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Bela Lugosi

Fame and Decadence for the Immortal Dracula

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From Hungary to Hollywood, renown to neglect, a look at the life of Bela Lugosi, the legendary Dracula of horror's Golden Age.

If any actor best symbolizes 1930s Hollywood horror, it's Bela Lugosi, known worldwide for giving life to Count Dracula. Even today, his portrayal makes film lovers shiver.

Hungarian by birth, he was forced to flee a budding career in his native land for Hollywood in 1922, where he eked by on odd jobs and small parts, held back by his poor English. And yet five years later, his unmistakable accent was to lead him to fame.

The (bio)graphic-al novel recounts the life of a man whose stratospheric rise was matched only by his subsequent tragic descent. His pride, extravagant lifestyle, and drug addiction dragged him down to an irredeemable fall.

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