

Never Kick a Ghost and Other Silly Chillers / Judy Sierra
A collection of spooky stories and games based on folklore.

The Viper / Lisa Thiesing
Peggy receives a mysterious call from the Viper warning that he is coming in one year, with repeated calls which count down the dwindling time until his arrival.

The Scarecrow's New Clothes / Lisa Thiesing
Peggy the pig finds the perfect party outfit on a scarecrow, but the scarecrow is not pleased to lose its clothes.

FICTION, FOLKTALES, & NON-FICTION

Boo! Stories to Make You Jump / Laura Cecil (fiction)

Grandpa's Ghost Stories / James Flora (fiction)

A Good Night for Ghosts / Mary Pope Osborne (fiction)
Part of the *Magic Tree House* series.

Diane Goode's Book of Scary Stories and Songs / Diane Good (j 398.25 Goo)

Favorite Scary Stories of American Children / Richard Young (j 398.25 You)

Tailypo! / Retold by Jan Wahl (j 398.2 UNITED STATES Wah)

Spooky Riddles / Marc Brown (j 793.7 Bro)

Creepy Riddles / Katy Hall (j 793.7 Hal)



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Scary Stories for kids ages 4 - 8

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Please note: Halloween picture books are kept in storage when they're not on display. Don't hesitate to ask at the Children's desk—we'll be happy to get them for you!

PICTURE BOOKS

Titles with an asterisk () are also suitable for older kids.*

Georgie series / Robert Bright
Georgie the friendly ghost is happy living with the Whittakers, but then things change and he decides to find a new place to haunt.

The Bones of Fred McFee / Eve Bunting
A toy skeleton at Halloween provides menace and mystery.

Boris and Bella / Carolyn Crimi (*paperback picture book* - j E-pb C)
Bella Legrossi and Boris Kleanitoff, the messiest and cleanest monsters in Booville respectively, do nothing but argue until the night of Harry Beastie's Halloween party.

***Cold Feet** / Cynthia DeFelice (*ages 8+*)
After stealing a dead man's boots, a poor wandering bagpiper uses them to play a trick on an unfriendly farmer but then finds the trick turned back on him.

The Tailypo: A Ghost Story / Joanna Galdone
A strange varmint haunts the woodsman who lopped off its tail.

King of the Cats: A Ghost Story / Paul Galdone
As a gravedigger tells his wife how a band of cats marched into the cemetery to mourn their dead king, their own cat, Old Tom, listens with a strange intensity.

The Teeny Tiny Woman / Paul Galdone
A teeny-tiny woman finds a teeny-tiny bone in a churchyard and puts it away in her cupboard before she goes to sleep.

***The Ghost of Nicholas Greebe / Tony Johnston**

In Colonial Massachusetts, the ghost of a recently-buried farmer haunts his widow's house after a dog takes one of his bones on a long journey.

***The Soup Bone / Tony Johnston**

Looking for a soup bone on Halloween, a little old lady finds a hungry skeleton instead.

Ghosts in the House / Kazuno Kohara

Tired of living in a haunted house, a young witch captures, washes, and turns her pesky ghosts into curtains and a tablecloth.

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs / Sam McBratney

Knowing that he must satisfy their curiosity, an old mouse agrees to show three young mice the "monster" at the top of the stairs.

***The Bone Keeper / Megan McDonald**

The Bone Woman searches the desert gathering bones to create a wonderous creature.

***Welcome / Kevin O'Malley**

An illustrated collection of scary stories with humorous endings.

The Dark / Lemony Snicket

Laszlo is afraid of the dark which lives in the same big, creaky house as him, until one night the dark pays him a visit.

***Heckedy Peg / Audrey Wood**

A resourceful mother saves her seven children from Heckedy Peg, a witch who has changed them into different kinds of food.

***The Widow's Broom / Chris Van Allsburg**

A witch's worn-out broom serves a widow well, until her neighbors decide the thing is wicked and dangerous.

Teeny Tiny Tingly Tales / Nancy Van Laan

Three funny, slightly scary stories told in rhyme.

I Spy Mystery: A Book of Picture Riddles / Walter Wick

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything / Linda Williams

A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods trying to scare her.

EASY READERS

Wiley and the Hairy Man / Molly Bang

With his mother's help, Wiley outwits the hairy creature that dominates the swamp near his home by the Tombigbee River.

A Ghost Named Fred / Nathaniel Benchley

George meets a friendly ghost who helps him seek lost treasure in an old haunted house.

Inside a House that is Haunted / Alyssa Capucilli

A cumulative rhyme in which the spider, ghost, cat, and other inhabitants of a haunted house wake up and startle each other.

One Dark and Scary Night / Bill Cosby

One night Little Bill is convinced there are mean things in his dark closet and that they are just dying to get him. Only when Alice the Great performs a magical tucking-in trick do the mean things go away for good.

The Mystery of the Pirate Ghost / Geoffrey Hayes

Otto and his Uncle Tooth track down the pirate ghost terrorizing Boogle Bay.

Boo!: A Ghost Story That Could Be True / Tony Johnston

While reading about the ghost of Old Clara Clabber, a farmer hears spooky noises and lets his imagination get out of hand.

Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek / Jane O'Connor

Three easy-to-read scary stories about a talking doll, a dog picture that barks, and a Halloween monster.

This Book is Haunted / Joanne Rocklin

This book's "not too scary" ghost host tells five spooky stories.

Henry and Mudge and the Bedtime Thumps / Cynthia Rylant

Henry worries about what will happen to his big dog Mudge during their visit to his grandmother's house in the country.

Ghosts!: Ghostly Folktales from Folklore / Alvin Schwartz

Presents seven, easy-to-read ghost stories based on traditional folk tales and legends from various countries.

In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories / Alvin 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.