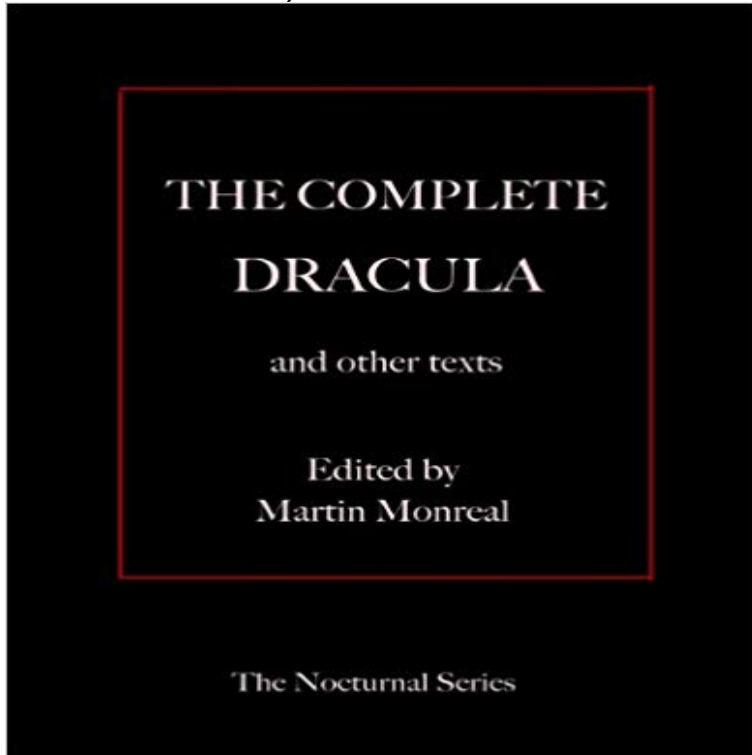


# The Complete Dracula and Other Texts of Vampires (The Nocturnal Series Book 1)



THE COMPLETE DRACULA AND OTHER TEXTS OF VAMPIRES includes the restored first chapter of the novel (published as *Draculas Guest* after Stokers death), ten seminal essays on vampirism and superstition, and the literary works that influenced Stoker, and who conform the lineage that coagulates in *Dracula*. The ESSAYS section includes several documents and studies on the most relevant themes in the novel *Dracula*. The belief on vampires, ghouls and werewolves, the folkloric sources of the literary vampire, and intriguing exploration of cannibalism, as well as a historical note on Attila (*Dracula* never tires of claiming himself a descendant of the frightening and cunning leader of the Huns) and the masterful essay of Walter Pater on the myth of Demeter, the Greek goddess of fertility, who comes back from death every year. The fact that the ship on which *Dracula* arrives in London is called *Demeter* is a relevant detail, and an idea of the mythological background of the novel is key to the understanding of the novel. The LITERARY SOURCES section includes the most famous vampire stories that preceded *Dracula*, including *The Vampyre* by Polidori, *Ligeia* by Poe, and *Carmilla* by Le Fanu, which Stoker is known to have read (in fact he mentions *Carmilla* as the inspiration for his novel) and a vampire Russian folktale which helps situate the position of the vampire in the popular imagination before *Dracula* turned it into the most famous kind of monster in the world.

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