SCARY STORIES
FOR YOUNG READERS

J Fic Auxier
Auxier, Jonathan. The Night Gardener.
Two Irish orphans arrive in England looking for work and end up at a mysterious English manor haunted by a spooky entity called the Night Gardener. Gr. 4-7 E-book

J Fic Black
Black, Holly. Doll Bones.
Zach, Alice, and Poppy embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl. Gr. 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Brallier
Brallier, Max. The Last Kids on Earth.
It’s been 42 days since the Monster Apocalypse began, and Jack is determined to both survive and rescue his crush, June, from zombies, monsters, and more. Gr. 3-6 E-book

J Fic Cummings
Cummings, Troy. Rise of the Balloon Goons.
(The Notebook of Doom) Alexander has just moved into a new town and there are a lot of strange scary things happening. Luckily he’s stumbled upon a notebook containing top secret information about monsters. Gr. 2-4 E-book

J Fic Gaiman
Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own. Gr. 4-7 E-book, Audiobook

J/YA Fic Gaiman (Newbery Award)
Except for his name and the fact that he was raised by ghosts in a graveyard, Nobody Owens is a normal boy. Gr. 4-7 E-book, Audiobook

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What do you know about wolves or vampires? Learn about the facts behind your favorite scary monsters, and more! Gr. 3-6

J 98.25 Schwartz
Schwartz, Alvin. Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.
Stories of ghosts and witches, “jump” stories, scary songs and modern-day scary stories are collected from American folklore by Alvin Schwartz. Gr. 4-6

J 98.27 Mo
More Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World.
Selected and retold by Arielle North Olson and Howard Schwartz.
Gather around the campfire or in the living room and answer questions like: Can you outrun a corpse? Escape an evil wizard? Gr. 4-6

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Terrifying Tales. (Guys Read) Edited by Jon Scieszka
A collection of eleven spooky stories written by masters of suspense – including R.L. Stine, Michael Buckley, and more! Gr. 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

J/YA/Adult H 98.2 Ha
Hawaii’s Best Spooky Tales: True Local Spine-Tinglers. Collected by Rick Carroll.
Stories of “chicken skin” experiences and ghostly encounters in urban Honolulu and on the neighbor islands. Gr. 4-up

Compiled by Amy Lau-Kurozumi
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Took: A Ghost Story.
At first Daniel doesn’t believe the stories he hears about a witch called Old Auntie, but he is forced to accept that she is real when his little sister, Erica, is “took” to become Auntie’s slave for the next fifty years.
Gr. 4-7 E-book

The Curse of the Were-Hyena.
When Mr. Chu, their coolest teacher, starts acting strange, they learn that he is becoming a were-hyena. Carlos and Benny must find out how to stop the transition – before it’s too late! Gr. 3-6

The Curse of the Boggin.
Strange things have been happening near Marcus and he is determined to find out why. He discovers the Library, which is filled with unfinished stories. Gr. 4-6

Elizabeth and Zenobia.
Elizabeth and her friend Zenobia move into her father’s childhood home, a creepy old manor. Zenobia is convinced that the house is haunted and is determined to find a ghost. Gr 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

Spirit Hunters.
Harper’s family has just moved into a new house, which she discovers is haunted. Soon afterwards her brother starts to be possessed by an evil spirit. Can Harper save her brother? Gr. 4-6 E-book

The Gathering.
Five kids are tricked into entering a mysterious house – one that will not allow them to leave! Can they find a way out? Gr. 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

Home Sweet Horror.
Liam, Kelly, and their dad just moved into a creepy house. Kelly’s friend summons a spirit and terrifying events start to happen all around the house. Gr. 2-5 E-book

Sleepy Hollow Sleepover.
Three friends are enjoying Halloween fun in Sleepy Hollow, New York, home of the legendary Headless Horseman. But when unplanned spooky things start happening, they investigate whether a real headless horseman may be to blame. Gr. 2-3 E-book

Dare to Be Scared: Thirteen Stories to Thrill and Chill.
This collection offers scary stories that range from amusingly macabre to downright spooky, all featuring kids as main characters. Gr. 4-6

Zombie Kid.
Three friends, known as the “Three Monsterteers”, are obsessed with Halloween and other spooky things. But what happens when one of them becomes a zombie? Gr 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

City of Ghosts.
Cassidy’s parents, paranormal history authors, take their family to Edinburgh to investigate the most haunted places in Scotland. This is exciting, but also scary for Cassidy, who has the power to cross “the Veil” and see ghosts ever since having a near-death experience. Gr. 5-8 E-book

Nightmares!
Charlie believes his new stepmom is a witch, causing him to have nightmares about witches. These nightmares open a portal to the Netherworld, where President Evil lurks. Gr. 4-6 E-book, Audiobook

Hoodoo.
Hoodoo is the only one in his family that can’t do folk magic. But when a strange man shows up in town, Hoodoo needs to learn how to use magic to save his town and family. Gr 4-6 E-book

Ghostopolis.
Garth Hale finds himself in the spirit world with powers the ghosts don’t have, and he’s searching for a way back home. Gr. 4-7 E-book

Graveyard Shakes.
After running away from their private boarding school, two sisters find themselves stranded in the underworld of a nearby graveyard. With the help of a ghost and the undead son of a mad scientist, the girls try to escape. Gr. 4-6

The Return of the Graveyard Ghost.
Taking a shortcut through the Greenfield Cemetery, the Aldens stumble across a local superstition which maintains that visitors are required to leave gifts or suffer the wrath of a malevolent ghost. Gr. 2-5