

# Download The Vampire Encyclopedia

Vampire, also spelled vampyre, in popular legend, a creature, often fanged, that preys upon humans, generally by consuming their blood. Vampires have been featured in folklore and fiction of various cultures for hundreds of years, predominantly in Europe, although belief in them has waned in modern times. A vampire is a being from folklore that subsists by feeding on the vital force (generally in the form of blood) of the living. In European folklore, vampires were undead beings that often visited loved ones and caused mischief or deaths in the neighborhoods they inhabited while they were alive. [The Vampire Book: The Encyclopedia of the Undead \[J Gordon Melton\] on Amazon.com](#). \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. The Ultimate Collection of Vampire Facts and Fiction Death and immortality, sexual prowess and surrender Nancy Holder is an award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of over 80 novels and 200 short stories. She has received 5 Bram Stoker Awards from the horror writers Horror Writers Association, and a Scribe Award from the International Association of Media Tie-in Writers.