

Author Read Alike

Clive Barker

Genre: Horror

Like Edgar Allen Poe, H. P. Lovecraft, and Stephen King, Clive Barker is a master of the horror genre.

Barker's stories are often violent and gory, full of vivid scenes and complicated characters.

Born in England, Barker started out as a short story writer, with many of his short stories collected in the **Books of**

Blood.

Not content with horror, Barker also has written fantasy novels, such as **Weaveworld** and **Imajica** the latter about a young man shoved into a war between gods of our world and another world that exists along side ours.

Barker has also dabbled with young adult literature, with **The Thief of**



Always and the **Abarat** series.

Read Alike-H. P. Lovecraft

H. P. Lovecraft is one of the pioneers of the horror genre, inspiring modern authors like Barker and Stephen King.

Lovecraft is best known for his Chtulu mythos, where old gods are resurrected and kill humans.

Like Barker,

Lovecraft's stories are vivid. And like Barker, Lovecraft was a master of the short story.

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Read Alike—Stephen King

Stephen King, a contemporary of Barker, shares Barker's use of vivid, violent imagery, supernatural beings bend on death and destruction.

Like Barker, King also has dabbled in multiple genres, from horror to fantasy, to fiction.

King has also written many stories,

collected in **Night Shift**, **Nightmares and Dreamscapes**, and **Just After Sunset**.

Read Alike—Neil Gaiman

Also a contemporary of Barker, Neil Gaiman writes fantastical horror (called Dark Fantasy) and urban fantasy.

Like Barker, Gaiman is known for his short stories collected in **Smoke and Mirrors**.

Gaiman is best known for his horror

classic comic **The Sandman**.

Read Alike—Richard Matheson

Dabbling in multiple literary genres like Barker, Richard Matheson has written numerous short stories and novels.

Matheson's works have been made into

movies, like **What Dreams May Come** and the Will Smith movie **I Am Legend**.

Matheson is best known for his novel **I Am Legend**, which is about a lone man

trapped in a world of vampires.