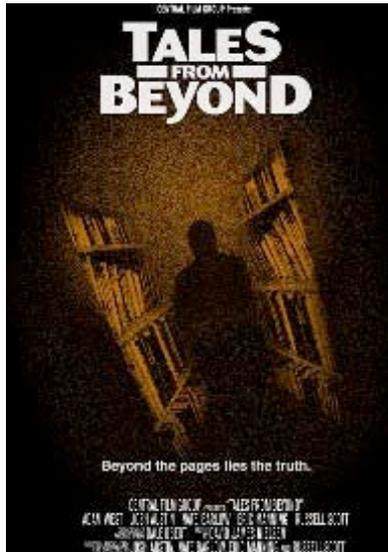




## TALES FROM THE BEYOND A film by Nate Barlow



Anthologies are often a mixed bag of films or projects that range between mediocre quality and poor acting. Seldom gifted with a good plot these films are doomed for sale bins and flea markets. **"Tales from the Beyond"** however isn't one of those! No **"Tales from the Beyond"** is truly a gem that needs to be discovered!

**Nate Barlow** follows the rules of an anthology film by the book. Starting with a background story that functions as an arcade for multiple (at least three) individual stories. The background plot must have an impressive intro and a re-memorable ending. In between it is merely a vessel. Further noticeable are the short films (or segments) that build the anthology! They have to be like 20 -30 minutes long each, have a full and easy understandable plot and above all they have no connection with each other, then



background story.



"**Tales from the beyond**" delivers all those goodies within the expectations and more. Opening in a dusty bookstore we find a young couple looking for a perfect gift. Soon they bump into **Adam West** as Jay, the owner of this second hand bookstore. As impressing opener this might count.

**Adam West** (best known for portraying Batman in the sixties campy TV series) runs this dusty shop and has a creepy, horrifying aura around him. When the couple asks him for something special, he takes them to the back of his shop, where all his special items are kept!

This should warn off most people, but as said, the couple is still young and they go along with the man. Soon he hands them a series of strange books. According to Jay, these books are so rare; he has never seen a complete collection in his entire life. Jay asks the girl to read out loud and this of course brings us to the first segment **Abernathy**. The first one is the most confusing story of them all, but it does have a certain air that keeps you haunted for a couple of days (think "**The sixth sense**"). The second segment **Nex's diner** is without doubt the best of all the segments in this film. I truly loved this segment about time traveling and places where time folds, creating doorways to other timeframes.

This story is followed by a standard "**Twilight zone**" story "**Live replay**" about a guy who has a remote control that controls the world (and time). Not very original but definitely amusing.( I remember seeing a very old twilight zone episode in which the world was controlled by stopwatch or clock!)

The fourth and last segment is the most realistic one of them all. A boxer has just given up all hope to become the champion his father was. With his fathers' death there's nobody to keep up the family boxing tradition. It is going to be lost forever, until he meets this old homeless man Goldie, who insists on training him for one more fight!

Expect for **Adam West** most of the cast is pretty unknown. But we could spot **Elisabeth Abbott** (Gilmore girls) and **Svilena Kidess** (Mansquito 2005, Dead Doll 2004) among them.

Also director, producer and writer **Nate Barlow** put down a fine character in the segment "**Live replay**".



"**Tales from The beyond**" is a very entertaining and enjoyable film and one can only hope that **Nate Barlow** will produce more movies and short subjects like these. For more info on the film or the man just go to [www.natebarlow.com](http://www.natebarlow.com)

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