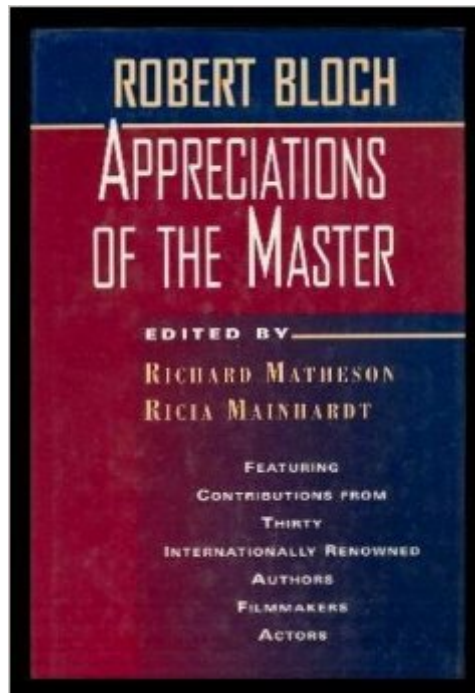


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# Robert Bloch: Appreciations Of The Master



## Synopsis

A collection of essays, personal reminiscences, and reflections on the work of the horror writer by John Carpenter, Stephen King, Peter Straub, and others whom he influenced includes selections of Bloch's own work.

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Robert Bloch: Appreciations of the Master Edited By Richard Matheson and Ricia Mainhardt TOR Books, 1995, 382 pp.; \$24.95 (hc) Review by Scott David Briggs Although Robert Bloch: Appreciations of the Master has been in release for some time, it is certainly a volume that should not go unnoticed, just as its subject should not, and will not, go unremembered, and thus this review. I only met Robert Bloch once, at the first NecronomiCon in August, 1992, a convention held (at the time) near Salem, Massachusetts, honoring all things Lovecraftian and those personalities who have carried on the Lovecraftian tradition in their respective fields, be it fiction, literary, criticism, art, etc. Bloch was Guest of Honor that year, along with artist Gahan Wilson. At one point, Marc Michaud of Necronomicon Press (and a convention organizer) asked me at one point if I wanted to come help escort Mr. Bloch from his hotel suite to one of his autograph sessions, and I eagerly agreed. I was able to speak with Bloch for only a few minutes (and I was probably tongue-tied from meeting a living legend and an idol of mine as well), but in that brief time I realized that all the tributes in this recent book are accurate; Bloch was one of the sweetest, most gracious authors in this field, or indeed, any field. His enviable body of work stands well on its own, and this loving tribute, assembled by author Richard Matheson and Bloch's agent, Ricia Mainhardt, ably serves to

demonstrate his immeasurable importance and influence. Matheson and Mainhardt have gathered some of the most famous names in the Horror/Fantasy/Science Fiction field to honor the late Robert Bloch, who passed away in Fall 1994, bringing to a close a creative career which had spanned well over sixty years.

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