

FOLKTALES & POETRY

Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep / Jack Prelutsky (j 811 Pre)
Scary poems. (grades 4+)

The Bone Man / Laura Sims (j 398.2 USA INDIAN Sim)
A young boy must confront an enormous skeletal creature.

When the Chenoo Howls: Native American Tales of Terror
/ Joseph Bruchac (j 398.2 USA INDIAN Bru)
Native American monster stories.

The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural
/ Patricia Mckissack (j 398.2 USA AFRO-AMERICAN McK)
African-American ghost stories. (grades 4+)

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

Scared Witless: 13 Eerie Tales to Tell / Martha Hamilton (j 398.25 Ham)

Ghostly Folktales / M. A. Jagendorf (j 398.25 Jag)

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark / Alvin Schwartz (j 398.25 Sch)
Scary folklore. The first in a series. (grades 4+)

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

MORE SCARY STUFF:

- books about ghosts and haunted houses: j 133.1
- books about unexplained phenomena (like UFOs, the Bermuda Triangle, and Bigfoot): j 001.94
- books about movie monsters: j 791.43
- books that are collections of scary stories: j 398.25

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Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

*See also the Scary Stories for Ages 4-8 booklist for more suggestions
and for picture books suitable for older kids*

EASY READERS

Bony-Legs / Joanna Cole

When a terrible witch vows to eat her for supper, a little girl escapes with the help of a mirror and comb given to her by the witch's cat and dog.

In a Dark, Dark Room / 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.

Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore / Alvin Schwartz

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

CHAPTER BOOKS

The Improbable Cat / Allan Ahlberg

A strange creature in Davy's yard that looks like a cat proceeds to destroy his family's life by "hypnotizing" everyone but Davy and his little brother.

Goody Hall / Natalie Babbitt

There is something peculiar about Goody Hall, a strange house filled with mystery, where Hercules Feltwright is the new tutor. Gr. 4+

Devil's Donkey / Bill Brittain

Dan'l doesn't believe in magic until he is the victim of old Magda the Witch.

McMummy / Betsy Byars

In a scientist's greenhouse, a boy discovers a large mummy-shaped plant.

Herculeah Jones Mysteries (series) / Betsy Byars

Herculeah, her best friend Meat, and her parrot Tarot, solve mysteries.

Gustav Gloom and the People Taker / Adam-Troy Castro

Fernie What, an adventurous young horror fan, moves into the house across the street from the dark mansion of a mysterious boy whose residence is haunted by evil shadows. First in a series. *Gr. 4+*

Boo! Stories to Make you Jump / Laura Cecil

Stories with monsters, ghosts, and witches.

The Field Guide / Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

While staying at their Great Aunt Lucinda's Victorian house, the Grace children begin to have some unusual experiences involving unusual creatures. (Book 1 of **The Spiderwick Chronicles**)

Grandpa's Ghost Stories / James Flora

Grandpa tells his grandson scary stories about times when he was a boy.

Prisoner of Vampires / Nancy Garden

Alexander finds himself under the spell of a family of vampires who are operating a funeral parlor. *Gr. 4+*

In a Creepy, Creepy Place and Other Scary Stories / Judith Gorog

Short, scary, and sometimes silly, stories about creepy places.

Wee Winnie Witch's Skinny / Virginia Hamilton

James Lee and Uncle Big Anthony become victims of Wee Winnie Witch, who takes them on a ride up into the sky.

Groosham Grange / Anthony Horowitz

After being expelled from school, 13-year-old David is sent to Groosham Grange, a sinister boarding school where nothing seems quite right. *Gr. 4+*

Frankenstein Moved in on the Fourth Floor / Elizabeth Levy

Two boys suspect their new neighbor is Frankenstein.

Invasion of the Road Weenies / David Lubar

A collection of thirty-five stories featuring such horrors as a monstrous Halloween costume and a midnight visit to a graveyard. *Gr. 4+*

Seven Spiders Spinning / Gregory Maguire

The murderous intentions of seven prehistoric spiders unite two rival school clubs. One of a series. *Gr. 4+*

Hairticklers / George Mendoza

Thirteen scary stories.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow / Washington Irving

A superstitious schoolmaster has a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman. *Gr. 4+*

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.

Clues in the Woods / Peggy Parish

Three siblings stumble onto a mystery. One of a series.

A Watcher in the Woods / Florence Engel Randall

In the woods behind their new house, two sisters sense the ominous and invisible presence of a watcher. *Gr. 4+*

Araminta Spookie series / Angie Sage

Armaminta Spookie's adventures at Spookie House, where she lives with Aunt Tabby, Uncle Drac, 500-year-old ghost Uncle Horace, and her best friend Wanda Wizzard.

Dare to Be Scared: 13 Stories to Chill and Thrill / Robert San Souci

Thirteen short stories about ghosts, monsters, spirits, and other scary creatures will give the reader thrills and chills.

The Gruesome Guide to World Monsters / Judy Sierra

Illustrations and descriptions of monsters found around the world.

If You Want to Scare Yourself / Angela Sommer-Bodenburg

Five scary stories.

Real Mummies Don't Bleed: Friendly Tales for October Nights

/ Susan Whitcher

The Moonpath and Other Tales of the Bizarre / Robert E. Swindells

Five short stories about other worlds. *Gr. 4+*

Peppermints in the Parlor / Barbara Brooks Wallace

Newly orphaned Emily goes to live with her aunt and uncle at spooky Sugar Hill Hall where she encounters unimaginable horror. (gr 4+)

The Dollhouse Murders / Betty Ren Wright

A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night leads Amy and her sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago. Also other titles by this author. *Gr. 4+*