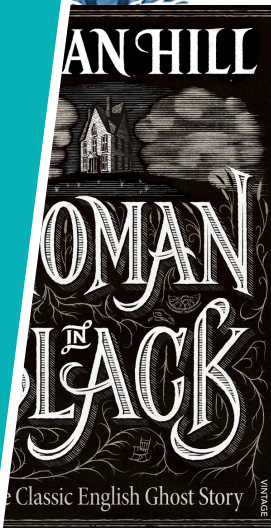
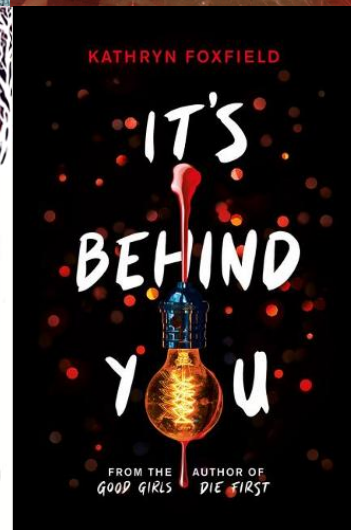
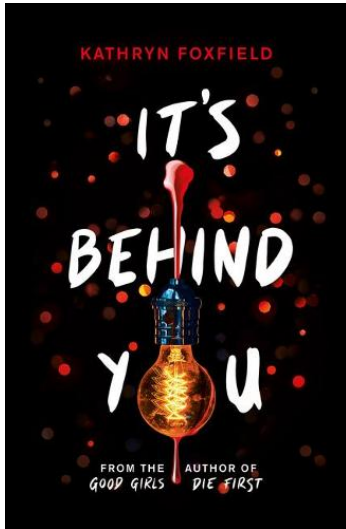


horror & ghost stories reading list

some of the best horror and ghost stories, old and new, selected by your school librarians.

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It's Behind You

Kathryn Foxfield

Welcome to the reality game show that'll scare you to death! Have you got what it takes to last the night? Five contestants must sit tight through the night in dark and dangerous Umber Gorge caves, haunted by a ghost called the Puckered Maiden. But is it the malevolent spirit they should fear ... or each other?

Keywords:

Jumpy; Fans of the Squid Games; Mystery; LGBTQ+

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White Smoke

Tiffany D. Jackson

The renovated picture-perfect home on Maple Street, sitting between dilapidated houses, surrounded by wary neighbors has its . . . secrets. That's only half the problem: household items vanish, doors open on their own, lights turn off, shadows walk past rooms, voices can be heard in the walls, and there's a foul smell seeping through the vents only Mari seems to notice.

Keywords:

Jumpy; Psychological Thriller; Haunted House

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Ghost Hunter's Daughter

Dan Poblocki

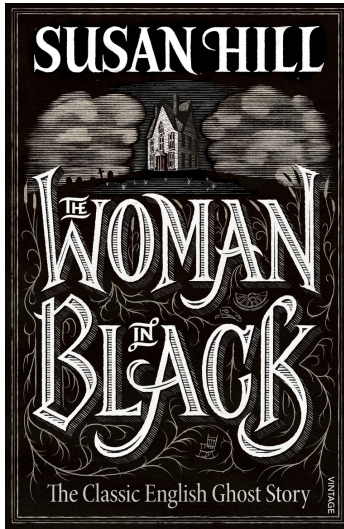
Claire doesn't believe in ghosts, even though her dad is a ghost hunter on TV. But then her dad disappears. And a strange boy in her class, Lucas, knows something about ghosts. One of them has a message for her: Her dad has been taken, and he's in grave danger.

Keywords:

Ghost Story; Mystery

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The Woman in Black

Susan Hill

A ghost story classic. Junior solicitor, Arthur Kipps is invited to attend the funeral of the recently deceased Mrs Drablow, and is tasked with getting her affairs in order. But Arthur is dragged into a series of terrifying unexplained phenomena: eerie sounds, children's screams in the dead of night, and of course, The Woman In Black.

Keywords:

Ghost Story; Jumpy; Classic Horror

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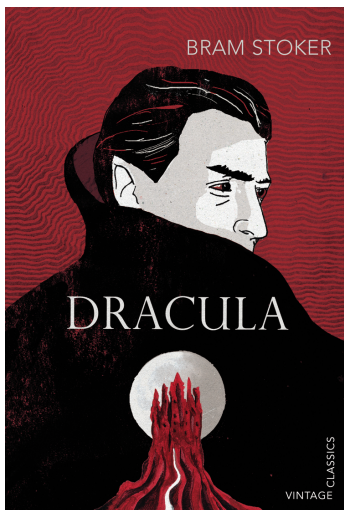


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Dracula

Bram Stoker

The classic vampire story. An exciting novel following Van Helsing's hunt for the haunting, Dracula!

Keywords:

Vampires; Classic Horror

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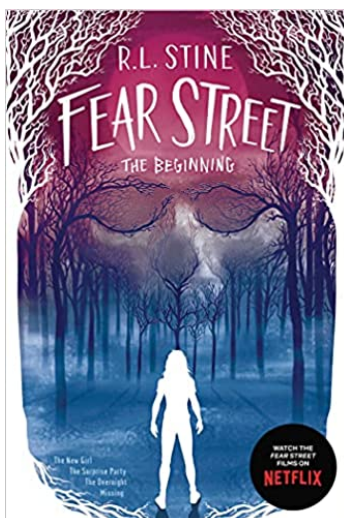


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Fear Street: The Beginning

R. L. Stine

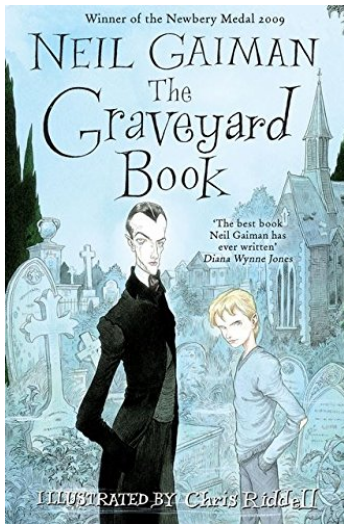
Welcome to Fear Street... Where strange things happen, people go missing, and nightmares come true. The first 4 books from R. L. Stine, brought together into one book.

Keywords:

Horror; Mystery; Halloween

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The Graveyard Book

Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, raised and educated by ghosts. There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that the real danger lurks, for it is there that the man Jack lives...

Keywords:

Ghost Story; Gothic; Adventure

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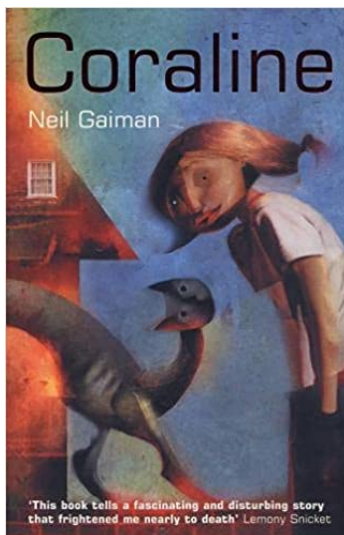


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Coraline

Neil Gaiman

There's something strange about Coraline's new house. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger her neighbour read in the tea leaves. It's the other house... the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Behind the door are another mother and father, waiting for her. They want her to stay forever.

Keywords:

Mystery; Creepy

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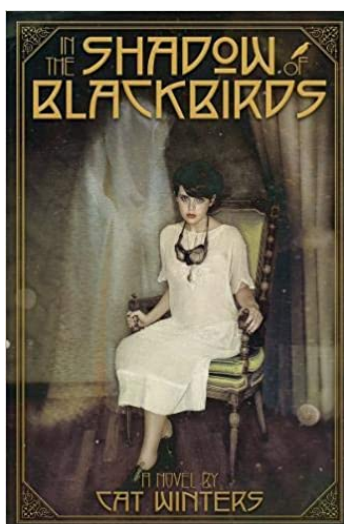


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In the Shadow of Blackbirds

Cat Winters

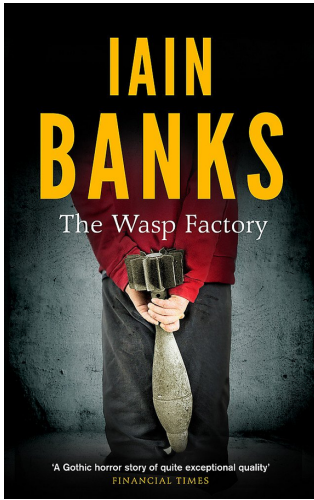
Sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches as desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort, but she herself has never believed in ghosts. During her bleakest moment, however, she's forced to rethink her entire way of looking at life and death, for her first love—a boy who died in battle—returns in spirit form. But what does he want from her?

Keywords:

Ghost story; Mystery; Fantasy; Historical Fiction

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The Wasp Factory

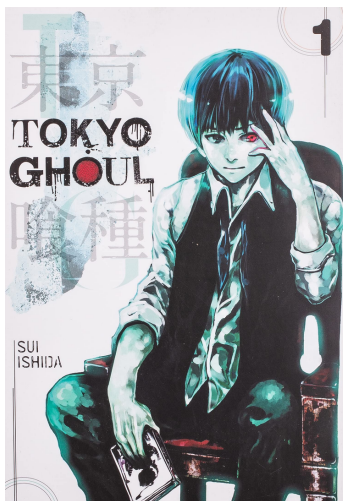
Iain Banks

A psychological thriller set in a remote Scottish village, where a strange young boy, Frank, lives with his father. Hidden from his father, Frank has created a wasp factory - a wasp killing machine that he believes tells the future.

Keywords:

Psychological Thriller; Mystery; Recommended for KS5

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Tokyo Ghoul, Tome 1

Sui Ishida

Ghouls live among us, the same as normal people in every way - except their craving for human flesh. Ken Kaneki is an ordinary college student until a violent encounter turns him into the first half-human half-ghoul hybrid. Trapped between two worlds, he must survive Ghoul turf wars, learn more about Ghoul society and master his new powers.

Keywords:

Adventure; Zombies & Ghouls

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Seven Ghosts

Chris Priestley

Jake and the other finalists in a writing competition have been invited to a stately house for a tour like no other. As their guide leads them through grand rooms, hidden nooks and magnificent grounds, they hear the stories of seven ghosts who haunt the halls. But strange shapes and shadows follow Jake as he journeys through the house. All is not as it seems and soon Jake will discover that something is very, very wrong ...

Keywords:

Mystery; Ghost Story; Haunted House

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Still Water

Chris Priestley

Evacuated from London at the outbreak of war, Rosie is taken in by kind Mrs Taylor and her daughter Mary. But all is not as it seems. Mary resents and bullies Rosie, and Mrs Taylor is hiding a dark secret. When Rosie comes across a strange girl swimming in a local pond, she hopes they will become friends. But instead her appearance leads to a horrifying revelation that will have terrifying consequences...

Keywords:

Historical Fiction; Mystery; Ghost Story

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Jon for Short

Malorie Blackman

Jon keeps waking up from a recurring bad dream to find that he is missing his arms and parts of his legs. Kept constantly sedated, as Jon's body disappears his nightmare gets worse. The nurses seem to hate him and the doctor won't answer his questions.

Keywords:

Nightmares; Mystery; Psychological Thriller

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