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NEWS: 10 things you didn't know about H.P. Lovecraft

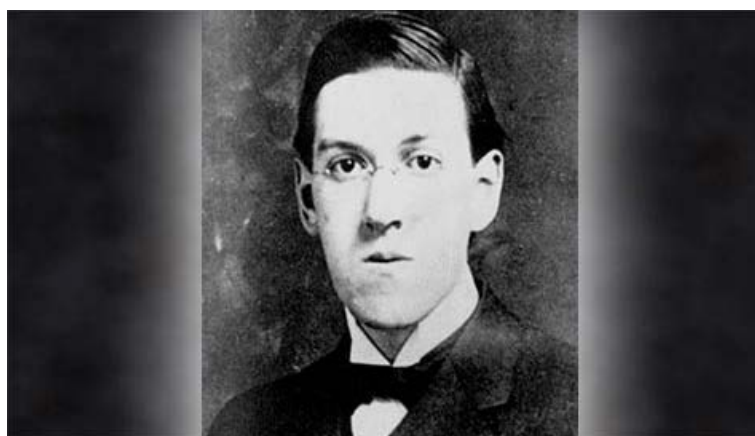
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The 2013 Providence [NecronomiCon](#) kicks off today in Providence to honor the late H.P. Lovecraft. Born in Providence, Lovecraft left behind works of horror, weird fiction and poetry. You can learn a lot about Lovecraft's life, work and legacy [here](#), but here are some fast facts about this famous Rhode Island author:

1. What's in a Name?



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Lovecraft's full name was Howard Phillips Lovecraft. He was born in 1890 and died in 1937 at the age of 46.

2. He was Providence

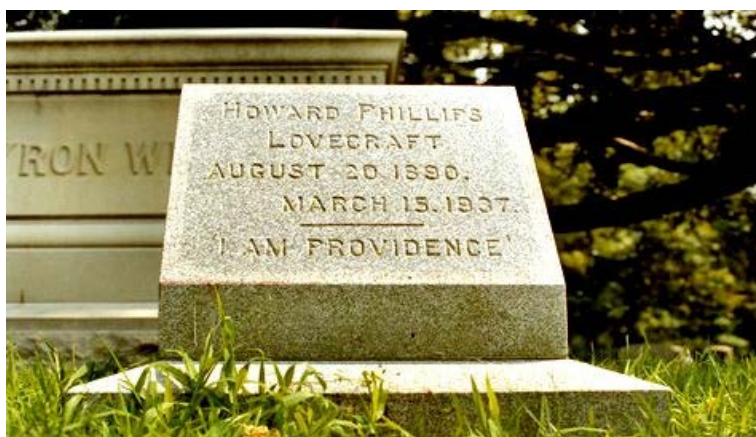


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He was born, raised and died in Providence and is buried at Swan Point cemetery. His gravestone reads, "I AM PROVIDENCE."

3. "X" Marks the Spot



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His body isn't actually buried under the headstone, it's buried nearby.

4. Fan-fare



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In 1977, fans raised money to buy him his own headstone, since his name was solely listed on the Lovecraft family grave marker.

5. Lovecraft's Musical Love



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Lovecraft played a harmonica-like instrument called a zobo.

6. A Troubled Childhood



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Both of Lovecraft's parents were committed to Butler Hospital. He was raised by other relatives.

7. Lovecraft Square



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The Providence City Council named the corner of Angell and Prospect Streets H.P. Lovecraft Memorial Square this year. Lovecraft lived on Angell Street for many years.

8. Unhappily Ever After



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Lovecraft married Sonia Green in 1924. She was seven years older than him. The marriage lasted two years.

9. Not an Academic



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Lovecraft dropped out of school at a young age and never earned his high school diploma.

10. Beach Reads

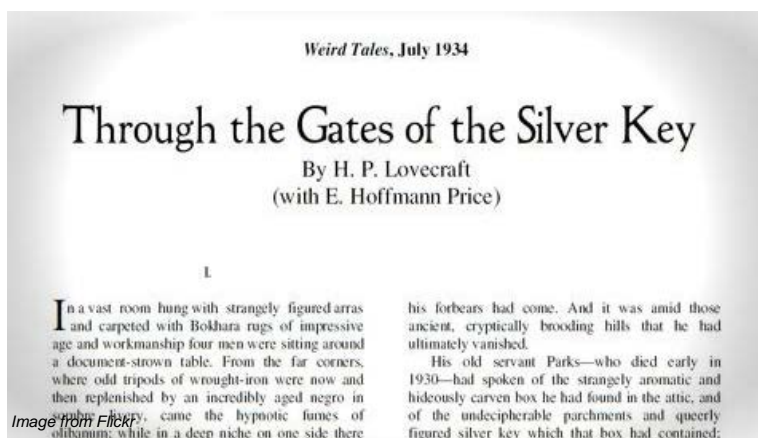
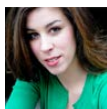


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Many of Lovecraft's writings are public domain and can be read online for free.



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