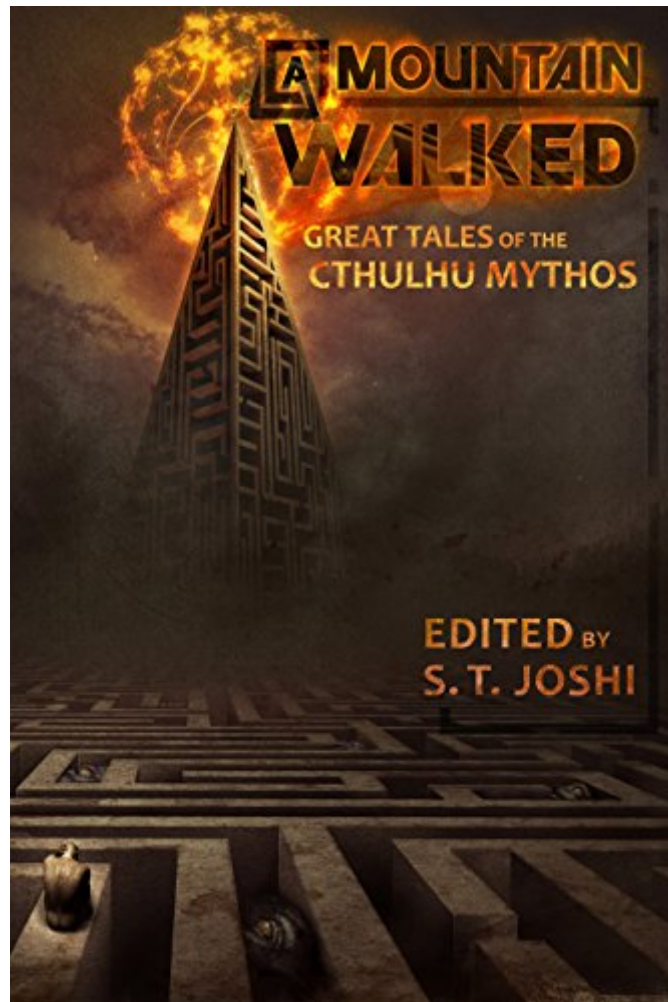


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# A Mountain Walked



## Synopsis

H. P. Lovecraft wrote "The Call of Cthulhu" in 1926, initiating the Cthulhu Mythos, one of the most widely imitated shared-world universes in weird fiction. Even in his lifetime, many other writers added to the Mythos, and after his death hundreds if not thousands of authors of weird, fantasy, and science fiction have added their distinctive elaborations on Lovecraft's basic themes and ideas. This volume features some of the best Cthulhu Mythos writing over the past century. Beginning with such rare but classic stories as Mearle Prout's "The House of the Worm" and Robert Barbour Johnson's "Far Below," from the pages of *Weird Tales*, the anthology moves on to James Wade's novella "The Deep Ones" and Ramsey Campbell's refreshing riff on the "forbidden book" motif, "The Franklyn Paragraphs." Acclaimed stories by T. E. D. Klein, Thomas Ligotti, Neil Gaiman, and W. H. Pugmire are also included. The book includes an array of original stories by such leading authors of Lovecraftian fiction as Caitlín R. Kiernan, Joseph S. Pulver, Sr., Donald Tyson, Cody Goodfellow, and Michael Shea. Gemma Files contributes a richly textured novella, while Jonathan Thomas offers a story full of his distinctive melding of horror and satire. *A Mountain Walked* is chock-full of stories old and new that highlight the endless variations that can be played on H. P. Lovecraft's signature creation. S. T. Joshi is the leading authority on H. P. Lovecraft. He is the author of *I Am Providence: The Life and Times of H. P. Lovecraft* and the editor of the *Black Wings* series of Lovecraftian fiction. He edits the *Lovecraft Annual* and the *Weird Fiction Review*.

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So, to start, this is NOT a review of the content of A Mountain Walked. Not because it's irrelevant, simply because I believe A Mountain Walked will ultimately be placed alongside the great horror/weird anthologies of the 20th and 21st Century right along with Wise and Fraser's "Great Tales of Terror and the Supernatural; Hartwell's The Dark Descent/Foundations of Fear; and the Vandermer's The Weird. I would say it is the finest Lovecraft Anthology that has ever been assembled. Period. And this is among a STRONG group of contenders such as Lockhart's Book of Cthulhu 1 and 2, the Black Wings series, Dead but Dreaming, and even the original one Arkham House's Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos and New Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos. In terms of both content and presentation it flat out beats every other. Centipede did a phenomenal job among an already impressive publishing oeuvre. So, the review of the anthology is simple to me. Some of the stories (e.g., Ligotti's Last Feast of the Harlequin) are repeats, some (e.g., Kiernan's John Four) are original. All are outstanding. So what is the difference between the Centipede Hardback, the Dark Regions Softcover, and the Dark Regions Kindle? And which one should I buy (i.e., what's worth the cost)? I bought all 3. The Hardback is now desperately out of print and I hope Centipede publishes a second edition hardback so more people can have it. So you really are between the softcover and the kindle. So, cliff notes version, go for the Kindle. Now I'll explain why. The Softcover and the Kindle share identical features with ONE big exception, which I'll go into below. So, the comparison is between Centipede Hardback vs. Dark Regions Softcover and Kindle. Here's the longer version.

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