

Scary Fiction

Highly Recommended Fiction

Brown, India Hill. *The Forgotten Girl*. Scholastic Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-338-31724-4.

Summary: On a cold winter night, Iris and her best friend, Daniel, sneak into a clearing in the woods to play in the freshly fallen snow. There, Iris carefully makes a perfect snow angel -- only to find the crumbling gravestone of a young girl, Avery Moore, right beneath her. Immediately, strange things start to happen to Iris: She begins having vivid nightmares. She wakes up to find her bedroom window wide open, letting in the snow. She thinks she sees the shadow of a girl lurking in the woods and she feels the pull of the abandoned grave, calling her back to the clearing. Obsessed with figuring out what's going on, Iris and Daniel start to research the area for a school project. They discover that Avery's grave is actually part of a neglected and forgotten black cemetery, dating back to a time when white and black people were kept separate in life -- and in death. As Iris and Daniel learn more about their town's past, they become determined to restore Avery's grave and finally have proper respect paid to Avery and the others buried there. But they have awakened a jealous and demanding ghost, one that's not satisfied with their plans for getting recognition, one that is searching for a best friend forever -- no matter what the cost. *The Forgotten Girl* is both a spooky original ghost story and a timely and important storyline about reclaiming an abandoned segregated cemetery. --from the Publisher

Audience: 3-6 grades.

Siebel, Kathryn. *The Haunting of Henry Davis*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-101-93278-0.

Summary: When Henry Davis moves into the neighborhood, Barbara Anne and her classmates at Washington Carver Elementary don't know what to make of him. He's pale, small, odd. For curious Barbara Anne, Henry's also a riddle--a boy who sits alone at recess sketching in a mysterious notebook, a boy, she soon learns, who's being haunted by a ghost named Edgar. With the help of some new friends, this unlikely duo is off on an adventure to discover who Edgar was while alive and why he's haunting Henry now. Together, they might just help Edgar find what he needs to finally be at peace. --from the Publisher

Audience: 3-6 grades.

Series Fiction

Arden, Katherine. *Dead Voices*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2019. ISBN:978-0-525-51505-0.

Summary: Ollie, Coco, and Brian are determined to make the best of being snowed in, but odd things keep happening. Coco is convinced she has seen a ghost, and Ollie is having nightmares about frostbitten girls pleading for help. Then Mr. Voland, a mysterious ghost hunter, arrives in the midst of the storm to investigate the hauntings at Hemlock Lodge. Ollie, Coco, and Brian want to trust him, but Ollie's watch, which once saved them from the smiling man, has a new cautionary message: BEWARE. With Mr. Voland's help, Ollie, Coco, and Brian reach out to the dead voices at Mount Hemlock. Maybe the ghosts need their help--or maybe not all ghosts can or should be trusted. *Dead Voices* is a terrifying follow-up to *Small Spaces* with thrills and chills galore and the captive foreboding of a classic ghost story. --From the Publisher

Audience: 5-8 grades.

Small Spaces, 2018, ISBN: 978-0-525-51502-9.

Schwab, Victoria. ***Tunnel of Bones***. Scholastic Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-338-11104-0.

Summary: Trouble is haunting Cassidy Blake . . . even more than usual. She (plus her ghost best friend, Jacob, of course) are in Paris, where Cass's parents are filming their TV show about the world's most haunted cities. Sure, it's fun eating croissants and seeing the Eiffel Tower, but there's true ghostly danger lurking beneath Paris, in the creepy underground Catacombs. When Cass accidentally awakens a frighteningly strong spirit, she must rely on her still-growing skills as a ghost hunter--and turn to friends both old and new to help her unravel a mystery. But time is running out, and the spirit is only growing stronger. And if Cass fails, the force she's unleashed could haunt the city forever. --From the Publisher

Audience: 5-8 grades

City of Ghosts, 2018. ***Tunnel of Bones***, 2019. ***Bridge of Souls***, September 2020

White, J.A. ***Archimancy, Shadow School Book 1***. Katherine Tegan Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-06-283828-5.

Summary: Cordelia Liu knew Shadow School was going to be different. Still, she didn't expect the school grounds to be filled with ghosts. Cordelia soon realizes she's not the only one who can see the ghosts; her new friend Benji can too. Together with super-smart Agnes, the trio are determined to find out why the ghosts are there, and whether there's a way to set them free. But the school was created with more sinister intentions, and someone is willing to go to extreme lengths to ensure that the ghosts remain trapped forever. --From the Publisher

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Dehaunting, Shadow School Book 2. September 2020

Short Story Collections

Allen, Joshi. ***Out to Get You: 13 Tales of Weirdness and Woe***. Holiday House, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-8234-4366-6.

Summary: A finger against the inside of a mirror. . . a wood where the trees look back. . . a basement door blocked by a brick wall so thick, it stifles the screams from below . . . This original collection of chilling poems and tales contains the only true ghost stories in existence (as the book itself will tell you)... 13 eerie encounters perfect for sharing. . . if you dare. Accompanied by striking illustrations and building to a truly spine-tingling conclusion, this haunting book will consume the imagination and keep readers of every age up long past their bedtimes. --From the Publisher

Audience: 5-8 grades.

Heidicker, Christian McKay. ***Scary Stories for Young Foxes***. Henry Holt and Company, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-250-18142-8.

Summary: The haunted season has arrived in the Antler Wood. No fox kit is safe. When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters. In order to find a den to call home, they must venture through field and forest, facing unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow . . . and other things too scary to mention. Featuring eight interconnected stories and sixteen hauntingly beautiful illustrations, *Scary Stories for Young Foxes* contains the kinds of adventures and thrills you love to listen to beside a campfire in the dark of night. --From the Publisher

Audience: 5-8 grades.

Hemingway, Blaise. ***Ghost: Thirteen Hauntings to Tell***. Chronicle Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-4521-7128-9.

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