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This is Stephen Jacobs' first book, which has taken 10 years to research. He is regarded by many as the expert on Karloff.

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