THE GRAMMAR OF GOTHIC

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APPENDIX B.

A TIMELINE OF HORROR FICTION FROM 1704 TO THE PRESENT

This timeline divides the historical development of the horror fiction genre into five sixty-year periods (nine generations in all, so far)—each yielding its own sub-genre—and identifies each of these in terms of a Dominant theme. For the calculation of generations we do not take the birth or death dates of writers but the decisive dates—those of their major publications (only very occasionally does this become problematic, as in the case of Potocki's *Manuscript Found in Saragossa*, written over a period of fifteen years).

Since the *evolution* of the genre is my primary concern, titles for each period are selected generally as they are indicative of a major trend or a major change; many titles are omitted if they simply replay earlier themes. For the rationale behind this approach see §3. In all, some 300 titles are listed, but this is a preliminary timeline, and a real corpus will be necessary.

The Newgate Calendar (a collection of notorious crimes that went through several versions in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries) is included inasmuch as it represents a brand of para-Gothic matter distilled to its brutalities. The seven Northanger novels are marked with an asterisk. A few plays have been included because of their special significance for their respective periods, but drama and poetry require for now separate chronologies. Quite a few titles in the later periods may be thought to belong in the horror fiction genre only peripherally, but are included here because they share in a given thematic complex. Many of the book or story titles mentioned in the 4th and 5th stages were turned into films at some point; the book or story is in principle the preferred item; however, the film is usually preferred in instances where it made much more of an impact than the print original. All film titles are identified with a superscript ^F, television productions with a superscript ^{TV}, comic books with a superscript ^{CB}.

Only for the first and fourth periods have I attempted to offer a sizable number of titles. For the other periods just a few select ones are given. I have sketched a 'pre-Gothic' period to show that a loose 'feeling' or aesthetic is often there before it condenses into a binding set of conventions—that *mode* predates *genre* (see §2). 'Median' here designates the middle of the period in question. The list includes all the titles mentioned in Chapters 1 through 5.

PRE-GOTHIC TEXTS, 1704-64

DATE	AUTHOR	TITLE		
1706 1716	Daniel Defoe Joseph Addison	'The Apparition of Mrs. Veal' The Drummer, or The Haunted House (play)		
	Median, 1734			
1734	Karl Ludwig von Pöllnitz	'The Adventure of Count Beaumont' (translated into English in 1765)		
1748 1753	Heinrich August Ossenfelder Tobias Smollett	'Der Vampir' (poem) The Adventures of Ferdinand Count Fathom		
1762	Thomas Leland (1722-1785)	Longsword		

1ST STAGE: GOTHIC HORROR, 1764-1824

1764	Haraca Walnala	The Castle of Otranto			
1773	Horace Walpole	The Castle of Otranto 'Sir Bertrand'			
_	Ann L. Aikin (Mrs. Barbauld)	0 20			
1774	The Newgate Calendar (one stand				
1777	Clara Reeve	The Champion of Virtue (aka The Old English Baron, 1778)			
	Everhard Ryan	'The Ruin of the House of Albert'			
1782	William Beckford	Vathek			
1783-8	5 Sophia Lee	The Recess			
1789	John Moore	Zeluco			
	Ann Radcliffe	The Castles of Athlin and Dunbayne			
	Charles Brockden Brown	Wieland or, The Transformation. An American Tale			
1790	Radcliffe	A Sicilian Romance			
1791	Radcliffe	The Romance of the Forest			
1793	Eliza Parsons	The Castle of Wolfenbach *			
1794	William Godwin	Caleb Williams			
	Friedrich Kahlert/Peter Teuthold	The Necromancer *			
	Radcliffe	The Mysteries of Udolpho			
	Median, 1794				
1796	M. G. Lewis	The Monk			
	Karl Grosse	Horrid Mysteries *			
	Eliza Parsons	The Mysterious Warning *			
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1797	Radcliffe	The Italian
1798	Regina Maria Roche	Clermont *
	Eleanor Sleath	The Orphan of the Rhine *
	Charles Brockden Brown	Wieland, or The Transformation
	Francis Lathom	The Midnight Bell *
1799	'Juvenis'	'Raymond: A Fragment'
	Jane Austen	Northanger Abbey (published posthumously in 1818)
1805-1	5 Jan Potocki	The Manuscript Found in Saragossa
1806	Charlotte Dacre	Zofloya
1807	Charles Maturin	The Fatal Revenge
1797	Jean Paul	Siebenkäs
1814	Adelbert von Chamisso	The Marvellous Adventure of Peter Schlemihl
1815	H. T. A. Hoffmann	The Devil's Elixirs
	H. T. A. Hoffmann	'A New Year's Eve Adventure'
1817	Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine	founded
1818	Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
	Thomas Love Peacock	Nightmare Abbey
	Anon.	'Extracts from Gosschen's Diary'
1819	John Polidori	'The Vampyre'
1820	Charles Maturin	Melmoth the Wanderer
	Washington Irving	The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon
1821	William Maginn	'The Man in the Bell'
1823	Richard Brinsley Peake	Presumption, or The Fate of Frankenstein (play)
1824	James Hogg	The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner

2ND STAGE: VICTORIAN HORROR, 1824-1884

1826	Ann Radcliffe	Gaston de Blondeville (posthumous)
	Henry M. Milner	The Man and the Monster (play)
1829	William Mudford	The Five Nights of St. Albans
1834	Mary Shelley	The Last Man
	William H. Ainsworth	Rookwood
	Edward Bulwer Lytton	The Last Days of Pompeii
1837	George W. M. Reynolds	Wagner the Wehr-Wolf
1839	Edgar Allan Poe	Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque
1839	Frederick Marryatt	The Phantom Ship
1842	Edward Bulwer-Lytton	Zanoni
1843	Poe	'The Tell-Tale Heart'
1847	George P. R. James	The Castle of Ehrenstein
1845-47	T. P. Prest / J. M. Rymer	Varney the Vampire
1846-47	George W. M. Reynolds	Wagner the Wehr-Wolf
1851	Sheridan LeFanu	Ghost Stories and Tales of Mystery
		'The Watcher'
		Median: 1854
1856	Wilkie Collins	After Dark
1859	Edward Bulwer Lytton	'The Haunters and the Haunted'
1860	Elizabeth Gaskell	Lois the Witch
1861-62	Edward Bulwer-Lytton	A Strange Story
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1864	Amelia Edwards	'The Phantom Coach'
1866	Charles Dickens	'The Signal-Man'
1869	Sheridan LeFanu	'Green Tea'
1875	Charlotte Riddell	The Uninhabited House
1880	Margaret Oliphant	A Beleaguered City

3RD STAGE: COSMIC TERROR, 1884-1944

1886	Robert L. Stevenson	Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
1887	H. Rider Haggard	She
1890	Oscar Wilde	The Portrait of Dorian Gray
	Arthur Machen	The Great God Pan
1890	Ambrose Bierce	'The Man and the Snake'
1894	H. G. Wells	'The Red Room'
1895	Robert W. Chambers	The King in Yellow
	H. G. Wells	The Time Machine
1896	H. G. Wells	The Island of Doctor Moreau
1897	Bram Stoker	Dracula
	H. G. Wells	The War of the Worlds
1898	Henry James	The Turn of the Screw
1899	H. Cutcliffe Hyne	The Lost Continent
1901	M. P. Shiel	The Purple Cloud
1902	Richard Marsh	'The Haunted Chair'
1904	H. G. Wells	The Food of the Gods
1904	Montague R. James	Ghost Stories of an Antiquary
		'Canon Alberic's Scrap Book'
1905	H. Rider Haggard	Ayesha: The Return of She
1907	William H. Hodgson	The Boats of the Glen Carrig
1908	Algernon Blackwood	Ancient Sorceries
1912	W. H. Hodgson	The Night Land
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		Median: 1914
1915	Gustav Meyrink	The Golem
1916	H. P. Lovecraft	'The Alchemist'
1917	H. P. Lovecraft	'Dagon'
1921	Karel Čapek	R.U.R. (play)
1923-3	4 Weird Tales magazine begins	
(it will publish stories by Lovecraft, Seabury Quinn, Robert Bloch, Frank Belknap Long		
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	'sword and sorcery' genre).	
1924	Yevgeny Zamyatin	We
1927	Fritz Lang	Metropolis ^F
1931	Fritz Lang	M—Eine Stadt sucht einen Mörder ^F
	James Whale	Frankenstein ^F
1936	H. P. Lovecraft	At the Mountains of Madness
	Karel Capek	War with the Newts
1938	Joe Shuster / Jerry Siegel	Superman ^{CB}
1939	'Eando Binder'	'I—Robot'
1940	Percival C. Wren	The Disappearance of General Jason
1943	Fritz Leiber	Conjure Wife

4th STAGE: INCARNATE TERROR, 1944-2004

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1974	Stephen King	Carrie
	Tobe Hooper	The Texas Chain Saw Massacre ^F
	Alan J. Pakula	The Parallax View ^F
1975	James Herbert	The Fog
1976	David Seltzer	The Omen ^F
	Ann Rice	Interview with the Vampire
	Isaac Asimov	The Bicentennial Man
1977	Steven Spielberg	Close Encounters of the Third Kind ^F
	Stephen King	The Shining
	Stephen King	'Children of the Corn'
	Brian McNaughton	Satan's Love Child
	Wes Craven	The Hills Have Eyes ^F
	Jay Anson	The Amityville Horror
	Ruggero Deodato	Ultimo mondo cannibale ^F
1978	John Carpenter	Halloween ^F
	William Hjortsberg	Falling Angel
	Whitley Strieber	The Wolfen
1979	Ridley Scott	Alien ^F
1980	Stephen King	Firestarter
	David Shobin	The Unborn
	George R. R. Martin	Fevre Dream
	Jeffrey Campbell	The Homing
	Ramsey Campbell	The Parasite
	Sean S. Cunningham	Friday the 13 ^{th F}
	John Carpenter	The Fog ^F
	Stephen King	The Mist
	Michael Hinkemeyer	Summer Solstice
1001	Ruggero Deodato	Cannibal Holocaust ^F
1981	Peter Tonkin	The Journal of Peter Underhill
	Thomas Harris	Red Dragon
	Herman Raucher	Maynard's House
	Christopher Evans	The Insider
	Jessica Hamilton	Childgrave
	George Miller	Mad Max 2 F
1002	Whitley Strieber	The Hunger Blade Runner ^F
1982	Ridley Scott	
	Steven Spielberg Tobe Hooper	E.T. F
1983	•	Poltergeist ^F Incarnate
1984	Ramsey Campbell James Cameron	Terminator ^F
1984	Wes Craven	Nightmare on Elm Street ^F
	Whitley Strieber / James Kunetka	Warday and the Journey Onward
	Hasbro/Marvel Comics	Transformers ^{CB}
	William Gibson	Neuromancer
1986	William Gibson	Count Zero
1987	Whitley Strieber	Communion: A True Story
1307	Wim Wenders	Der Himmel über Berlin (aka Wings of Desire) ^F
1988	Thomas Harris	The Silence of the Lambs
1500	Robert Zemeckis	Who Framed Roger Rabbit? ^F
	Graham Baker	Alien Nation ^F
1989	Tim Burton	Batman ^F
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1991	Koji Suzuki	Ring ^F
	Brett Easton Ellis	American Psycho
	Jonathan Demme	The Silence of the Lambs ^F
1992	Bernard Rose	Candyman ^F
1993	Chris Carter	The X-Files TV
	Mike Mignola	Hellboy ^{CB}
	Harold Ramis	Groundhog Day ^F
1994	Roland Emmerich	Stargate ^F
1995	Terry Gilliam	Twelve Monkeys ^F
	Joe Johnston	Jumanji ^F
	Kevin Reynolds	Waterworld ^F
	Jon Amiel	Copycat ^F
	David Fincher	Seven ^F
1996	Shinji Mikami / Tokuro Fujiwara	Resident Evil (video game)
	Robert Rodriguez	From Dusk Till Dawn ^F
	Roland Emerich	Independence Day ^F
	Jonathan Frakes	Star Trek: First Contact ^F
1997	Vincenzo Natali	Cube ^F
	Kevin Costner	The Postman ^F
	Andrew Niccol	Gattaca ^F
1998	Ted Chiang	'Story of Your Life'
	Rob Bowman	The X-Files: Fight the Future
	Alex Proyas	Dark City ^F
	Peter Weir	The Truman Show ^F
1999	Joseph Rusnak	The Thirteenth Floor ^F
	The Wachowskis	The Matrix ^F
	M. Night Shyamalan	The Sixth Sense ^F
	Thomas Harris	Hannibal
	Peter Hyams	End of Days ^F
2000	Tarsem Singh	The Cell ^F
2001	Alejandro Amenábar	Los otros / The Others ^F
	Steven Spielberg	Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) ^F
2002	Paul W. S. Anderson	Resident Evil ^F
	Danny Boyle	28 Days Later ^F
2003-19	Robert Kirkman / Toni Moore	The Walking Dead ^{CB}
2004	Alex Proyas	I, Robot ^F
	John A. Lindqvist	Let the Right One In
	Shane Carruth	Primer ^F

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