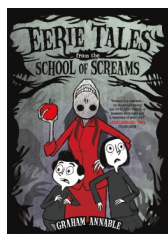




Children's Booklist 2025: Scary Stories

Grades 4-5



Eerie Tales from The School of Screams

by Graham Annable

Guaranteed to scare readers silly, this collection of five terrifying tales follows Davis and Emily as they listen to their classmates tell the spookiest, most chilling stories ever.



Empty Smiles

by Katherine Arden

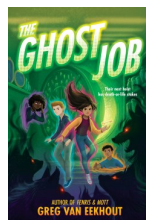
When the carnival arrives in town Coco, Brian, and Phil must work together to save Ollie from the smiling man.



The No-Brainer's Guide to Decomposition

by Adrianna Cuevas

This spooky middle grade novel follows Frani as she fights to stop the undead from rising in her father's body-farm laboratory?—that is, if she can embrace the true nature of her brain and its ADHD.



The Ghost Job

by Greg Van Eekhout

Stuck in the afterlife after an unfortunate lab accident, Zenith and her friends set out to steal a machine that could return them to the land of the living, hoping to pull off the score of their deathtimes.



It's Watching

by Lindsay Currie

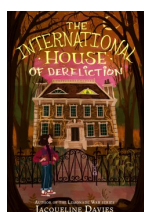
Josie and her best friends, Jackson and Alison, sneak into a haunted cemetery on Halloween night hoping to prove the existence of a famous ghost and instead get sinister memes on their phones and must.



Dread Detention

by Jennifer Killick

While in Saturday detention, Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira must work together to survive when unspeakable horrors emerge from the shadows and the evil grows stronger by the minute.



The International House of Dereliction

by Jacqueline Davies

Moving for the eleventh time and drawn to the condemned mansion she moves into next door, 10-year-old Alice decides to restore the house to its former glory and must help three ghosts solve their unfinished business.



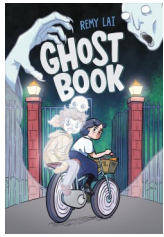
Screech School

by Jennifer Killick

When a horde of giant vampire birds that are after blood attack from above, Angelo and his friends must save their school—and the big dance—from these fearsome flying creatures that are unlike anything they've ever encountered.

Scary Stories

Grades 3-5



Ghost Book

by Remy Lai

After saving William, a wandering soul wavering between life and death, from a terrifying fate, Judy Chen and her first-ever friend work together to return him to his body only to discover that in order for him to live, she must die.



Felice and the Wailing Woman

by Diana López

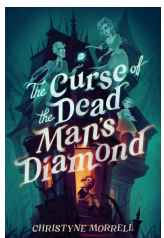
Arriving in Tres Leches to free her mother, the most famous monstruo of US-Mexico border lore, the 12-year-old daughter of La Llorona and her new friends work together to free the magical town from the curses that have haunted its people for generations.



Are You Afraid of the Dark: The Witch's Wings and Other Terrifying Tales

by Tehlor Kay Mejia

Guaranteed to keep readers up all night, this spine-tingling trio of stories, hauntingly brought to life, includes "The Tale of the Witch's Wings," in which a bully meets his match in an ancient witch.



The Curse of the Dead Man's Diamond

by Christyne Morrell

Moving from NYC to Florida, 12-year-old Charlie meets three ghosts who need her help finding a diamond in her house, and seeing this as her ticket home, she gets much more than she bargains for as she's forced to

confront her past.



Witchling: The Golden Frog Games

by Claribel A. Ortega

Ravenskill is hosting the Golden Frog Games, a magical tournament, but somebody is using forbidden hexes to turn contestants into stone.



The Old Willis Place : A Ghost Story (graphic novel)

by Scott Peterson

Bound to a decaying Victorian mansion by a mysterious set of rules, Diana is overjoyed when Lissa arrives with her father, the new caretaker of the estate, but discovers she could unleash evil forces beyond her control.



Seven Ghosts

by Chris Priestley

Jake and the other finalists in a ghost-story writing competition have been invited to tour Grimstone Hall, they'll learn about the seven ghosts who haunt the grounds! But strange shapes and shadows follow Jake as they move through the house, and the tour guide starts behaving very suspiciously.



Nightmare Hunter

by Brady Smith

Twelve-year-old Maxwell, who can enter and battle other kids' nightmares, has helped countless dreamers-until he meets Sid, whose increasingly eerie and inescapable nightmares make Maxwell question if he is trapped in one himself.



Cassi and the House of Memories

by Dean Stuart

Cassi loves spending time with her grandfather. But, this visit seems different: Grandpa seems to be losing track of things, from stories to who Cassi is. When he goes missing, Cassi attempts to find him. She discovers a world of memories. As she leaps from one memory to the next, she knows she's getting closer to finding her grandfather before he slip away forever.



The House That Whispers

by Lin Thompson

Feeling that something is wrong while spending the week at Nanaleen's century-old house, Simon launches a ghost hunt that reveals a story of his great aunt, whose life might hold answers to some of his worries.



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