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# A HALLOWEEN NIGHTMARE OF THE WORLD'S CREEPIEST PLACES

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*"Dr. Bob Curran takes you to places that only your mind can create with his words and stories. From vampires to the undead to green men, Curran delights the imagination."*

Tom Danheiser, producer, *Coast To Coast AM*

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**San Francisco, CA (July 1, 2011)** — The author of a series of award-winning titles, with nearly forty books to his credit, the renowned Irish author, Dr. Bob Curran, is headed for the bestseller lists again.

In his new book, *The World's Creepiest Places*, Curran travels to where ancient forces still hold sway, where people get that goosebumpy, chilly feeling up their spines. From European castles and tombs to the deserts of the Middle East, to the misty hills of Tibet and to America, he encounters ghosts, sinister specters, vampires, the living dead and doorways to other worlds.

Known in Europe and beyond as a writer, lecturer and broadcaster, Curran is an historian and psychologist who has written extensively on the arcane and the mysterious, from Celtic lore and Irish fairies to zombies and vampires. He chose a hair-raising collection of eerie delights for *The World's Creepiest Places*, such as:

- ☠ The ancient castle of Leap, once the stronghold of the **bloodthirsty O'Carroll Clan**, the Dark Princes of Ely
- ☠ Founded in 1134 by the son of William the Conqueror, Mortemer Abbey in France was built on a great swamp known as "**The Sea of the Dead**"
- ☠ In North Carolina, a massive circular area on which nothing will grow, connected to the lost Roanoke Colony of Sir Walter Raleigh and to **disappearances of children**
- ☠ The tomb of Squire Richard Cabell, whose legend was the **basis for Sherlock Holmes' mystery *The Hound of the Baskervilles***

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- ☠ The hamlet of Stull, Kansas, a place where **the Devil appears** on certain nights of the year
- ☠ The **cemetery of the dancing dead** in Barbados, where coffins move and visitors experience a strange “electricity” running through their bodies
- ☠ Cappuccinni catacombs in the city of Palermo, Italy, where 1,500 bodies are entombed and visitors say they were **touched by unseen hands**

Avid Curran fans will be up all night with his latest carefully researched, enjoyably spooky page-turner.

**About the Author:** A history teacher and folklore expert, Bob Curran has acted as advisor to the Cultural Committee of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly and to Tourism Ireland. He is the author of many books, including:

- *Lost Lands, Forgotten Realms: Sunken Continents, Vanished Cities*
- *Dark Fairies*
- *Encyclopedia of the Undead: A Field Guide to Creatures That Cannot Rest in Peace*
- *Celtic Lore & Legend: Meet the Gods, Heroes, Kings, Fairies, Monsters & Ghosts of Yore*
- *Walking With the Green Man: Father of the Forest, Spirit of Nature*
- *Zombies: A Field Guide to the Walking Dead*
- *Man-Made Monsters: A Field Guide to Golems, Patchwork Soldiers, Homunculi, and Other Created Creatures*
- *Vampires: A Field Guide to the Creatures That Stalk the Night*

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