

What are you afraid of?

Horror & Paranormal for Middle Grades

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Genre Definition

Fiction and nonfiction that elicits a sense of fear, fright, or horror in the reader. Fear may stem from an unknown, unpredictable source, a seemingly uncontrollable situation, or a paranormal influence (ghosts, vampires, werewolves, etc.). Physical or psychological threats often heighten the fear factor. Paranormal fiction often includes an element of fear of the unknown, psychic abilities, and supernatural creatures or characteristics. Paranormal romance, which pairs the supernatural with "star-crossed" (species-crossed?) love is popular in current teenage fiction.

Choose your scare! Read 3 titles from the following list of titles and series:

Scary Titles

Bloody Horowitz by Anthony Horowitz
The Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls by Claire Legrand
Dark Souls by Paula Morris
Doll Bones by Holly Black
Every Other Day by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Ghost Prison by Joseph Delaney
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
The Hunt for the Seventh by Christine Morton-Shaw
The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson
The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud
This Dark Endeavor by Kenneth Opiel
Jade Green by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Marie Antoinette, Serial Killer by Katie Alender
The Thief of Always by Clive Barker
Zombie Tag by Hannah Moskowitz

Scary Series

Bad Girls Don't Die by Katie Alender
Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia
Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan
Dead is... by Marlene Perez
Dearly, Departed by Lia Habel
Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator by Jennifer Allison
Gone Series by Michael Grant
Hex Hall by Rachel Hawkins
Last Apprentice (Wardstone Chronicles) by Joseph Delaney
Midnighters by Scott Westerfeld
Nightfall Series by Rick Jasper (Hi/Lo Series)
Paranormalcy by Kiersten White
Ruined by Paula Morris
Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
Twilight Series by Stephenie Meyers
Vampirates by Justion Somper
Vampire Plagues by Sebastian Rook
"Weenie" books by David Lubar
Witch & Wizard by James Patterson

More Things that Go Bump in the Night

Scary Authors

Avi (Select Titles)
Mary Downing Hahn
Lois Duncan
Peg Kehret
Joan Lowry Nixon
Dan Poblocki
R.L. Stein
Betty Ren Wright
Paul Zindel

Scary Graphic Novels

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol
Beautiful Creatures adapted by Cassandra Jean
Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan
Nightschool: the Weirn books by Svetlana Chmakova
Tales from the Crypt: Diary of a Stinky Dead Kid by Stefan Petrucha
Twilight adapted by Yong-bin Kim
Vampire Knight by Matsuri Hino
Witch & Wizard adapted by Svetlana Chmakova

Book Lists

[Halloween Week: The Lists](#) at The Book Smugglers Blog (10/29/2013)
[Horror Books for Middle Grade Readers](#) from Common Sense Media
[Reading Wildly: Scary](#) by Abby the Librarian (10/24/2013)
[Top Ten Horror Books for Junior High Readers](#) by Michelle Glatt, Nerdy Book Club (6/29/2013)
[Women in Horror 2013: Middle Grade Horrors](#) by Brittany Maresh (2/16/2013)

Resources

[Horror in YA Lit is a Staple, Not a Trend](#) by Kelly Jensen for SLJ (9/13/2013)
[The Horror! The Horror!](#) Learning Network Lesson Plan by Amanda Christy Brown
[Monster Librarian Blog](#)
[Why It's Good to Scare Your Kids](#) from TLC Parentables (6/3/2011)
[Why Kids Like to Scare the Pants Off Themselves](#) from TLC Parentables (8/23/2012)
[Why Kids Love Scary Stories](#) from Random House Books Austrial (10/24/2011)

Book Trailers

[The Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls](#) by Claire Legrand
[Doll Bones](#) by Holly Black
[Every Other Day](#) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
[The Graveyard Book](#) by Neil Gaiman
[The Name of the Star](#) by Maureen Johnson
[Nightmarys](#) by Dan Poblocki

[Skulduggery Pleasant](#) by Derek Landy

[The Screaming Staircase](#) by Jonathan Stroud (This is my favorite trailer! SM)

[This Dark Endeavor](#) by Kenneth Oppel

[Wolf Rider](#) by Avi

[Zombie Tag](#) by Hannah Moskowitz