

The Things That Keep Us Up at Night: Reel Bio Horror



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Abstract

The continually evolving influenzas and the newly emerging infectious diseases which can be carried around the world in twenty-four hours are the stuff that pandemics are made of. They are also the stuff that bioweapons are made of, and combine that with an evil hand and you have the makings of true biohorror. Whether the biohorror comes from Mother Nature or the despicable terrorist, these fictional stories can help us prepare for the worst. In this book, you will find the movies from 1922 to the present that make up the biohorror and biothriller subgenre. You will also find discussions of the psychology of fear, the cinematic depictions of terror and the questions these raise for the rule of law, our civil liberties and the science that can be used for both good and bad.

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There are few things better than watching horror movies late at night. There is a thrill to turning off all the lights and sitting back with a drink and a snack as the most frightening images ever put on film flicker on your TV. Alone or in a group, horror movies can leave you filled with dread. Well, it is scary, but it isn't the kind of scary that keeps you up at night. Sure, Miko Hughes is creepy as the undead Gage Creed, and his whole style and look would end up being the go-to form for creepy kids in movies for years, but it isn't enough to give you nightmares. But then there's the character of Zelda, the girl suffering from spinal meningitis. What keeps Americans up at night? Thanks to a joint venture between a Knoxville public radio station and the University of Tennessee, that's being revealed, at least through an East Tennessee lens. Lifestyle News Summaries. | Newser. Residents are asked to anonymously answer the question "What keeps you up at night?" in 10 words or fewer. They can do so online, or on a brightly colored paper at the traveling Tenn Words exhibit, reports Tennessee Today. WUOT 91.9 FM (a member of NPR) and UT's College of Social Work plan to analyze the responses for "overarching trends," but for now they're posting the responses to Instagram. Some are predictable ("coffee," "iPhone," "GOT"), but as WUOT puts it, others are "whimsical" or "poignant." A book that will keep you up at night. About the Author. Victoria Sutton, MPA, PhD, JD is the Paul Whitfield Horn Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law, and the Director of the Center for Biodefense, Law & Public Policy, Lubbock, TX. Victoria Sutton grew up in North Carolina and wrote her first book at age 9, a 90-page epic of a bee family. As a law professor and scientist she writes academic books on the environment and emerging technologies and law --

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