

Scary Stories For Children

For Younger Children

Picture Books

JE MAR

The Ghost-Eye Tree

by *Bill Martin*

A young brother and sister are sent out for milk after dark and have to pass the ghost-eye tree.... What will happen when they get there? Lots of suitably spooky illustrations and a chanted refrain that kids will not be able to resist!



Readers (Yellow Dots)

JE RDR FAR

No Howling in the House

by *Erica Farber*

Axel Howl cannot howl. His sister cannot fly. Can magic pie help them be like the rest of their family? Find more Farber in the Chapter Books: **Zombies Don't Do Windows** and **Kiss of the Mermaid (J CHP FAR)**.



JE RDR STA

The Headless Horseman

by *Natalie Standiford*

The classic story of Sleepy Hollow and Ichabod Crane retold for younger readers.

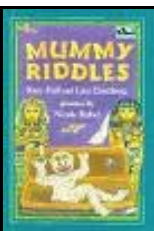
Easy Non-Fiction

JE 398.25 SCH

Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore

by *Alvin Schwartz*

Spooky and funny tales of ghost cats, haunted houses, ghosts who eat toast and ghosts who are teeny. Also by Schwartz: **In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories** (JE 398.25 SCH).



JE 818 HAL

Mummy Riddles

by *Katy Hall*

Where do mummies like to sit at the movies? Dead centre! Many more silly/scary riddles. Also by Hall: **Creepy Riddles** (JE 818 HAL).

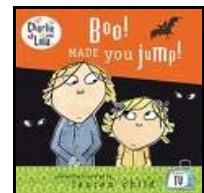
Easy Chapter Books (Purple Dots)—Story Collection

J CHP SC BOO

Boo! : Stories to Make You Jump

Gentle scary poems, stories and folktales with illustrations on every page.

Note: Look in the Mystery Paperbacks for the **"Scooby Doo"** books.



Easy Chapter Books (Purple Dots)

J CHP CHA

Don't Go into the Forest!

by *Veronika Martenova Charles*

Three friends on vacation tell each other spooky stories about other children who went into the forest and met with trouble. They know they're not supposed to go in either....



J CHP IMP

The Flat Man

by *Rose Impey*

A young boy has fun scaring himself with stories of The Flat Man, who creeps into his room at night. Also: **Scare Yourself to Sleep**.

J CHP KEE

I Dare You: Stories to Scare You

by *Kathleen Keeler*

Three gently scary stories about Hallowe'en night.



J CHP OCO

Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek

by *Jane O'Connor*

In these three short stories, a doll teaches a spoiled girl a lesson, a Hallowe'en costume is a bit too real and a strange dog greets the Greens in their new house. **Dragon Breath** is another in the series by O'Connor.

J CHP STA

Five Creepy Creatures

by *Judith Bauer Stamper*

A not-too-scary collection of funny and surprising tales and knock-knocks. Also by Stamper:

Five Haunted Houses.



J CHP VAN

Teeny Tiny Tingly Tales

by *Nancy Van Laan*

Three rhyming not-too-scary tales: **Old Doctor Wango Tango, It** and **The Hairy Toe**.

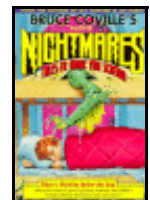
Scarier Stuff For Older Readers

Children's Fiction (Green Dots)—Story Collection

J SC BRU

Bruce Coville's Book of Nightmares: Tales to Make You Scream

A collection of wonderfully weird tales. He has two other equally scary collections called Bruce Coville's **Book of Aliens** and Bruce Coville's **Book of Monsters**. Great for sleepovers or camp-outs.





J SC DIA

Diane Goode's Book of Scary Stories & Songs

An illustrated collection of eerie stories, rhymes and poems from all around the world.

J SC GH0

The Ghost Story Treasury

Mysterious and spooky short stories and poems (but not too spooky for bedtime!) with lots of illustrations.



J SC OXF

The Oxford Book of Scarytales

This unusual collection of poems and stories ranges from funny to thought provoking. The illustrations are as varied as the collection, from watercolours to computer-enhanced.

J SC WAL

The Walker Book of Ghost Stories

Not all ghosts are scary. The ghosts in this collection are all different: old, young, kind, and evil. This book has beautiful illustrations by Angela Barrett. Note: we also have the US edition entitled **The Random House Book of Ghost Stories** (J SC RAN).



Children's Fiction (Green Dots)

J KEH

Terror at the Zoo

by *Peg Kehret*

A brother and sister are thrilled when they win a sleepover at the local zoo. They soon discover they are locked in with an escaped convict. Also by Kehret: **Earthquake Terror**, **The Flood Disaster** and **Horror at the Haunted House**.



J MAG

Seven Spiders Spinning

by *Gregory Maguire*

If you like funny scary stories, this is the series for you! Seven baby Siberian snow spiders have thawed from their glacier and are poised to attack a small town. The sequels are: Six Haunted Hairdos, Five Alien Elves, Four Stupid Cupids, Three Rotten Eggs, A Couple of April Fools and One Final Firecracker.



J MAH

The Haunting

by *Margaret Mahy*

Eight-year-old Barney is hearing voices and they tell him, "Barney is dead." His visions become more and more frightening, until he learns something strange about his family tree.



J MOU

Frankenstein

by *Chris Mould*

Mould retells and illustrates the classic story of a young man's search to discover the answers to life and death. He gives the same treatment to Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and The Hound of the Baskervilles.



J SAN

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

by *Robert D. San Souci (reteller)*

Gentle schoolteacher Ichabod Crane disappears in 18th century America. The Headless Horseman catches him at the bridge and he loses the beautiful Katrina to another. This is an illustrated, child's version of the classic Washington Irving tale.

J WIL

The Canterville Ghost

by *Oscar Wilde*

The new owners of Canterville Chase refuse to take the old ghost seriously...until their young daughter disappears after a series of hauntings. This blend of humour and horror is written in Victorian language and would make a good family read-aloud where unfamiliar words can be discussed.



J WRI

The Pike River Phantom

by *Betty Ren Wright*

Why can nobody but Charlie see the strange old woman living in the deserted house? Worse, why does she look younger every time he sees her? Wright is the award-winning author of other ghostly mysteries: **The Dollhouse Murders, A Ghost in the House, The Ghost Comes Calling** and more.

J ZOR

Mostly Monsters: Stories

by *Steven Zorn*

Great illustrations complement these spooky tales. You'll also like **Zorn's Mostly Ghostly**.



Children's Non-fiction

J 398.25 SAN

Short and Shivery: Thirty Chilling Tales

by *Robert D. San Souci*

These folktales are perfect for storytelling. Longer than the other collections in this booklist, these will really chill.



J 398.25 SCH

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark and Scary Stories 3: More Tales to Chill Your Bones

by *Alvin Schwartz*

Funny, scary and macabre short folktales collected from all parts of the United States. With eerie illustrations, these are for older readers.

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