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The Blob (1958) is one of a long string of largely forgettable 1950s teenage horror films. The film's action revolves around a purple blob from outer space that has the nasty habit of eating people. At the time, the title was what drew audiences to watch this otherwise ordinary film. It has since achieved notoriety as both a sublimely bad film and the film in which Steve McQueen had his first starring role.

The theatrical poster for the film *The Blob*.

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