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This heavily illustrated biography features eye-opening — often outrageous — anecdotes about Warren, a larger-than-life figure whose ability as a publisher, promoter, and provocateur make him a fascinating figure. In addition to Forrest J. Ackerman's *Famous Monsters of Filmland*, he published *Help!*, a magazine created by *MAD*'s Harvey Kurtzman, which featured early work by John Cleese, Gloria Steinem, Terry Gilliam, Robert Crumb, and Diane Arbus; *Creepy* and *Eerie* magazines, with covers by painter Frank Frazetta and comics art by Steve Ditko, Wallace Wood, Bernie Wrightson, Al Williamson, and many others. His most famous co-creation, the character Vampirella, debuted in her own magazine in 1969, and continues to be published today.

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### **Robert says**

Highly entertaining bio of the Warren Publishing impresario, who made my nerdish adolescence that much more fun. Review coming soon on tcj.

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### **Nick Spacek says**

review forthcoming.

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