

Horror Fiction for Teens

The Thief of Always

Clive Barker (YA BARKER)

The fun promised by a mysterious stranger with a gigantic grin will give Harvey much more than he wanted. (Grades 6+)

Ashes [Trilogy]

Ilsa J. Bick (YA BICK)

In the blink of an eye, an electromagnetic pulse knocks out every electronic device and kills billions of people. The survivors are left to fight in a world infested with zombies. (Grades 9+)

iDrakula

Bekka Black (YA BLACK)

The tale of the most famous vampire in the world—told through the wonders of modern technology. (Grades 7-10)

Anna Dressed in Blood [Has a Sequel]

Kendare Blake (YA BLAKE)

It's an unenviable job—retiring ghosts from this world and sending them to their permanent rests. Then she meets the violent ghost of Anna, a teenage girl murdered in the 1950s. (Grades 9+)

Bloodline [Series]

Kate Cary (YA CARY)

John learns that his ferocious regiment commander is descended from Dracula...and has his sights set on the lovely Lily. (Grades 8+)

House of Dead Maids

Clare B. Dunkle (YA DUNKLE)

Seldom House's creaking rooms are haunted by the restless spirits of past maids. Soon, a new one may be joining them. (Grades 9+)

Beautiful Darkness

Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl (YA GARCIA)

Gatlin is your typical unassuming Southern town. But there's a dark secret involving voodoo and a labyrinth of underground passages. (Grades 9+)

Cold Kiss

Amy Garvey (YA GARVEY)

"It was a beautiful, warm summer day, the day Danny died." Having the power to resurrect the one you loved doesn't mean you should. (Grades 8+)

Half-Minute Horrors

Various Authors (YA HALF-MINUTE)

An anthology of creepy tales by M.T. Anderson, Neil Gaiman, Jack Gantos, Jerry Spinelli and more of the best current authors! (Grades 6-8)

The Enemy [Series]

Charlie Higson (YA HIGSON)

Everyone above the age of 16 is dead...or, even worse, a zombie hungry for flesh. A band of kids holed up in a supermarket struggles for survival. (Grades 9+)

The Haunting of Hill House

Shirley Jackson (YA JACKSON)

"Hill House, not sane, had stood for eighty years and might stand for eighty more...within, floors were firm, windows sensibly shut, and whatever walked there, walked alone." (Grades 10+)

Darkness Becomes Her

Kelly Keaton (YA KEATON)

A centuries-old curse haunts Ari's family. Drawn back to the city of New Orleans after receiving a message from her dead mother, she must now face her fate. (Grades 9+)

Carrie

Stephen King (YA KING)

Carrie is an alienated teenager gifted with some interesting psychic powers. She hasn't stooped to violence...until now. And you thought YOUR prom was a nightmare! (Grades 10+)

Blood Ninja [Trilogy]

Nick Lake (YA LAKE)

A young samurai vampire must combat the horrors of the ninja vampires who decapitated his father (yes, really). (Grades 8+)

Rotter

Daniel Kraus (YA KRAUS)

Joey's learning the family business—grave robbing—straight from his father. (Grades 9+)

Rosemary's Baby

Ira Levin (YA LEVIN)

What if one day you discovered you were pregnant...and that your husband had sold your soul to Satan to further his career? (Grades 10+)

Rot & Ruin [Has a Sequel]

Jonathan Maberry (YA MABERRY)

America is a ruined husk overrun by the undead. Benny is about to turn 15, which means he's got to start learning to fight them! (Grades 9+)

Ruined

Paula Morris (YA MORRIS)

In the New Orleans' historical Lafayette Cemetery, Rebecca meets a mysterious apparition who holds a dark secret. (Grades 8+)

A Monster Calls

Patrick Ness (YA NESS)

Life is hard for Conor—his waking life is consumed by bullies and his mother's struggle with cancer, while terrible monsters haunt his dreams. These worlds will cross and become indistinguishable from each other. (Grades 8+)

The Restless Dead

Deborah Noyes, ed. (YA RESTLESS DEAD)

Afraid of undead creatures? These ten stories by well-known authors tell you why you should be! (Grades 8+)

Three-quarters Dead

Richard Peck (YA PECK)

Kerry's best friends died tragically in a car accident...or did they? Doubts rise when she receives a text message from all three, telling her to take the train to meet them... (Grades 6-10)

Mister Creecher

Chris Priestly (YA PRIESTLY)

The hulking Mister Creecher tracks the nightmarish trail of Dr. Frankenstein to get the one thing promised to him: a homemade bride. (Grades 6-9)

Bleeding Violet

Dia Reeves (YA REEVES)

In this Texas town, doors to other dimensions open, allowing vile creatures to invade. (Grades 10-12)

The Forest of Hands and Teeth [Series]

Carrie Ryan (YA RYAN)

In Mary's world, there are two types of people—humans, and the flesh-eating undead. (Grades 9+)

White Crow

Marcus Sedgwick (YA SEDGWICK)

"Some secrets are better left buried; some secrets are so frightening they might make angels weep and the devil crow." (Grades 8+)

The Demonata [Series]

Darren Shan (YA SHAN)

"The demons are crossing. The disciples are falling. The shadow is waiting." (Grades 7+)

Skinjacker [Series]

Neal Shusterman (YA SHUSTERMAN)

Nick and Allie are souls trapped in limbo—a world filled with more horrors than our own... (Grades 8+)

Lockdown [Escape From Furnace Series]

Alexander Gordon Smith (YA SMITH)

"Beneath heaven is hell. Beneath hell is Furnace. In Furnace, death is the least of his worries." (Grades 9+)

Imaginary Girls

Nova Ren Suma (YA SUMA)

Chloe and Ruby are inseparable sisters, until tragedy strikes and Chloe must leave their small New York town. Drawn back a year later, she finds everything the same— and those who are supposed to be dead are very much alive. (Grades 9+)

Peeps

Scott Westerfeld (YA WESTERFELD)

Cal's plans for college involved partying & girls. But one fateful encounter means he spends his time hunting down vampires. (Grades 9+)

The Monstrumologist [Trilogy]

Richard Yancey (YA YANCEY)

Gushing gore, oozing pus and lots of beasts going bump in the night greet young Monstrumologist's assistant Will on his macabre, goey adventures! (Grades 8+)

The Replacement

Brenna Yovanoff (YA YOVANOFF)

Ages ago, the town made a deal—one child every seven years in exchange for prosperity. The replacement is cursed for life. (Grades 9+)

The Prince of Mist [Series]

Carlos Ruiz Zafon (YA RUIZ ZAFON)

A drowned ghost, a strange stone garden, and a sunken ship below the cliffs await the Carvers at their new coastal home. (Grades 8+)