

**This year's programming will feature:**

The infamous **Deadite Books** Grossout Contest!

KillerCon's Own Creative Flash Fiction Contest!

The Erotic Horror Flash Fiction Contest!

Panels on the business and craft of writing

Readings and Q&As with our guests of honor, **Edward Lee**, **Brian Keene**, and **Lucy Taylor**

A two-day writing workshop with **Monica J. O'Rourke** (there is a separate charge for the workshop. Details to be announced)

A vendor's room packed with hard to find goodies

A mass autograph signing with all your favorite authors

*And parties, parties, and more parties!*

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**THURSDAY AUG. 23rd**

5pm-REGISTRATION OPENS!

8pm- Pajama Party! Come drink, mingle, and watch horror movies in the hospitality suite until the wee hours of the morning.

**FRIDAY AUG. 24th:**

10am-Registration opens.

10am-Dealer's room opens.

11am- HOW TO ADAPT YOUR BOOK INTO A SCRIPT- Shane McKenzie will be discussing what it takes, from his own experience, to get your project made. Whether it be an adaptation of your book, or an original idea, we'll talk about the steps you can take to see your work come to life, or at least give yourself the best chance.

12pm-Reading- Lucas Magnum

12:30pm- Reading- Jarod Barbee

1pm- Panel- What The Hell? ( Writing Horror using religious mythology) Brian Asman, Wrath James White, Gabino Iglesias. moderator: Stephen Kozeniewski- Some of the best horror draws on myths, superstitions, and religion. Has this well run dry, or are there more stories to tell? How do you avoid disrespecting the cultures and beliefs that serve as the source material, and should that even be a concern?

2pm-Reading- Jeff Strand

2:30pm-Reading- Ryan Harding

3pm-Panel- Writing The Villian (What makes an antagonist memorable?) Panelists Edward Lee, Matt Shaw, Lucy Taylor, Bob Pastorella Moderator: Jeff Strand -- From Hannibal Lector to Dexter to Darth Vader to Thanos, villains are the characters that create conflict and drama and drive the story. We will discuss how to avoid common tropes and create antagonists that readers will love to hate.

4pm- Opening Ceremonies with our Guests of Honor: Joe Lansdale, Edward Lee, Brian Keene, Lucy Taylor, and Matt Shaw.

5pm- Dinner Time! Go eat something!

6pm- Dealer's Room Closes

6pm- Reading and Q&A with Special Guest: Matt Shaw!

6:30pm- Reading and Q&A with Guest of Honor Edward Lee!

7:30 pm- Panel- The Black Guy Dies First or The Scream Queen Trips When The Killer Chases (Avoiding ridiculous and often offensive horror tropes)  
Panelists: Matt Shaw, Gabino Iglesias, Shane McKenzie, Jeff Burk, Lucy Taylor  
Moderator: David J Schow - Who walks into a dark room without turning on the lights? Who goes wandering alone in the woods when there's a monster/ killer/ zombie outbreak? How So many horror stories rely on the victims doing something stupid or on the same tired plot devices, and that's just bad writing. Learn how to avoid this nonsense and write original and compelling scenes.

8:30pm- THE KILLERCON WINGS OF PAIN CHALLENGE

Participants: Joe R. Lansdale, Jeff Burk, Jeff Strand, and Wrath James White.  
Host Shane McKenzie. Co-Host: Brian Keene  
Watch writers and editors squirm in their chairs as their mouths ignite with hellfire.

We have selected some of the most intense, excruciating hot sauces we could find, each dedicated to one of Killercon's Guests of Honor. Our panelists eat progressively hotter wings then answer questions from our hosts. The first one to drink the milk, loses. Who will be the last author standing?

Crowd participation is highly encouraged! Samples will be available!

9:30pm Creative Fiction Contest! Judges: Lucy Taylor, David G. Barnett, David J. Schow  
Contestants have twenty minutes to compose a short story in 200 words or less on a topic chosen by the judges! Contestants must then read their stories out loud for our judges.

10:30pm Erotic Horror Fiction Contest! Judges: Edward Lee, Lucy Taylor, and Wrath James White. Contestants read their best 3 minute erotic horror tale. Winners receive unique and sexy prizes!

### SATURDAY AUG. 28th

9am Registration opens!

10am - Mass Autograph Signing! (Your favorite authors signing books in one place!)

10am Dealer's Room Opens!

11am- Reading: Michael Louis Dixon

11:30am- Reading: Mary Sangiovani

12pm- Independent Publisher? Mass Market Publisher? Or Self Publish? What's your best option? Jeff Burk, Brian Keene, Rose O'Keefe, Matt Shaw, Lucy Taylor Moderator: Amber Fallon

1pm- Reading and Q&A with our Guests of Honor Joe Lansdale!

2pm- Reading: Shane McKenzie

2:30pm- Reading: Gabino Iglesias

3pm- WRITING SCREENPLAYS THAT SELL! (Shane Mackenzie, Joe Lansdale, David J Schow) Have an idea for a movie or television episode but don't know quite how to make it a reality? Talk with

3pm- Reading and Q&A with our Guests of Honor Brian Keene!

4:00- Reading and Q&A with our Guests of Honor Lucy Taylor!

5pm- Registration Closes

5pm- Dinner time! Go eat something!

6pm- Dealer's Room Closes

6pm- Panel- Life Imitates Horror ( How to write terrifying fiction in a terrifying world) Panelists (Nate Southard, Matt Shaw, Brian Keene, Joe Lansdale  
Moderator: Gabino Iglesias Is it the author's job to provide an escape from the terror's of the world, to interpret it and comment on it, or to merely reflect it? What opportunities does today's social and political climate offer the horror writer?

7pm- Reading- Nate Southard

7:30pm- Reading- David J. Schow

8pm- First Annual Splatterpunk Awards! Celebrating the best of Extreme and Hardcore Horror fiction. Find out who the winners are in the categories of Best Novel, Best Long Fiction, Best Short Story, Best Collection, and Best Anthology.

10pm- Deadite Press Presents The Gross-out Contest! Contestants have 3 minutes to present their most sickening story.

12pm- Party!

### SUNDAY AUG. 30th

11am-Dealer's Room Opens!

11:30am- Reading- Bill Gagliani

12pm- Panel - Lost Films Readings and Q&A

Bob Pastorella and Brian Asman will read their stories from the brand new anthology, *Lost Films*, followed by a brief audience Q&A with the two authors as well as the anthology's editors, Lori Michelle and Max Booth III.

1pm- Clash Books group reading featuring: Wrath James White, Jeff Burk, Max Booth III, Leza Cantoral, Cristoph Paul, Brendan Vidito, Drew Chial, and Charles Austin Muir.

2pm- Closing Ceremonies

3pm-Dead Dog Party in the Hospitality Suite!