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Chapter 1 : Story Collection: The Horror Stories of Robert E. Howard - The Robert E Howard Index

*The Black Stranger: And Other American Tales (The Works of Robert E. Howard Series) [Robert Ervin Howard, Steven Tompkins] on calendrierdelascience.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Robert E. Howard is celebrated as the founding father of sword-and-sorcery, the creator of Conan of Cimmeria and Kull of Atlantis. The Black Stranger and Other American.*

A point we fans of Howard frequently have to make allowances for is the time and social milieu he lived in. Howard was a white male in mid-Texas, and the social attitudes inherent to that show in many of his stories, particularly in this collection. I do not think Howard was having just encountered "Black Canaan" in another collection of zombie tales by assorted writers developed an urge to offer a few thoughts on this collection, of which "Black Canaan" is one of the more notable offerings. I do not think Howard was an overt racist, but he clearly accepted the less enlightened assumptions of his day. This is actually part of what makes Howard interesting to read, that we get to see an imagination working in a world devoid of our modern notions of political correctness. We see a mind unbounded by the self-restraint of a modern socially conscious writer, and yet one not poisoned by the deliberate hatred of a modern racist. Very interesting if you can tolerate the change from our modern viewpoint. The theme of this book is Howard tales with a connection to America, or at least the New World. Most are set in the historical past, varying from fantasies to westerns, though there is also a Conan story collected here, "The Black Stranger," which may be better known to some fans in an adulterated form as "The Treasure of Trancos. That a Conan story may be included in a book of "American" tales may seem odd to a Conan reader, but the inclusion is entirely justifiable on thematic grounds. But on those grounds I am inclined to think that "Beyond the Black River" would have been a more appropriate choice of Conan stories, being very nearly something James Fenimore Cooper might have written. Howard REH hereafter is probably best known in popular culture as the creator of Conan the Barbarian, in as much as he is known at all. The rest of the stories do take place on the American continent, though not all of them are "historical" by any stretch. As I alluded to earlier, some of these stories are pretty grim, and not filled with the sort of cheery derring-do that readers might expect. Which does not make them any less fun. For the record, despite the possibly goofy title, "Pigeons from Hell" was, for my money, the most frightening story in this collection. The blurb on the back of this book compares the stories in this collection to dark classics like "Young Goodman Brown," "Benito Cereno," and "A Rose for Emily. I can say that these stories are fantastic reading, full of mystery, horror, and adventure. Howard continues to impress me not just as a fun author to read, but as an author who really should be taken much more seriously on a literary level. This stuff is pure gold.

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Chapter 2 : The Black Stranger - Wikipedia

To ask other readers questions about The Black Stranger and Other American Tales, please sign up. Be the first to ask a question about The Black Stranger and Other American Tales Best known for Conan, REH's writing was all over the board, but this is a collection of savagery & horror from Conan's.

Plot summary[edit] The story begins with Conan in the Pictish Wilderness, fleeing native warriors who are now hunting him. To escape his pursuers, Conan ascends a nearby crag of rock. Suddenly, he sees the Picts inexplicably abandon their chase and turn back. Soon, Conan realizes this spot must be considered a forbidden place to the Picts. The hill turns out to hold a treasure cave along with the preserved bodies of a pirate captain, Tranicos, and his men. He barely escapes with his life, leaving the treasure undisturbed. Valenso has fled his homeland to escape a demon whom he double-crossed, only to end up on the western shores of the Pictish territory. With his entourage are his niece, the Lady Belesa, and her handmaiden, Tina, among other soldiers and retainers. The Count is stunned when he learns that a buccaneer, Black Zaron, has landed on the shores, followed by the pirate Strombanni. Both pirates believe Valenso has traveled to this deserted region in search of the legendary Treasure of Tranicos. During a meeting one night between the Count, Black Zaron, and Strombanni, Conan surprisingly emerges from behind some drapery. All eyes are on Conan as he enters the room. The men learn from Conan that he, "himself", has discovered the Treasure of Tranicos and would be willing to share the loot with the others, if they help him retrieve it. Conan, on the other hand, has something else in mind for his companions, chiefly trapping them in the treasure vault to have them be killed by the demon, taking the treasure with the crews of both ships, and sailing away. The pirates once again declare a truce to combat a common foe. The story ends with the defeat of the stronghold by the Picts as well as the deaths of the Count, Strombanni, and Black Zaron. However, Conan himself manages to escape across the fortress wall in the ensuing chaos, carrying both Belesa and Tina with him to safety. The Counts of Poitain arrive on the isolated shores, looking for Conan to lead them against the despotic King of Aquilonia, Numedides. Picts as Native Americans[edit] Though set in the Hyborian Age, a fictional past around 10,000 BC [1], the story has many connotations of the American Frontier, about which Howard also wrote some stories. The Picts are thinly-disguised Native Americans --with feathers in their hair, wearing moccasins, and wielding tomahawks. The situation of an isolated outpost behind its palisade, in the midst of a threatening forest, which is full of these hostile Picts is familiar from numerous historical and literary depictions of the frontier. Also, Conan makes several references to his being "a white man"--a racial bond uniting him, the "barbarian", with the other "civilized" protagonists, against their common foe: The main differences with the original are a reduction of the supernatural element and that in the ending of this version, Black Vulmea is not offered any throne and is quite content to remain a pirate captain. He asks for no sexual favors in return.

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The Black Stranger is not too bad as a collection of stories, however it draws a few stories from other books by R. E. Howard such as the Black stranger and the Gods of Bal-sagoth which are from Cthulhu mythos or Conan the barbarian books.

Lovecraft as collected in *A Means to Freedom: The Letters of H. Lovecraft and Robert E. Howard*. One could hardly thumb through thirty pages without landing on a reference. If there is a goal to this brief article, it is to begin to focus on a portion however brief—a portion of his letters and a portion of Texas. Howard Days over the past four years and was responsible for digitalization and metadata for the majority of the Cross Plains Review. The letter runs fifteen pages long, barring reference notes. In that packed page count, the topics vary from appreciation of publications to genealogy to the Llano Estacado, etcetera. The attention needed here, though, looks to the last paragraph appearing on page ninety of *A Means to Freedom*. I notice it every time I go to Louisiana [sic] or Arkansas. Our accent is more like the South than the North or the Middle West, but it differs greatly from the true Southern accent. I have but recently returned from a trip to the great northwest plain which, beginning about the 33rd parallel run on up into Oklahoma and Kansas. Texas is really, especially in the western part, a series of plateaus, like a flight of steps, sloping from feet in the Panhandle to sea-level. You travel for a hundred or so miles across level plains, then come to a very broken belt of hills and canyons, then passing through them you come on to another wide strip of level country at a lower or higher elevation according to the direction in which you are travelling—and so on, clear to the Gulf. I was on the Llano Estacado, or Staked Plains, so called from the fact that Spanish priests, crossing the plains long ago, marked the way with buffalo skulls stuck on stakes. Twenty years ago most of that country was cattle-range; now the great majority is in cultivation. The Llano Estacado is the last stand for the big-scale Texas farmer. Farms of a thousands [sic] acres, every inch under cultivation are not uncommon. A farm of that size requires a tractor and a veritable herd of work horses to cultivate it properly. During busy seasons the work goes on day and night; they work by shifts and labor from sunrise to sunrise. The average elevation is better than feet and the country is perfectly flat. You can see for miles in every direction; there are no trees except such as have been planted. I was born and mainly raised in the Central Texas hill country and I have to have hills and trees! The Llano Estacado is largely in the hands of native Texans of old American stock. You see, its really a pioneer country. The European scum sticks to the lowlands and the Gulf coast, waiting for the Old Americans to open the country up and get it going—and paying. This was not uncommon in communications on the territory, though motivations differ. We can look to another holding in the Southwest Collection Library for some clarification. Florence, who would later become the first Superintendent for Slaton, TX schools. The Southwest Collection currently holds the largest collection of land promotions on the area next to Yale University Library. Still, the newspapers of the period might paint a better picture of the environment in which Howard had so recently traveled at the time of this letter. In Slaton, cotton development is noted around the same time period. The idea here is to note the context these archival materials can lend to the credence of Robert E. I have taken on that mantel since that time. While budgets currently restrict new purchases—this is occurring in libraries through the United States—it is hoped that future patrons will be able to use these current holdings to explore such research. Earlier than that, librarians on staff worked diligently in the days of microfilming to secure loyalties to communities in need of preserving their local materials. Howard in *Cross Plains: A Guide for the Howard Fan*. *The Cross Plains Review*. *The life of Robert E. One who walked alone: Howard, the final years* First ed. *The writings of Robert E. A critical anthology Contributions to the study of science fiction and fantasy*, no. *The collected poems of Robert E. Queen of the Black Coast and others* First ed. Robert Ervin, *The black stranger and other American tales* Howard, Robert Ervin, *Works of Robert E. Conan the conqueror; the Hyborean Age. The mythos and kindred horrors. The dark man and others. The devil in iron. Drums of the Sunset. Echoes from an iron harp. The end of the trail: Western stories* Howard, Robert

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