

Cultura Nocturna – Advanced Reader Group Application

Obsidian Skull Press | TL Hutton



Thank you for your interest in joining **Cultura Nocturna**, the exclusive Advanced Reader Group for the works of **TL Hutton** and Obsidian Skull Press. Our mission is to cultivate a community of discerning readers who engage deeply with dark, horror, and speculative fiction rooted in cultural, historical, and societal themes. As a member, you'll gain early access to manuscripts, provide critical feedback, and help shape the evolution of storytelling that confronts the shadows of our shared humanity.

To ensure a meaningful collaboration, we invite you to complete this application. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

SECTION 1: CONTACT & BASIC INFORMATION

1. Full Name:
2. Email Address (used for all communications):

3. Preferred Writing/Publishing Name (if different):
 4. Location (city/state/country):
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SECTION 2: READING PREFERENCES & EXPERTISE

5. Tell us about your experience with dark, horror, or speculative fiction.

- Include preferred subgenres (e.g., body horror, magical realism, folk horror, post-apocalyptic).
- Highlight any familiarity with Mexican Cherokee cultural narratives, Indigenous storytelling traditions, or works addressing systemic oppression, historical trauma, or marginalized voices.

6. What sets *Cultura Nocturna* apart for you as a reader?

- How do you think your perspective aligns with the themes of cultural/historical/societal critique in horror and speculative fiction?

7. Can you commit to reading and reviewing 2–3 manuscripts annually?

- Please note your typical reading speed (e.g., 50 pages/week) and availability.
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SECTION 3: CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT

8. Provide a brief critique of a book or story that addressed complex societal themes.

- Focus on how the work balanced narrative, cultural context, and genre elements. Example: “In *[Title]*, the author...”

9. How do you approach feedback that is both constructive and rooted in cultural sensitivity?

- Have you reviewed or discussed works by BIPOC/Indigenous/Latinx/or LGBTQIA+ dark, horror, and speculative fiction authors? If so, which ones?
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SECTION 4: BACKGROUND & PASSION

10. Share your journey with horror/speculative fiction.

- What draws you to stories that explore the "darker" aspects of human experience?

11. Why do you want to join Cultura Nocturna?

- How would participating in this group deepen your connection to the genre or its themes?

12. Do you have prior experience in AR groups, book blogging, or literary critique?

- If yes, include links to published work, social media, or samples (if applicable).
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SECTION 5: CONSENT & TERMS

13. I agree to maintain confidentiality for unpublished works and feedback during and after my participation. *(Required to proceed)*

14. I consent to receiving emails from Obsidian Skull Press about Cultura Nocturna and future projects. *(Unsubscribe any time.)*

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Thank you for applying. By submitting, you affirm that the information provided is accurate and original. Selected applicants will receive a confirmation email within 2–3 weeks. For questions, contact us at info@obsidianskullpress.com.

Cultura Nocturna is more than a reader group—it's a covenant with the stories that dare to unearth the bones of our past to haunt the present. We await your voice.

Obsidian Skull Press: Publishing the shadows that shape us.

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