



# Freddy's Nightmares: Elm Street anthology TV series gets companion book *Welcome to Primetime*



Geoff Turner, Henrique Couto, and David Denoyer have written the book *Welcome to Primetime: The Unofficial Freddy's Nightmares Companion*

So, you've seen every film in the [Nightmare on Elm Street franchise](#) – but have you seen every episode of the anthology TV series *Freddy's Nightmares*? [Night of the Living Tapes](#) author Geoff Turner, filmmaker Henrique Couto, and Couto's frequent collaborator David Denoyer have, and now they've put together a book called [Welcome to Primetime: The Unofficial Freddy's Nightmare Companion!](#) Copies are available for pre-order through [Death Cult Press](#) and are expected to ship out the week of **April 1st**.

*Freddy's Nightmares* ran for two seasons, from 1988 to 1990, with a total of 44 episodes. [Robert Englund](#) appeared in full Freddy Krueger mode in every episode of the show, in which [Freddy, the dream serial killer, hosts an anthology of stories set in Springwood](#).

Directors who contributed to *Freddy's Nightmares* include Tobe Hooper, Mick Garris, Tom McLoughlin, Ken Wiederhorn, William Malone, Gilbert Adler, and Dwight H. Little, and one of the most notable cast members to show up along the way was Brad Pitt, earning one of his earliest screen credits. Hooper directed the pilot episode, *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, which serves as a prequel to the *Elm Street* film series.

As for *Welcome to Primetime*, the companion book features [breakdowns of each episode in the series, interviews with the show's creators and a selected history of the bizarre world of horror anthology television](#).

At the Death Cult Press website, there are three different *Welcome to Primetime* bundles up for pre-order. Every bundle features both a print version of the book (signed by the authors) and a digital version. Other items in the bundles include an exclusive bookmark, vintage ad sticker, a button set, and a replica Elm Street sign. So head over there and make your choice!

Are you a fan of the *Freddy's Nightmares* TV series, and will you be buying a copy of *Welcome to Primetime*? Let us know by leaving a comment below.

I have fond memories of watching this show as a very young kid, back when it was first airing. I definitely didn't see all 44 episodes then, though, and I haven't caught up with all of them in the decades since, so I should fill in the *Freddy's Nightmares* gap in my Freddy knowledge.



## BOOKS

# 'Welcome to Primetime' – New Book Explores the “Freddy’s Nightmares” Television Series



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By **John Squires**

A spinoff of the film franchise, “**Freddy’s Nightmares**” was an anthology series starring the original Freddy Krueger, **Robert Englund**. Airing from 1988 to 1990, each episode told a different story of a dark rooted and grim nature that takes place in this fictitious town on Elm Street, and now a brand new book will take us deeper into the series than ever before.

Death Cult Press has announced ***Welcome to Primetime*** from authors Geoff Turner, Henrique Couto and David Denver, up for pre-order now ahead of **April 1, 2024** release.

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“Freddy’s Nightmares” picked up with where the films left off, with Krueger terrorizing the citizens of his hometown and taking his revenge out through their dreams.

Each episode was hosted by Robert Englund’s Freddy Krueger.

The producers of the series cast a slew of unknown names who later became very notable actors including **Brad Pitt**, **Lori Petty**, **John Cameron Mitchell** and **Mariska Hargitay**.

The pilot episode, “**No More Mr. Nice Guy**”, acts as a prequel to *A Nightmare on Elm Street* (1984) and was directed by the late **Tobe Hooper** (*The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, *Poltergeist*). Other notable filmmakers include **Mick Garris** (*Critters 2*, *Sleepwalkers*), **William Malone** (*Scared to Death*, *House on Haunted Hill*), and **Tom McLoughlin** (*Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives*). Robert Englund directed the episodes “Cabin Fever” and “Monkey Dreams”.

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NEWS

# Dive Into the Nightmare: ‘Welcome to Primetime’ Unveils the Secrets of Freddy’s Nightmares

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By [Anthony Pernicka](#)

In the shadowy corners of horror television history, there lurks a series that, while perhaps not as universally recognized as its cinematic counterpart, still holds a special place in the hearts of genre aficionados: “**Freddy’s Nightmares**”. This anthology TV series, which aired from 1988 to 1990, brought the dream-stalking terror of Freddy Krueger from the silver screen to the small screen, with [Robert Englund](#) donning the infamous glove and sweater in each of its 44 episodes. Now, fans old and new have a reason to venture once more into Springwood’s darkest dreams with the announcement of “**Welcome to Primetime: The Unofficial Freddy’s Nightmare Companion**”.

Crafted by Geoff Turner, Henrique Couto, and David Denoyer, this isn’t just a book; it’s a love letter to the series that dared to bring Freddy Krueger into our living rooms. [Available for pre-order through Death Cult Press](#), this guide is slated to ship the week of April 1st, promising to be no April Fool’s joke but a treasure trove of nightmares for the true aficionados.

“**Freddy’s Nightmares**” itself was a bold experiment, blending horror and storytelling in a format that allowed a variety of directors, including horror legends like [Tobe Hooper](#) and [Mick Garris](#), to contribute their unique visions. Among its many claims to fame is the appearance of a young Brad Pitt, whose journey into nightmare offered an early glimpse of a star in the making. The series’ pilot, directed by Hooper, serves as a prequel to the “Elm Street” saga, adding layers to Freddy’s already complex mythology.



Bradd Pitt in *Freddy’s Nightmares*

“**Welcome to Primetime**” promises to peel back the curtain on this cult classic, offering episode breakdowns, behind-the-scenes insights, and interviews with the minds that brought Freddy to television. But it’s not just a retrospective; it’s an exploration of the broader landscape of horror anthology television, placing “**Freddy’s Nightmares**” within the context of its genre and era.

For those looking to claim a piece of this nightmare, Death Cult Press is offering three bundles for pre-order. Each bundle includes a print version of the book, signed by the authors, alongside a digital copy for on-the-go terror. The bundles also feature exclusive memorabilia, including a bookmark, vintage ad sticker, button set, and a replica Elm Street sign, making them a must-have for collectors and fans alike. **Just a heads-up: one of the pre-order bundles has already flown off the virtual shelves! If this piques your curiosity, you might want to hustle and snag yours before they’re all just a dream.**





# “FREDDY’S NIGHTMARES” BOOK “WELCOME TO PRIMETIME” NOW UP FOR PRE-ORDER WITH EXCLUSIVE MERCH!

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By MICHAEL GINGOLD

It’s a deep dive into Krueger’s TV series from the late ’80s.

Death Cult Press has opened up pre-orders for WELCOME TO PRIMETIME: THE UNOFFICIAL “FREDDY’S NIGHTMARES” COMPANION, written by Geoff Turner (THE OFFICIAL HOME VIDEO HISTORY OF “NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD”) with Henrique Couto and David Denoyer. It’s based on Couto and Denoyer’s WELCOME TO PRIMETIME podcast devoted to FREDDY’S NIGHTMARES, the syndicated anthology series that aired for two seasons between October 1988-March 1990. Robert Englund reprised his big-screen role as Freddy Krueger, hosting assorted tales of terror set in Springwood, Ohio. Directors involved included Tobe Hooper, Mick Garris, Ken Wiederhorn (SHOCK WAVES), Tom McLoughlin (FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VI), William Malone (HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL), Tom DeSimone (HELL NIGHT) and Englund himself.

The book includes interviews from the podcast, a brief history of television syndication, overviews of classic anthology TV series and new episode breakdowns. Print and digital editions are available for pre-order at [Death Cult’s webstore](#), including bundles containing merch (buttons, a bookmark and vintage ad sticker) available only during the pre-order window between now and March 22. The official street date for the book is April 5. To check out episodes of the WELCOME TO PRIMETIME podcast, [click here](#).