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Hammer Films or Hammer Pictures is a British film production founded by comedian and a businessman William Hinds in 1934. The company is well known for a series of Gothic films made in period from the mid-1950's, until the 1970's. We are interested in the story of overnight success, critics reception - and company's "Big Boss" at that time sir James Carreras.

Horror genre was basically dead since the end of the war. The new British "X" certificate, was introduced being the first compulsory - "Suitable for those aged 16 and older" - was not helpful. However genre of science fiction emerged with the docudrama "Destination Moon". Later we see, Frankenstein's monster soon appeared in the guise of Martians in *Invaders from Mars* (1953), while the spot of Dracula had had been taken by the blood-sucking creature of *The Thing from Another World* (1951).

Works Cited