE EDITOR

John Joseph Adams was born in 1976. He is the editor of the anthologies *Wastelands: Stories of the Apocalypse* and *Seeds of Change*. He is also the assistant editor at *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, and is the print news correspondent for *SCI FI Wire* (the news service of the SCI FI Channel). He lives in Perth Amboy, NJ.

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