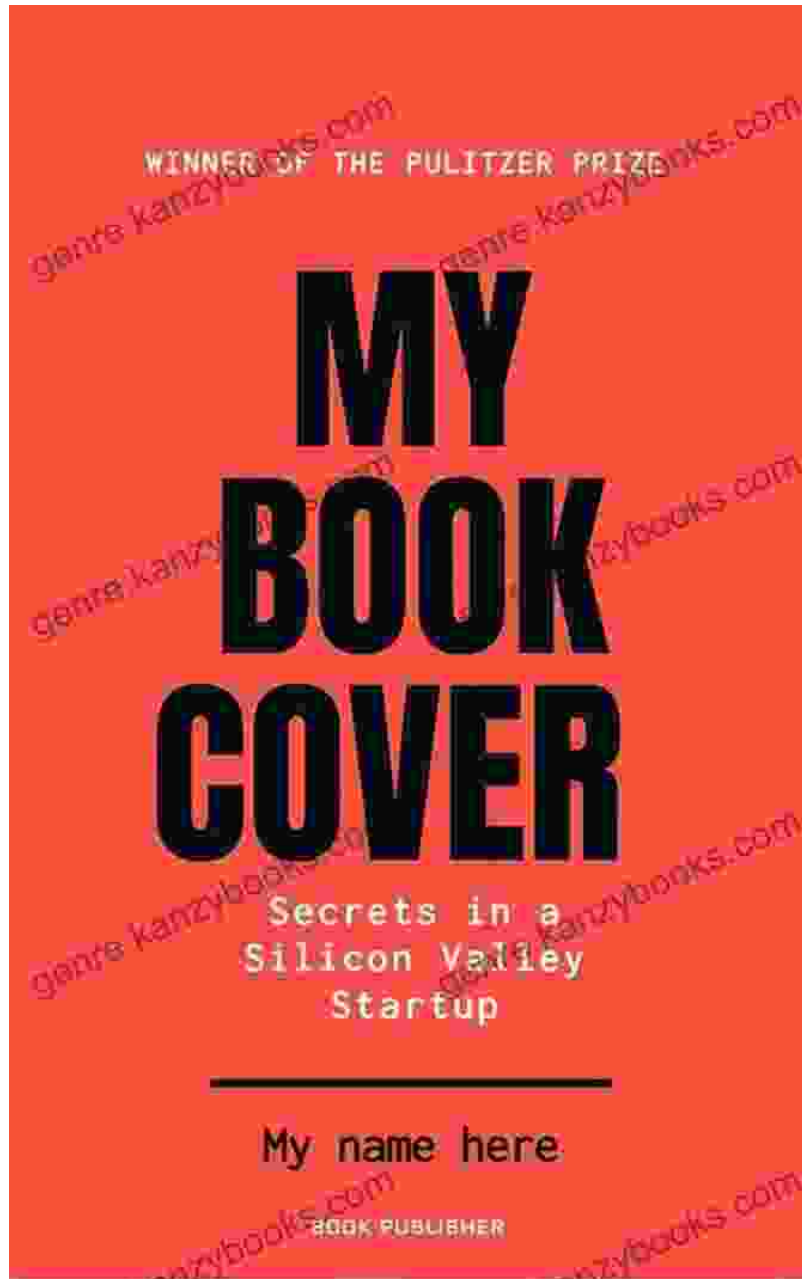
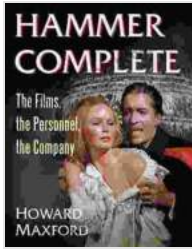


# "Hammer Complete: The Films, the Personnel, the Company" - A Deep Dive into the Iconic Studio



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## A Cinematic Legacy Unearthed

For over a century, Hammer Films has captivated audiences around the world with its iconic horror movies. From the chilling classics of the 1950s and 1960s to the modern re-imaginings of the 21st century, Hammer's films have left an indelible mark on the landscape of cinema.

"Hammer Complete: The Films, the Personnel, the Company" is the definitive guide to this legendary studio. This meticulously researched and extensively illustrated volume is a must-have for film buffs, historians, and anyone interested in the golden age of horror cinema.

### The Films

The book provides an in-depth analysis of every Hammer film, from the early black-and-white classics like "The Curse of Frankenstein" (1957) to the groundbreaking color productions of the 1960s and 1970s, such as "Dracula Has Risen from the Grave" (1968) and "The Vampire Lovers" (1970).

Author Randall Larson offers detailed plot summaries, insightful critical commentary, and behind-the-scenes anecdotes for each film, giving

readers an unprecedented glimpse into the creative process and the challenges faced by the filmmakers.

## **The Personnel**

One of the most compelling aspects of "Hammer Complete" is its comprehensive coverage of the talented individuals who made these films possible. Larson profiles the legendary actors who graced the Hammer screen, including Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, Barbara Steele, and Ingrid Pitt.

He also shines a light on the brilliant directors, screenwriters, and producers who shaped the studio's unique style, including Terence Fisher, Roy Ward Baker, and Michael Carreras. These profiles provide fascinating insights into the lives and careers of the people who brought Hammer's iconic characters to life.

## **The Company**

In addition to its exhaustive coverage of Hammer's films and personnel, "Hammer Complete" also delves into the history of the studio itself. Larson traces the company's origins from its humble beginnings as a small production house to its rise as a major player in the British film industry.

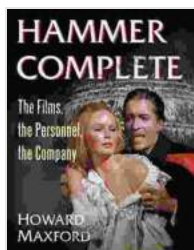
He explores the financial challenges, creative struggles, and legal battles that shaped Hammer's journey, as well as the studio's lasting legacy and influence on popular culture. The book is illustrated with rare photographs, promotional materials, and behind-the-scenes images, offering a unique visual record of Hammer's golden age.

## **A Must-Read for Film Enthusiasts**

"Hammer Complete: The Films, the Personnel, the Company" is an essential resource for anyone interested in the history of cinema, British horror, or the iconic Hammer Films studio. Randall Larson's meticulous research and engaging writing style make this book a must-read for film enthusiasts, scholars, and fans alike.

Whether you're a longtime admirer of Hammer's classic horror movies or simply curious about their enduring appeal, "Hammer Complete" will provide you with a comprehensive and captivating journey into the world of one of the most influential film studios of all time.

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