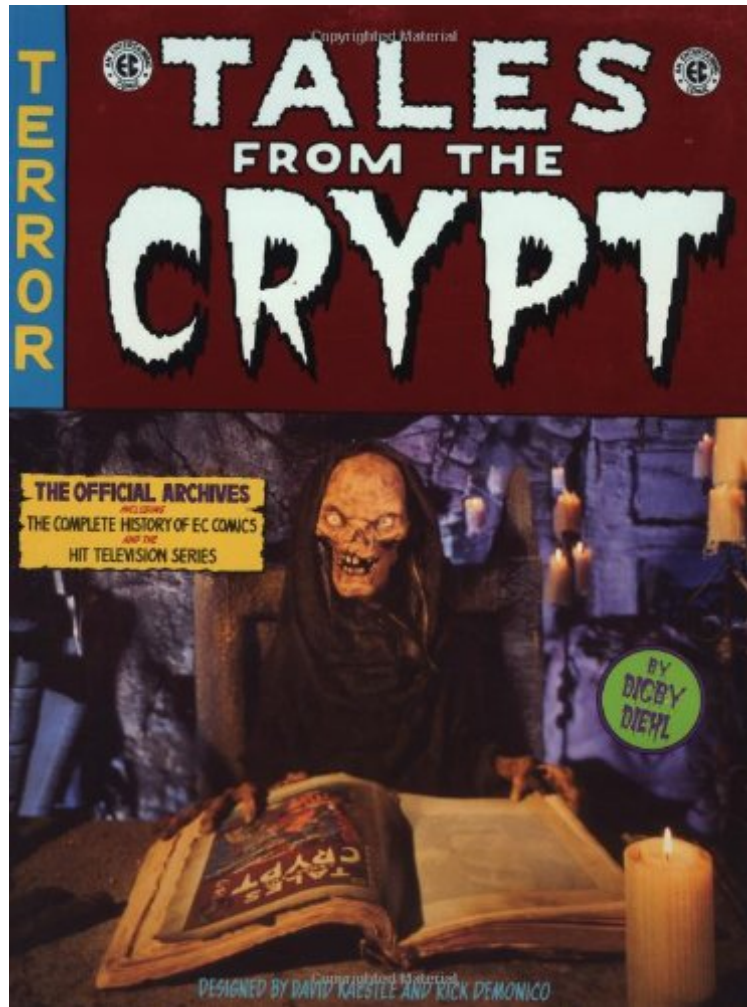


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.com Fans of the original E. C. Comics series of comic books may be thrown off by the photograph on the cover of this Tales from the Crypt history, thinking that it deals only with the television show. Well, you're in for a frightfully good surprise, because more than half of the book centers on the comics series itself. There are four special sections of this book, each of which is worth the price of the whole book: there are biographies of 13 artists from the E. C. stable; glossy, full-color covers for all 105 E. C. horror comics; 4 beautifully reproduced, complete tales in their original form (on creamy white paper stock); and a never-before-seen "Picto-Fiction" story from E. C.'s heyday, illustrated by Jack Davis. All of this and more has been lovingly put together by literary correspondent and columnist, Digby Diehl.From Library JournalNational Public Radio commentator Diehl recounts the history of Tales from the Crypt, which has scared horror fans through comics, television, and movies for 40 years. First printing: 100,000 copies.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistWith a 100,000-copy first printing, St. Martin's is betting this album celebrating the most successful early 1950s horror comic book will be the Halloween publishing blockbuster of 1996. Tales from the Crypt was drowned by the first wave of concern about the bad influence of grotesque children's entertainment, only to be resurrected on big and little screens when its fans grew up and became horror fiction writers and moviemakers. Diehl chronicles the Tales phenomenon from prehistory (thumbnail sketches of comic book history and the earlier existence of Tales' publisher, EC Comics), to the comic book's brief existence and how the fans kept its memory alive, to its ultimate second birth. The text isn't the selling point here, though; the artwork is, especially since it includes color reproductions of all the original Tales covers, four stories from the comic "in Their Original Form," and a never-before-published horror story by one of Tales' trademark artists, Jack Davis. Of a piece with its subject, this is garish, jokey, pop cultural fun. Ray Olson