

CYCLOPAEDIA 31 – ZOMBIES

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OVERVIEW

Zombies, Undead, or other similar names all conjure up images of shambling animated corpses out to kill their living counterparts. Whether we are discussing post-apocalyptic zombie outbreaks or a single animated monster out for revenge, we all can visualize the horror to come.

The legend of zombies comes originally from Haitian folklore, often associated closely with voodoo and magic. Today, zombies find their origins via scientific accidents, disease outbreaks, alien pathogens, mental disorders, biological warfare, and more. Zombies in modern literature and cinema are heavily influenced by George A. Romero's seminal film *Night of the Living Dead*, which made zombies a popular villain that comes in hordes.

Video and Tabletop Games have appropriated zombies as popular villains because they can be justified within the story to come in waves and gamers feel little to no remorse in destroying the soulless monsters in droves. Some recent movies and novels that have given rise to zombies with souls, personality, and even remnants of their humanity have begun to alter the view of zombies and how to defeat them.

Zombie stories often reflect our own fears of the future, they tug at our trepidation that science might go wrong, and they draw upon our love of underdog survival stories. Can our small band of heroes stay alive until help arrives or they can find a cure to his unnatural menace?

A ZOMBIE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Zombies have various names in myths, legends, and cinema. Some of the most common include:

- Ghoul
- Infected
- Juju Zombie
- Living Dead
- Restless Dead
- Revenant
- Risen
- Undead

Following are sources of information pertaining to Zombies to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

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By Littlewood, Roland

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CDC Zombie Apocalypse Outreach Campaign

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BOOKS

Adrian's Undead Diary: Dark Recollections

By Philbrook, Chris

Aftertime

By Littlefield, Sophie

The Art of Eating through the Zombie Apocalypse: A Cookbook and Culinary Survival Guide

By Wilson, Lauren and Bauthus, Kristian

As the World Dies: The First Days

By Frater, Rhiannon

The Becoming

By Meigs, Jessica

Day by Day Armageddon

By Bourne, J.L.

Feed

By Grant, Mira

Frankenstein/The Modern Prometheus

By Shelley, Mary

I Am Legend

By Matheson, Richard

Love & the Zombie Apocalypse

By Luna, Chelsea

The Magic Island

By Seabrook, W. B.

Nature's Undead: Snapping Rattlesnakes, Frozen Frogs, and Other Animals That Seem to Rise from the Grave (Real-Life Zombies)

By Klepeis, Alicia Z.

Only Dead on the Inside: A Parent's Guide to Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse

By Breakwell, James

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By Maberry, Jonathan

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

By Grahme-Smith, Seth

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The Rising

By Keene, Brian

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By Davis, Wade

Slow Burn: Zero Day

By Adair, Bobby

Theories of International Politics and Zombies

By Drezner, Daniel

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By Taylor, Keith

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By Teresi, Dick

Undead Uprising: Haiti, Horror and The Zombie Complex

By Cussans, John

Warm Bodies

By Marion, Isaac

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By Brooks, Max

The Zombie Combat Manual: A Guide to Fighting the Living Dead

By Ma, Roger

Zombie, Ohio

By Kenemore, Scott

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By Luckhurst, Roger

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Zombies: An Anthropological Investigation of the Living Dead

By Charlier, Philippe and Gray, Richard

The Zombie Shooting Guide: Survival Training for the Worst-Case Scenario

By Greenman, Mark

Zombies: The Truth Behind History's Terrifying Flesh-Eaters (Monster Handbooks)

By Goldsworthy, Steve

Zombie Survival Transport Manual (Haynes Manuals)

By Page, Sean T.

Zombie Theory: A Reader

By Lauro, Sarah Juliet

GAMES

All Flesh Must Be Eaten - RPG

All Things Zombie: Final Fadeout - Tabletop Game

Axis & Allies and Zombies - Tabletop Game

Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare - Zombies in Spaceland - Video Game

Call of Duty: World at War - Video Game

City of Horror - Tabletop Game

DayZ - Video Game

The Dead: A Prayer for the Living - RPG

Dead Island - Video Game

Dead Rising - Video Game

Dead of Winter - Tabletop Game

End of the World: Zombie Apocalypse - RPG

GURPS Zombies - RPG

GURPS Zombietown USA - RPG

Last Night on Earth - Tabletop Game

Left 4 Dead - Video Game

Mall of Horror - Tabletop Game

Outbreak: Undead - RPG

Plants Vs. Zombies - Video Game

Resident Evil - Video Game

Resident Evil Deck Building Game - Tabletop Game

The Shotgun Diaries - RPG

State of Decay - Video Game

Typing of the Dead - Video Game

The Walking Dead - Video Game

Zombicide - Tabletop Game

Zombies - Tabletop Game

Zombies Ate My Neighbors - Video Game

Zombie Fluxx - Tabletop Game
Zombies, Run - Mobile Game
Zpocalypse - Tabletop Game

The Walking Dead - TV
Warm Bodies
White Zombie
World War Z
Zombie Apocalypse
Zombi 2
Zombie
Zombieland

CINEMA

28 Days Later
28 Weeks Later
The Battery
Cemetery Man
City of the Living Dead
Dawn of the Dead
Day of the Dead
Dead Alive
The Evil Dead
Fear the Walking Dead - TV
Fido
The Girl with All the Gifts
Hell of the Living Dead
I Am Legend
I Walked With A Zombie
iZombie - TV
Juan of the Dead
The Last Man on Earth
Maggie
Mulberry Street
Night of the Comet
Night of the Creeps
Night of the Living Dead
The Omega Man
The Plague of the Zombies
Planet Terror
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies
Re-Animator
REC
Resident Evil
Return of the Living Dead
Scooby-Doo! On Zombie Island
Shaun of the Dead
Shock Waves
Train to Busan

LOCATIONS

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<http://www.walkerstalkercruise.com/>

Zombie Con
<http://www.zombiecon.com/>

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<http://zombieconx.com/>

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<http://www.mudrunguide.com/directory/list-zombie-mud-runs-obstacle-races/>

PEOPLE

Wade Davis
Zora Neale Hurston
Peter Jackson
Richard Matheson
Clairvius Narcisse
George A. Romero
John A. Russo
Tom Savini
Rob Zombie