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# Quatermass And The Pit (BFI Film Classics)



## Synopsis

While digging an extension to the London Underground Railway, workmen discover an object which might be an ancient Martian spaceship. Professor Quatermass of the British Rocket Group investigates a mystery which prompts frightening revelations about the origins of humanity itself. Before 2001: A Space Odyssey and Doctor Who, Quatermass and the Pit was the paramount British science fiction saga in film and television. Kim Newman's fascinating study focuses on Roy Ward Baker's 1967 film, written by Quatermass creator Nigel Kneale for Hammer Films, but also looks at the origins of the Quatermass franchise in 1950s BBC serials and earlier films. Exploring the production and reception of the film and series, Newman assesses the lasting importance of this landmark franchise.

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Kim Newman's film criticism is always an informative & entertaining read. Information on the entire Quatermass series (film & TV) & massive detail about Q & the Pit. Also the book itself is well bound with card covers & bright high quality paper & binding.

Not enough analysis of the film itself and too much about the earlier TV broadcast and the Quatermass series for my taste. Others may disagree, but I never thought I'd read an extended piece on this thoughtful, insightful, and brilliant script/film. So I'm happy for the book's existence -- just wanted more of what I was looking for.

I love the Quatermass movies, and this has only increased my enjoyment, Nigel Kneale invented a genre, medium, and characters we care about it. All good television drama and sci-fi are indebted to his work. This book is amazing!

Excellent book! Very informative. Goes in detail about the 1967 movie and the 1958 TV serial, comparing the two, and a nice overlook of the Quatermass series in general. Highly recommend.

Well written, interesting and entertaining book with many behind-the-scenes insights on this legendary science fiction character and the equally legendary series.

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