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Curran's Guide to Zombies

“ Their presence signals the belief that death is not the ultimate end and that something lies beyond. . . they continue to haunt our minds.”

San Francisco, CA (August 20, 2008) — Renowned Irish author, Dr. Bob Curran, has done it again with a new blockbuster, *Zombies: A Field Guide to the Walking Dead*. Known throughout Europe as a writer and broadcaster, Curran is also an historian who lectures extensively on the arcane and the mysterious, from Celtic lore to vampires and lost continents.

As expressed in myth and folklore, the return of the dead has fascinated every world culture. Curran traces the beliefs and the truth about zombies from ancient days to the present, including walking cadavers in the worlds of the Sumerians, the Babylonians, ancient Europeans, the Celts and the notorious voodoo creatures from Haiti and Africa, among others.

Enlivened with more than two dozen hair-raising illustrations, *Zombies* introduces the *moroi* of Romania; the *marbh bheo*, nightwalking dead of Celtic lore; the ever-popular mummy, and the “Lost Shamans” of the Arabian Desert who, even today, call back those who lived in vanished Nabatean civilizations.

Curran compares the slack-jawed, rotting and withered zombies that we know from the movies with reports of hostile dead who return with malignant intent and those that come back to bring comfort to their families. Even in misty graveyards in the bayous of the American South, the descendants of runaway slaves are believed to rise at the behest of African gods. We learn about Zwyie, the Polish goddess of life and death, who appears in the spring, bringing her retinue of the recently deceased with her to beg for food and drink before sinking back into their graves.

Everything you have always wanted to know about the corpus of belief and lore surrounding the idea of ghouls and revenants from beyond is laid out in *Zombies*. An irresistible, goosebump-raising series of tales backed by historical and cultural research, this book is best read in broad daylight . . .

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Curran has acted as advisor to the Cultural Committee of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly, and he is the author of several books, including:

Lost Lands, Forgotten Realms
Encyclopedia of the Undead
Walking with the Green Man

Vampires
Celtic Lore and Legend

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