

MYTHS of MANKIND



Dracula

The story of Transylvania's bloodsucking 'Count Dracula' is etched firmly in world memory. Few doubt its truth, but in fact it was a work of complete fiction and, as always, the reality is far stranger and far more terrifying. Dracula rose from a nightmare which haunted British author Bram Stoker - it was the product of a tortured soul seeking to purge his demons and his inability to accept death. The documentary analyses the context of Victorian society's fears and prejudices and touches on the meeting with Shelley and Byron which generated the story of Frankenstein.

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