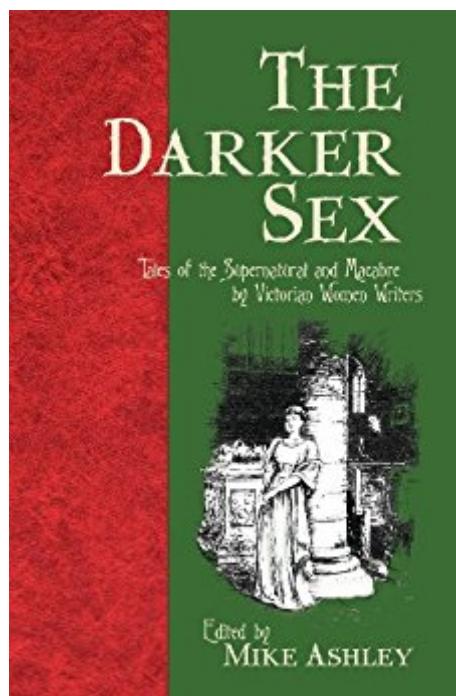


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# The Darker Sex: Tales Of The Supernatural And Macabre By Victorian Women Writers



## **Synopsis**

Ghosts, precognition, suicide, and the afterlife are all themes in these thrilling stories by Britain and America's greatest Victorian women, proving their talent for creating dark, sensational, and horrifying tales of the supernatural. This anthology showcases some of the best and most representative work by female writers during this period, including Emily Bronte, Mary Braddon, George Eliot, and Edith Nesbit, as well as Elizabeth Gaskell, Charlotte Riddell, Louisa Baldwin, Mary Penn, Violet Quirk, and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Editor Mike Ashley provides valuable insight into the authors' lives. Each story still has the ability to shock, frighten, and show how Victorian women perfected and developed the Gothic genre.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am delighted with this collection of Victorian ghost stories by women. How fortunate that they have been rescued from obscurity or from being lost altogether. Stories like these paved the way for our modern occult--horror genres in books and film and stand up against the contributions of the male

counterparts Fanu, de la Mare, M. R. James even Dickens. These are the original seeds, the heirloom varieties if you will.

This book is such a treasure and chock full of brilliance. I found this at the library when I was 11 years old and 18 years later I re-discovered it and won't ever let it go! One can really get lost in these stories and to me they are so much creepier, darker and more creative than the stories from the male writers of the day (who got all the hoopla).

Great collection of short stories by famous female authors. Creepy, engaging. Very good pleasure reading!

I really enjoyed it, some stories more than others, but it's a good book! If you like this kind of stories, I think you would enjoy it.

Good stuff!

The stories in this collection are variable but they are all fascinating in their different ways. I think women are often much better at writing about the supernatural than men are. There is one story in here that I particularly recommend. It is called Sir Nigel Otterburne's Case by Louisa Baldwin. If, like me before I read this story, you have never heard of Louisa Baldwin, don't be put off by that. She was a remarkable woman from a remarkable family. She was painted many times by the Pre-Raphaelite painters and was mother of a British Prime Minister. Her story is eerie, deeply atmospheric and gripping. It also has a terrific climax. If you have any imagination at all, you will certainly be stimulated by this.

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