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H. P. LOVECRAFT

*The Call of Cthulhu
and Other Weird Stories*

Resumo de The Call of Cthulhu and Other Weird Stories

An unparalleled selection of fiction from H. P. Lovecraft, master of the American horror tale. Long after his death, H. P. Lovecraft continues to enthrall readers with his gripping tales of madness and cosmic terror, and his effect on modern horror fiction continues to be felt-- Stephen King, Anne Rice, and Clive Barker have acknowledged his influence.

His unique contribution to American literature was a melding of Poe's traditional supernaturalism with the emerging genre of science fiction. Originally appearing in pulp magazines like *Weird Tales* in the 1920s and 1930s, Lovecraft's work is now being regarded as the most important supernatural fiction of the twentieth century. Lovecraft's biographer and preeminent interpreter, S.

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