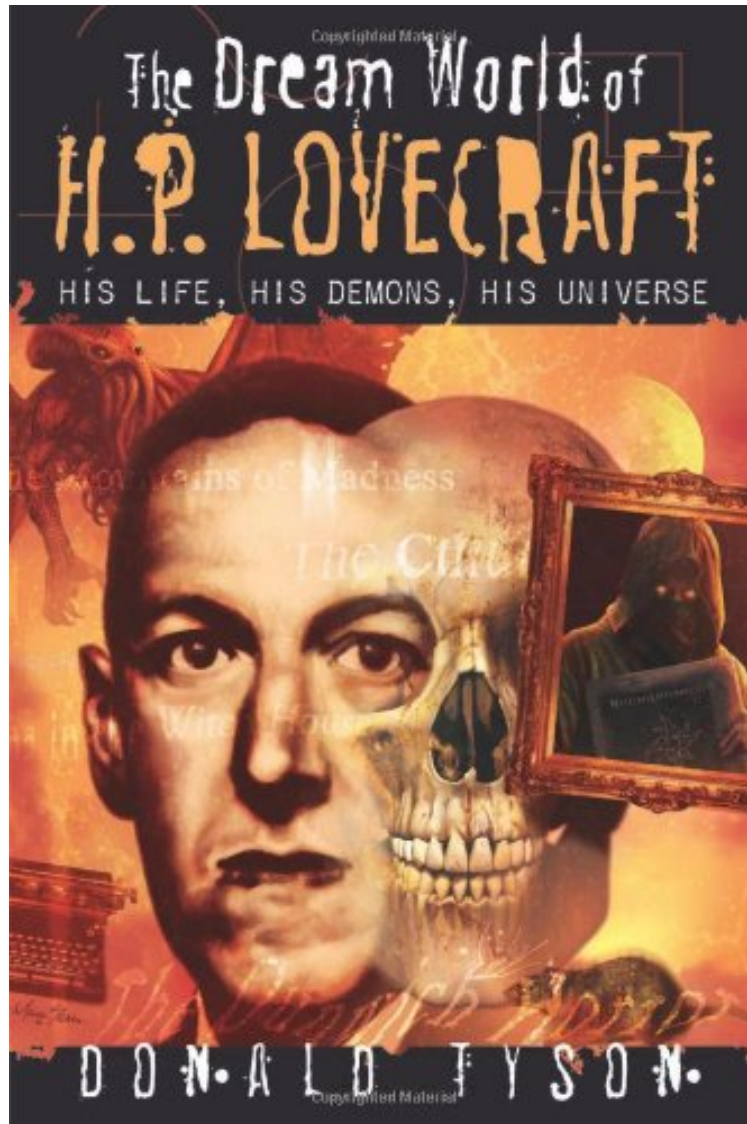


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the fact if the reader is or isn't Lovecraft's devoted fan, Tyson elicits interest toward Lovecraft's life, his unusual mindset and, of course, towards the mesmerizingly disturbing world of his stories. Like a true magician that he is, Tyson animates Lovecraft's nightmares and revives his horror dreams, magically connecting them to Lovecraft's published products of the author's terrifying imagination, as well as to the real (or surreal in its possibilities and implications) world around the reader, who no longer feels safe within his or her protective linear and familiar surroundings. More than that--like a master-psychoanalyst (for each magician should be such), Tyson connects the readers to their own dreamworlds, often nightmarish ones, which the readers desperately, so not to lose sanity, prefer to regard as fictional reflections of their personal (and not as collectively suppressed memories) everyday worries and fears, which according to Freud, haunt us in our sleep via the matrix of the subconscious mind. Suddenly our rational explanations of troubling dreams throw us out of the comfort zone into the primordial terror of the Old Ones, as if we are forced to reread and feel paralyzed by Lovecraft's mind-shaking, hypnotic phantasms...And who knows if all this is only some special effects of Tyson's magic and Lovecraft's creative genius, or rather the Old Ones are indeed, like Chtulhu and Aiwass, being called upon and re-awakened from their slumber by both Aleister Crowley in Egypt and Lovecraft in the Nameless City. I think it may help to read Peter Levenda's *The Dark Lord: H.P. Lovecraft, Kenneth Grant and the Typhonian Tradition in Magic*. Both books definitely activate and electrify some hidden wiring in one's psyche (as well as in our collectively shared psyche), especially taking into consideration that, as Tyson's book reminds us, Lovecraft, *Necronomicon*, Simon and Levenda are all (magically?) intertwined. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Biography, But Not What I Expected By Zach I bought this book because I assumed it was talking about the occult inspirations of Lovecraft's writing. It is not that, but it made up for that by being an interesting biography in parts. The book is 50% biography and 50% argument that Lovecraft is a sort of prophet. The biography parts I felt were well written, but I have no other Lovecraft biographies to compare it against. The weaker part of the book is where Tyson argues that Lovecraft was a prophet. Most of these chapters use Lovecraft's dreams as defense of his prophetic status and a few coincidences in Lovecraft's childhood. Where this section gets a bit stronger is when Tyson seeks to argue that the religion Lovecraft was ushering in was going to bridge religion and science. Unfortunately, Tyson waits to introduce this idea until right at the end and only teases it at that. I'm not sure if Tyson did this to get people to buy his Lovecraft grimoires. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Dream World of H. P. Lovecraft: His Life, His Demons, His Universe by Donald Tyson By Blair C. aka Darby This is a well-written biography of Lovecraft w/a lot of personal insights sprinkled in by Tyson. Not the best biography of Lovecraft as there are many! (The best probably being by either Lin Carter, L. Sprague DeCamp, or S.T. Joshi). If you've got the other Tyson *Necronomicon*s, you might as well get this 1..

Occult scholar Donald Tyson plumbs the depths of H. P. Lovecraft's cosmic visions and horrific dream world to examine, warts and all, the strange life of the man who created the *Necronomicon* and the Cthulhu mythos. Lovecraft expressed disdain for magic and religion, and most of his biographers have dismissed the mystical side of his nature. This book redresses this imbalance. Here you will find the roots of Lovecraft's extraordinary cosmic vision laid bare. The dream-world sources for his mythic Old Ones are examined, along with the practical esoteric implications of Lovecraft's unique mythology. A man in fundamental conflict with himself, Lovecraft lived always on the brink of madness or suicide. Tyson reveals Lovecraft for what he truly was? a dreamer, an astral traveler, and the prophet of a New Age. PRAISE: "The Dream World of H. P. Lovecraft is a thought-provoking and intellectually stimulating book. Its fusion of sound biographical knowledge and critical insight makes it a must-read for Lovecraftians." ?S. T. JOSHI, LEADING AUTHORITY ON H. P. LOVECRAFT

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