

# Horror Tales for Teens

## Simply Scary

### *Thirsty*

By M.T. Anderson, 1997

[Y ANDERSON](#)

From the moment he knows that he is destined to be a vampire, Chris thirsts for the blood of people around him while also struggling to remain human.

### *Something Wicked This Way Comes*

by Ray Bradbury, 1990

[Y BRADBURY](#)

When a carnival rolls into town, two best friends begin to learn the secret of its smoke, mazes and mirrors as they confront a nightmarish evil that will change their lives forever.

### *A Great and Terrible Beauty*

By Libba Bray, 2004

[Y BRAY](#)

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

### *Skeleton Man*

By Joseph Bruchac, 2003

[Y BRUCHAC](#)

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

### *Prom Dates from Hell*

by Rosemary Clement-Moore, 2007

[Y CLEMENT-MOORE](#)

High school senior and yearbook photographer Maggie thought she would rather die than go to prom, but when a classmate summons a revenge-seeking demon, she has no choice but to buy herself a dress and prepare to face jocks, cheerleaders and Evil Incarnate.

### *Tell Me What You See*

by Zoran Drvenkar, 2005

[Y DRVENKAR](#)

On a secret visit to her father's grave, sixteen-year-old Alissa discovers the crypt of a child and acquires terrible powers from which only her friend Evelin can save her.

### *Neverwhere*

by Neil Gaiman, 1997

[Y GAIMAN](#)

When Richard Mayhew stops to help a girl who is bleeding on a London sidewalk, his life is forever altered as he finds himself propelled into an alternate reality that exists in an underworld labyrinth of sewer canals and abandoned subway stations below London.

### *Bliss*

By Lauren Myracle, 2008

[Y MYRACLE](#)

Having grown up in a California commune, Bliss sees her aloof grandmother's Atlanta world as a foreign country, but she is determined to be nice as a freshman at an elite high school, which makes her the perfect target for Sandy, a girl obsessed with the occult.

***Daemon Hall***

**by Andrew Nance, 2007**

**[Y NANCE](#)**

Famous horror story writer R. U. Tremblin comes to the town of Maplewood to hold a short story writing contest, offering the five finalists the chance to spend what turns out to be a terrifying--and deadly--night with him in a haunted house.

***The Book of Dead Days***

**by Marcus Sedgwick, 2004**

**[Y SEDGWICK](#)**

With the help of his servant and an orphan girl, a magician named Valerian searches graveyards, churches and underground waterways for a book he hopes will save him from a pact he has made with evil.

***My Swordhand is Singing***

**by Marcus Sedgwick, 2007**

**[Y SEDGWICK](#)**

In the dangerous dark of winter in an Eastern European village during the early seventeenth century, Peter learns from a gypsy girl that the Shadow Queen is behind the recent murders and reanimations and his father's secret past may hold the key to stopping her.

***Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus***

**by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, 2003**

**[Y SHELLEY](#)**

A brilliant scientist discovers how to create life, but also creates a monster in the process.

***The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde***

**by Robert Louis Stevenson, 2005**

**[Y STEVENSON](#)**

A respectable Doctor by day becomes a very scary man at night.

***Dead High Yearbook***

**[Y GRAPHIC VELEZ, 2007](#)**

Eight intertwining tales about teenagers from the same school who die horrible deaths throughout the school year and come to rest somewhere between life and death.

***The Last Days: a Novel***

**by Scott Westerfeld, 2006**

**[Y WESTERFELD](#)**

As an ancient evil stirs beneath the streets of New York City, infecting rats and people like a plague, five quirky teens come together to form a "New Sound" band whose music seems to have paranormal power.

***The Haunting of Alazabel Cray***

**by Chris Wooding, 2004**

**[Y WOODING](#)**

As Thaniel, a wych-hunter and Cathaline, his friend and mentor, try to rid the alleys of London's Old Quarter of the terrible creatures that infest them, their lives become entwined with that of a woman who may be either mad or possessed.

## **Horribly Scary Short Stories**

***Gothic! Ten Original Dark Tales***

**edited by Deborah Noyes**

**[Y STORIES GOTHIC](#)**

Stories by various authors, including Joan Aiken, Barry Yourgrau, Neil Gaiman and Garth Nix

***The Restless Dead***

by Deborah Noyes

[Y STORIES RESTLESS](#)

This companion to *Gothic!* explores why we fear the undead.

***Haunted: A Novel of Stories***

by Chuck Palahniuk

[Y PALAHNIUK](#)

Twenty-three horrifying, hilarious and stomach-churning stories told by people who unwittingly joined a "Survivor"-like scenario where the host withholds heat, power and food.

***Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness***

by Edgar Allan Poe; illustrated by Gris Grimley

[Y POE](#)

An illustrated version of the short stories: *The Masque of the Red Death*, *Hop Frog*, *The Black Cat* and *The Fall of the House of Usher*.

***Darkness Creeping: Twenty Twisted Tales***

by Neal Shusterman

[Y SHUSTERMAN](#)

Walk on the dark side with this classic collection of masterfully creepy stories so horrifying you may have to read them twice to remind yourself they're not real.

***All Hallows' Eve: 13 Stories***

by Vivian Vande Velde

[Y VANDE VELDE](#)

Presents thirteen tales of Halloween horrors, including ghosts, vampires and pranks gone awry.

***Being Dead***

by Vivian Vande Velde

[Y VANDE VELDE](#)

Seven supernatural stories, all having something to do with death.

## Series-ly Spooky

***The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod***

by Heather Brewer

[Y BREWER](#)

For thirteen years Vlad has kept secret that he is half-vampire. When his missing teacher is replaced by a sinister substitute, he learns that there is more to being a vampire than he imagined.

***Wicked Dead series***

by Stefan Petrucha

[Y PETRUCHA](#)

The series title says it all.

***Demonata series***

by Darren Shan

[Y SHAN](#)

Presumably the only witness to the horrific and bloody murder of his entire family, a teenage boy must outwit not only the mental health professionals determined to cure his delusion, but also the demonic forces only he can see.

***The Hollow series***

by Christopher Golden

[Y GOLDEN](#)

When a string of grisly decapitation murders occurs in the famed village of Sleepy Hollow, newcomers Aimee and Shane Lancaster suspect a supernatural killer.

***Raven's Gate***

**by Anthony Horowitz**

**Y HOROWITZ**

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

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