

Horror Fiction for Teens

Bad Girl; Don't Die

Katie Alendar (YA ALENDAR)

Once upon a time, a child was mocked to a violent, sad death. Now, it seeks revenge! (Grades 6-9)

Clay

David Almond (YA ALMOND)

A clay statue can't REALLY come to life and kill...unless its creator wills it... (Grades 7+)

Thirsty

M.T. Anderson (YA ANDERSON)

From the moment he knows that he is destined to be a vampire, Chris thirsts for the blood of people around him. Can he keep humanity? (Grades 7+)

In the Forests of the Night

Amelia Atwater-Rhoades (YA ATWATER)

"I was transformed into what I am against my will." Risika is 17. She has been since 1684. (Grades 7-10)

The Seer of Shadows

Avi (YA AVI)

It's New York City, 1872, and Horace sees dead people—in his photographs. (Grades 6-8)

The Thief of Always

Clive Barker (YA BARKER)

Harvey is sooo bored. But the fun promised by a mysterious stranger with a gigantic grin will give him much more than he wanted. (Grades 6+)

World War Z

Max Brooks (YA BROOKS)

10 years after the great zombie war, will the living envy the (un)dead? (Grades 10+)

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+)

Blue Girl

Charles De Lint (YA DE LINT)

It doesn't take Imogene long to find trouble in a new town. She must enlist the help of a ghost to ward off soul-swallowing beings. (Grades 9+)

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+)

Z

Michael Thomas Ford (YA FORD)

Hunting virtual zombies with flamethrowers was lots of fun, until it ceased being a game and people began disappearing. (Grades 9+)

Coraline

Neil Gaiman (YA GAIMAN)

Coraline discovers a mirror world that appears to improve upon her normal world. But her new parents do seem a bit odd... (Grades 6-8)

Beautiful Darkness

Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl (YA GARCIA)

Gatlin is your typical boring, unassuming Southern town. But there's a dark secret involving voodoo and a labyrinth of underground passages that seem to wind endlessly. (Grades 9+)

Gatekeepers [Series]

Anthony Horowitz (YA HOROWITZ)

The five chosen gates have always kept the old ones out of our world...until now. (Grades 7-10)

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+)

Carrie

Stephen King (YA KING)

Carrie is an alienated teenager gifted with some interesting psychic powers. And you thought YOUR prom was a nightmare! (Grades 10+)

Blood Ninja

Nick Lake (YA LAKE)

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

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+)

Monster's Proof

Richard Lewis (YA LEWIS)

Math is a horrific enough subject for most people, but it's even worse when it can create evil beings and rain chaos on the world! (Grades 6-10)

Rot & Ruin

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+)

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+)

Killing Britney

Sean Olin (YA OLIN)

Ever since Britney became the most popular girl at school, her life has been touched by tragedy. And the strange deaths continue... (Grades 10+)

18 Best Stories by Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe (YA POE)

18 terrifying tales by the classic master of horror. The Masque of the Red Death, The Cask of Amontillado, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Murders in the Rue Morgue, and more! (Grades 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 Parliament of Blood

Justin Richards (YA RICHARDS)

Vampires DO exist! They're malevolent, and bent on toppling Parliament—then the world! (Grades 6-9)

The Devil's Footsteps

E.E. Richardson (YA RICHARDSON)

Something is out there. It's all related to a skipping rhyme & the Dark Man who haunts your nightmares--when you're awake. (Grades 6-9)

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+)

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+)

The Forbidden Game

L.J. Smith (YA SMITH)

A mysterious board game pulls the unwitting into their own nightmares. "To lose the game is to lose your life." (Grades 8+)

Fear: 13 Stories of Suspense and Horror

Edited by R.L. Stine (YA STINE)

Spine-tingling nightmares by R.L. Stine, Meg Cabot, Suzanne Weyn, and more! (Grades 8+)

The War of the Worlds; Plus Blood, Gut, and Zombies

H.G. Wells and Eric Brown (YA WELLS)

You thought it was bad when there were just the invading aliens; now, there are aliens AND zombies! Who eats who?! (Grades 9+)

Peepz

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 [Series]

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, gooey adventures! (Grades 8+)

The Prince of Mist

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+)