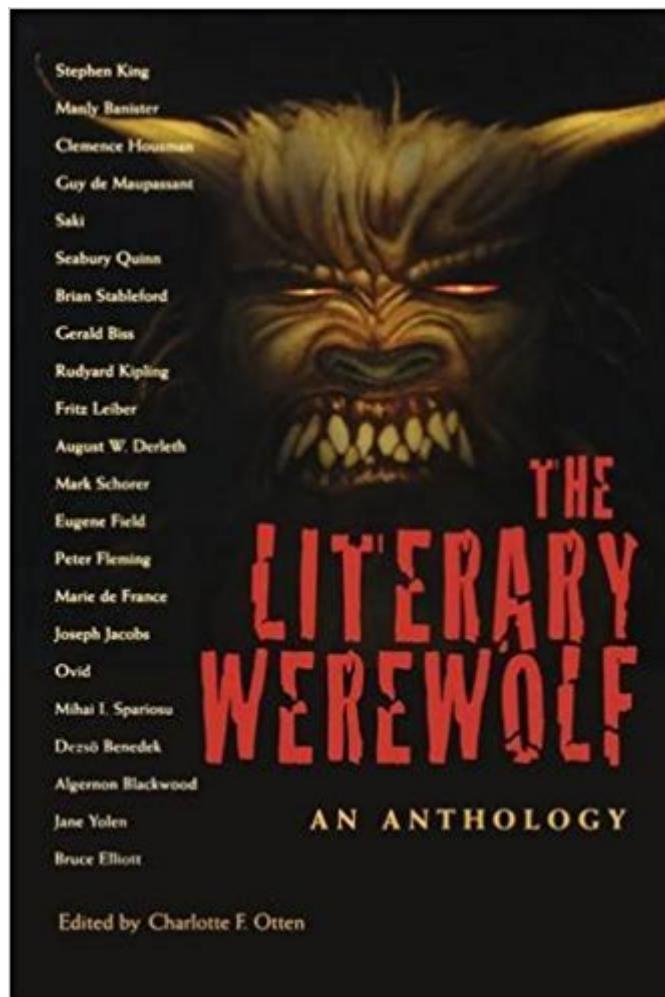


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The Literary Werewolf is an impressive and diverse anthology of twenty-two werewolf tales by twenty-two very talented authors ranging from antiquity down to the present day. Each individual story paints a different perspective of this unique mythical creatures, some portraying them as bloodthirsty and murderous villains, and some as intelligent and determined protectors or avengers. From Stephen King's February, Cycle of the Werewolf; to Rudyard Kipling's The Mark of the Beast; to Ovid's Lycaon's Punishment; to Algernon Blackwood's Running Wolf, these stories take the reader on powerful journeys into the human psyche as well as providing an outstanding literary celebration of lycanthrope legend and lore.

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