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In almost all critical writings on the horror film, woman is conceptualised only as victim. In *The Monstrous-Feminine* Barbara Creed challenges this patriarchal view by arguing that the prototype of all definitions of the monstrous is the female reproductive body. With close reference to a number of classic horror films including the *Alien* trilogy, *The Exorcist* and *Psycho*, Creed analyses the seven 'faces' of the monstrous-feminine: archaic mother, monstrous womb, vampire, witch, possessed body, monstrous mother and castrator. Her argument that man fears woman as castrator, rather than as castrated, questions not only Freudian theories of sexual difference but existing theories of spectatorship and fetishism, providing a provocative re-reading of classical and contemporary film and theoretical texts. Author: Creed, Barbara Publisher: Routledge Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *The Monstrous-Feminine: Film, Feminism, Psychoanalysis* Pages: 00192 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00192 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-12-06 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780415052597 Category: Performing Arts : Film & Video - General Category: Social Science : Media Studies

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