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About the Author

J. A. Kerswell fell in love with the slasher movie after watching *Halloween II* (1981) at an impressionable age. It's a love he's been unable to shake through the best and very worst the subgenre has had to offer. Founder of the slasher movie website *Hysteria Lives!* (www.hysteria-lives.co.uk), which has been reporting on "slasher trash with panache" for over a decade, he knows more about the slasher movie than anyone should.

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