

Appendix: List of Works Consulted

Sl.No.	Title	Creator	Year	Type	Plot
1	Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	1818	novel	man creates adult man from dead parts
2	Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	1837	novel	Innocent boy adopted before he gets embroiled in corruption in the street
3	Jude the Obscure	Thomas Hardy	1895	novel	Nature and culture work against love and ambition; subplot has a child kill his siblings and himself
4	The Turn of the Screw	Henry James	1898	novella	Governess fears her wards are corrupted/possessed
5	Are you Fit to Marry?	Harry J Haiselden	1927	film	a father asks prospective son-in-law to get a medical check-up to ensure that he is healthy; a subplot has a doctor exposing a baby to death to prevent future misery and crimes
6	A High Wind in Jamaica	Richard Hughes	1929	novel	kidnapped children vex pirates and lead them to undue punishment
7	These Three	William Wyler	1936	film	child's rumour mongering brings an adult love triangle to light
8	The Holy Terror	H G Wells	1939	novel	bildungsroman of a fascist

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9	Miriam	Truman Capote	1945	short story	a child menaces the home and life of an elderly widow
10	The Small Assassin	Ray Bradbury	1946	short story	newborn murders parents
11	Crooked House	Agatha Christie	1949	novel	twelve-year-old girl kills grandfather and derails investigation
12	East of Eden	John Steinbeck	1952	novel	A saga of two families with a parallel plot about the childhood and criminal career of the female protagonist
13	It's a Good Life	Jerome Bixby	1953	short story	three-year-old with the power to make his wishes come true tyrannises and enslaves others
14	Childhood's End	Arthur C Clarke	1953	novel	Human children evolve into a super-race
15	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	1954	novel	schoolboys stranded on uninhabited island regress to superstition and violence
16	The Bad Seed	William March	1954	novel	woman discovers she has passed on criminal inheritance to her daughter and decides to end both lives
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18	The Midwich Cuckoos	John Wyndham	1957	novel	highly evolved alien children are born to human mothers; they are killed to save humanity
19	The Eye of God in Paradise	Doris Lessing	1957	short story	a British medical couple visit Germany and have unsettling experiences with the abiding presence of Nazi ideology
20	Village of the Damned	Wolf Rilla	1960	film	highly evolved alien children are born to human mothers; they are killed to save humanity
21	The Children's Hour	William Wyler	1961	film	ten-year-old spreads a rumour about the lesbianism of her teachers which turn out to be partially true
2	The Innocents	Jack Clayton	1961	film	Governess fears her wards are corrupted/possessed
23	It's a Good Life	James Sheldon	1961	TV episode	three-year-old with the power to make his wishes come true tyrannises and enslaves others
24	Rosemary's Baby	Ira Levin	1967	novel	a Satanic cult lures a woman into giving birth to the Anti Christ
25	Night of the Living Dead	George Romero	1968	film	zombies surround a group of survivors, one of whom is a girl who becomes a zombie and turns on her parents

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26	The Exorcist	William Peter Blatty	1971	novel	a twelve-year-old girl is possessed by demons and a wavering priest returns to faith and sacrifices himself for the child
27	Problem Child	Peter Oldale	1971	short story	infant with telekinetic powers ends up unintentionally killing herself and mother
28	A Clockwork Orange	Stanley Kubrick	1971	film	a teen boy leading an ultra-violent criminal gang is experimented upon by the state in order to rehabilitate him
29	The Other	Robert Mulligan	1972	film	boy believes identical twin brother, whose death he refuses to acknowledge, commits various heinous crimes
30	The Exorcist	William Friedkin	1973	film	a twelve-year-old girl is possessed by demons and a wavering priest returns to faith and sacrifices himself for the child
31	Devil Times Five	Sean MacGregor	1974	film	children escape from a mental institution and go on a murder spree
32	It's Alive	Larry Cohen	1974	film	newborn is a deformed mutant who kills everyone out of fear

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33	The Omen	Richard Donner	1976	film	man discovers his adopted son is the Anti Christ and tries to kill him
34	The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea	Lewis John Carlino	1976	film	a group of boys practice their brand of philosophy by killing an adult
35	Alice Sweet Alice	Alfred Sole	1976	film	twelve-year-old girl is suspected of killing her sister and several others, which later turns out to be untrue, but her role in the murders remain ambiguous
36	The Boys from Brazil	Ira Levin	1976	novel	Nazi hunter must prevent Dr Mengele from making Hitler clones
37	Eraserhead	David Lynch	1977	film	a father's life and sanity are disturbed by his deformed newborn's wailing; he eventually kills the infant
38	Children of the Corn	Stephen King	1977	short story	children become religious fanatics, kill all the adults and take over the town
39	Halloween	David Carpenter	1978	film	six-year-old kills teen sister and is institutionalised; escaping as an adult, he repeats the crime by stalking and killing teens on Halloween

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40	The Brood	David Cronenberg	1979	film	a woman channels her anger with the help of an experimental psychiatric therapy and gives birth to deformed children who murder
41	Ariel	Lawrence Block	1980	novel	a twelve-year-old adoptee is possessed by her murderous ancestor who makes her have sex with her foster-mother's lover and drives both adults to their deaths
42	The Pit	Lew Lehman	1981	film	a boy feeds the people who bully him to subterranean mutants
43	Pet Sematary	Stephen King	1983	novel	toddler returns from the dead after being buried in Native American sacred ground and kills people
44	Child's Play	Tom Holland	1988	film	a serial killer's soul inhabits the body of a doll and tries to possess the six-year-old owner of the doll
45	The Fifth Child	Doris Lessing	1988	novel	an 'atavistic' child is born to middle-class parents and gradually destroys the happiness and unity of the home

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46	Pet Sematary	Mary Lambert	1989	film	toddler returns from the dead after being buried in Native American sacred ground and kills people
47	The Good Son	Joseph Ruben	1993	film	on discovering her son is a killer (of his siblings), the mother makes a choice and saves her nephew and lets her son die
48	The Acid House	Irvine Welsh	1994	short story	an uncouth young man mysteriously swaps bodies with the newborn of a middle-class couple
49	Village of the Damned	John Carpenter	1995	film	highly evolved alien children are born to human mothers; they are killed to save humanity
50	Atonement	Ian McEwan	2001	novel	girl misunderstands a moment of sexual intimacy, becomes false witness to rape and destroys relationships
51	The Ring	Gore Verbinski	2002	film	the ghost of a murdered child with supernatural powers continues to ravage innocent lives without respite
52	We Need to Talk about Kevin	Lionel Shriver	2003	novel	a psychopathic infant grows up and massacres his family members and schoolmates

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53	Dark Water	Walter Salles	2005	film	the ghost of a five-year-old who died due to parental neglect endangers the life of a child and is appeased only by the mother's sacrifice
54	Wicked Little things	J S Cardone	2006	film	child workers killed in mines return as zombies
55	Whisper	Stewart Hendler	2007	film	angel disguised as child tempt adults to do evil
56	Joshua (aka The Devil's Child)	George Ratliff	2007	film	an envious nine-year-old child prodigy starts menacing the family after the birth of his sister and eventually causes parents to lose control of their sanity
57	Halloween	Rob Zombie	2007	film	bullied and disturbed six-year-old kills teen sister and is institutionalised; repeats the crime in adulthood by stalking and killing teens on Halloween
58	Mirrors	Alexandre Aja	2008	film	a homicidal girl undergoes experimental treatment and the demon inside her escapes and makes people do its bidding
59	Home Movie	Christopher Denham	2008	film	ten-year-olds start engaging in bizarrely violent behaviour and torture their parents

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60	Orphan	Jaume Collet-Serra	2009	film	a promiscuous nine-year-old Russian adoptee with murderous behaviour turns out to be an adult woman in disguise
61	Case 39	Christian Alvart	2009	film	a social worker rescues a child victim of abuse but realises that she is a demon in disguise
62	A Child is Torn: Innocence Lost	Dawn Hopman Whidden	2012	novel	a 'defective gene' traced back to a serial-killer and rapist leads ten year old to kill parents
63	Defending Jacob	William Landay	2012	novel	parents gradually realises that their teen son is a homicidal psychopath; he is eventually killed in a car crash
64	Citadel	Ciarán Foy	2012	film	a widower must save his child from a horde of violent teen mutants who had killed his pregnant wife
65	Crooked House	Gilles Paquet-Brenner	2017	film	twelve-year-old girl kills grandfather and derails investigation
66	Sherlock: The Final Problem	Benjamin Caron	2017	TV episode	Sherlock Holmes's sister, who had been institutionalised for violent crimes in childhood, 'reprograms' the staff and anyone who comes in contact with her