

SCARY STORIES

PICTURE BOOKS

Preschool through 2nd grade

Border, Terry. [Snack Attack!](#) (Easy Border)

Although warned of the dangers lurking outside their packages, Cookie, Pretzel, and Cheese Doodle venture into the kitchen for fun but soon discover that Monster Kids are real.

Leslie, Lindsay. [This Book is Spineless: \(yes, yes, I am\).](#) (Easy Leslie)

A wary and unadventurous book uses its different parts, such as the jacket, gutters, and endpapers, to try and get a sense of what kind of story might be on its pages. By navigating the book's contents together, the reader and the book become friends and the book becomes braver.

Reynolds, Aaron. [Creepy Pair of Underwear.](#) (Easy Reynolds)

A young rabbit is frightened by his underwear.

Schwartz, Alvin. [In a Dark Dark Room.](#) (Juvenile Early Reader Schwartz)

Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a fire or in the dark, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

SHORT STORIES

Bachmann, Stefan, et al. [The Cabinet of Curiosities: 36 tales brief & sinister.](#)

(Juvenile Nonfiction 808.83 B124c)

Thirty-six eerie short tales.

Brallier, Max. [Beneath the Bed and Other Scary Stories.](#) (Juvenile Fiction Brallier)

The kids at school dare John to visit the old house on the hill at night, and when he and his sister go in they find dusty dishes set on the table, a book open like it is waiting for a reader, and something hiding under the bed in the attic--and that is only one of the five scary stories with unexpected twists in this collection.

Claybourne, Anna. [Don't Read This Book Before Bed.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction 130 C579d)

Cuddle up with this spooky spine-tingler, filled with delightfully frightful true stories of real-life monsters, doomed domains, menacing mysteries, strange disappearances, and so much more.

Hennessy, B.G. [The Scary Places Map Book: seven terrifying tours.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction 133.12 H392s)

Take a tour of seven spooky places, among them the Wicked Woods, a Ghostly Galleon, and the Western Terro-tories.

McKissack, Patricia C. [The Dark-thirty: Southern tales of the supernatural.](#) (Juvenile Fiction McKissack)

A collection of ghost stories with African American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before sunset--when ghosts seem all too believable.

O'Shei, Tim. [Creepy Urban Legends.](#) (Juvenile Nonfiction 398.2 Os44c)

Describes scary urban legends, including The Vanishing Hitchhiker and The Babysitter on the Phone.

Schwartz, Alvin. [Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark: collected from folklore.](#)

(**Juvenile Nonfiction** 398.25 Sch95s 2010)

Tapped from the oral traditions of American folklore, these ghost stories and tales of weird happenings, witches, and graveyards have startling, funny, or surprising endings. Other books in the series include [More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark](#) and [Scary Stories 3: more tales to chill your bones.](#)

CHAPTER BOOKS

Grades 3 and up

Arden, Katherine. [Small Spaces.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Arden)

After suffering a tragic loss, eleven-year-old Ollie, who only finds solace in books, discovers a chilling ghost story about a girl named Beth, the two brothers who loved her, and a peculiar deal made with “the smiling man”—a sinister specter who grants your most tightly held wish, but only for the ultimate price.

Auxier, Jonathan. [The Night Gardener: a scary story.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Auxier)

Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.

Ballarini, Joe. [A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Ballarini)

When Kelly loses a little boy to monsters who live under his bed during her first babysitting job, she learns about a secret society of babysitters who fight monsters.

Bellairs, John. [The House with a Clock in Its Walls.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Bellairs)

1948: A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

Carroll, Emma. [Strange Star.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Carroll)

Told primarily by servant Felix, Lord Byron and friends gather to tell ghost stories on a stormy night in 1816 Switzerland, but a scarred girl arrives with her own dark and dangerous tale.

Dahl, Roald. [The Witches.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Dahl)

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

Gaiman, Neil. [The Graveyard Book.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Gaiman)

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard and wasn't raised and educated by ghosts. But if Bod leaves the graveyard he will come under attack from the man who has already killed Bod's family.

Ghislain, Gary. [A Bad Night for Bullies.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Ghislain)

Harold Bell lives a pretty normal life for a boy in a wheelchair. But everything changes when famous horror novelist Frank Goolz moves in next door. Harold soon learns that life with the Goolz is never quiet and that Frank's novels are based on his family's real-life paranormal adventures.

Hahn, Mary Downing. [Took: a ghost story.](#) (**Juvenile Fiction** Hahn)

A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first, but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister is 'took' by Auntie for the next fifty years.

Howe, Deborah and James. [Bunnacula: a rabbit tale of mystery](#). (Juvenile Fiction Howe)

Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household -- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

Siebel, Kathryn. [The Haunting of Henry Davis](#). (Juvenile Fiction Siebel)

When Henry Davis moves into the neighborhood, Barbara Anne doesn't know what to make of him; Henry's a riddle--a boy who sits alone sketching in a mysterious notebook, and, she soon learns, who's being haunted by a ghost named Edgar.

White, J.A. [Nightbooks](#). (Juvenile Fiction White)

Imprisoned by Natacha, a witch, in a New York apartment, Alex must tell her a new scary story every night in order to stay alive.

SERIES CHAPTER BOOKS

Check out the following series that we recommend. All of the series listed below are located in Youth Services in the Juvenile Fiction section, arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.

[Scream Street](#). Donbavand, Tommy.

[Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol](#). Miedoso, Andres.

[You're Invited to a Creepover](#). Night, P.J.

[American Chillers](#). Rand, Johnathan.

[Fear Street](#), [Goosebumps](#), etc. Several spooky series by this author. Stine, R.L.

[Lockwood & Co](#). Stroud, Jonathan.