

# What to stream for Halloween

## *Best horror movies old and new*

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Almost everyone loves a good horror movie, and if they don't they at least have a strange craving for the feelings that come with watching one. The adrenaline, the excitement, the suspense, the wonder of the unknown and even the fear.

But a really, truly good horror movie is not all gore and jumpscare (though these do help with the horror). It also has to have a good (maybe even in depth) story and equally good characters.

Horror movies both new and old use all of these factors very well and have gone down (or eventually will if not already) in history considered as classics of the genre. Here are some of those movies:

*Old:*

**"Psycho" (1960):**

A woman steals money from her boss and runs away to start a new life with her boyfriend. She stays at a motel in the middle of nowhere and is then murdered in the shower. From here the story changes completely.

This movie has a major twist ending, one of the most famous scenes in Hollywood history and one that has changed the way people view movies in the theaters.

**"Rosemary's Baby" (1968):**

A woman and her husband move into a New York apartment with an ominous reputation.

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has dealt a horrifying blow to the school's diversity as well, reducing our faculty, staff, and student body to the corporeal.

The next victims of these powerful lights are students housed in Green residential hall. The blinds on the windows have no effect in stopping the sheer luminescent potency of the new lamps, causing said students to lose sleep. This has resulted in an increase of the zombie population among the student body.

Students are advised to exercise caution around these new lamps.

— Sam Hipp

Soon the woman becomes pregnant with what may possibly be the Devil's child.

**"Night of the Living Dead" (1968):**

Several people barricade themselves within a rural farmhouse in order to survive the hordes of zombies that have risen and are after everyone. This is the original, classic zombie film that helped to bring the creatures to mainstream media.

**"The Wicker Man" (1973):**

A detective goes to a small town in Scotland to investigate the report of a missing child, but he soon realizes that this town is filled with members of a pagan cult. One of the classic horror films involving a cult and the movie "Midsommar" (2019) has been compared to it.

**"The Exorcist" (1973):**

A young girl has become possessed by an ancient demon and it is up to two priests to perform an exorcism on her. This was one of the first horror films to be nominated for the award of Best Picture.

**"The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1974):**

A group of friends go to check on a family grave and get forced on to a detour. They soon end up at the rural farmhouse of a chainsaw-wielding family of cannibals. While there is not a lot of blood or gore in this, it may be hard for some people to watch just due to the shock of it.

**"Halloween" (1978):**

A babysitter must work to survive from a knife wielding killer on Halloween night. Similar slasher films would include "Friday the 13th" (1980) and "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984), but this one is probably the most well executed of the genre.

**"Alien" (1979):**

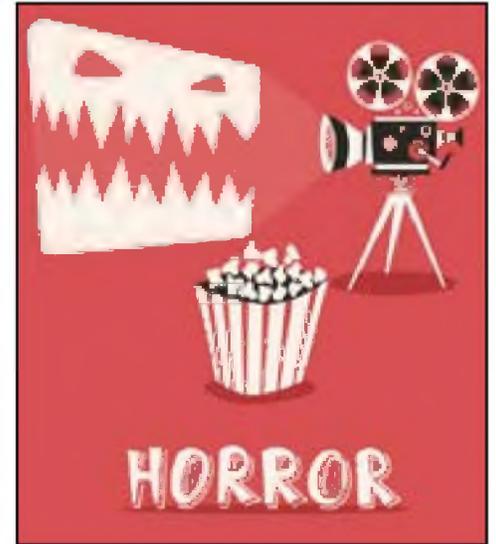
The crew of a starship answer a distress signal only to find a desolate world. When one of the crew members is brought back unconscious with something attached to his face the real horror, suspense and tension begins. This movie is a very good blend of science-fiction and horror, similar to "The Thing" (1982).

**"The Shining" (1980):**

A man and his family come to a hotel to take care of it over the winter season, but the family soon realizes that the hotel has other plans for them. While Stephen King hated this movie due to it being very different from his novel, the movie is considered a cinematic and horror masterpiece.

**"The Evil Dead" (1981):**

A group of friends goes to a cabin in the woods to get away and have a good time, but when they read from the Necronomicon they reawaken



the dead and it's after them. While at times the movie is campy, it is a very well done and a good film that leads into a very good series.

*New:*

**"Scream" (1996):**

A masked murderer is going around and killing high school students in the suburbs. This film also acts as a kind of parody to slasher movies, so there are also some comedic elements within.

**"The Blair Witch Project" (1999):**

Three students go to a small town to make a documentary on the Blair Witch, but they soon get lost in the woods where it is believed she lived. This movie popularized the found footage style of filmmaking and caused many people to believe it was real.

**"The Ring" (2002):**

A skeptical newspaper reporter investigates a videotape that causes whoever watches it to die in seven days. She soon tracks it down and watches it herself, giving her only a week to solve the mysteries of it.

**"Paranormal Activity" (2007):**

A couple move into a new home and soon begin to feel a supernatural presence within the home, so they decide to set up video cameras to capture it all. This is, in a way, a basic haunted house story done in the style of found footage/security cameras and it also lead people to believe it was real.

**"The Conjuring" Films (2013 and 2016):**

While there are many movies within "The Conjuring" franchise, this is specifically focusing on the main two. These films follow

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