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I Created Dracula. color. 40 min. Ian Graham, dist. By Cinema Guild, New York, NY, 1992.

Though a video titled *I Created Dracula* may be as tempting as a stare from the Count himself, don't bite. This videobiography of Irish writer Bram Stoker is short on facts and long on fill. Especially long are the monologs by actor Aiden Granell as Bela Lugosi as Dracula. The standard literary facts about Stoker are here: his early children's stories; his stellar reputation as a theater critic; the year managing the Lyceum Theatre, featuring most notably actors Henry Irving and Ellen Terry; and his failure to follow the astounding success of *Dracula*. Beyond questionable speculation, the video pays more attention to the work than to the man. With long reenacted narratives, ponderous misty wood scenes, generic orchestrations, and a \$275 price tag, *I Created Dracula* is more trick than treat. Not recommended.

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