

Shadow of the Vampire: The Real Dracula

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Bran Castle—near <u>Brasov</u>, <u>Romania</u>—is allegedly the home of Vlad the Impaler. In the world of fiction, that reallife person is the basis for the fictional *Dracula*. Click on the image for a great view.

> In the year of our Lord 1456 Dracula did many dreadful and curious things.

> > German Manuscript Nuremberg, 1489

Was there a real Dracula who did "dreadful things?" Or are stories about the Count, and his forbidding castle in Transylvania, just folklore?

If we tried to find Dracula in the 15th century, where would we look? Why has the Romanian word for vampire - <u>Nosferatu</u> - been associated with him?

Turns out, there's a lot more to the story than mere legend.

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