

Scary Stories for Kids

A Guide to the Other Side

Imfeld, Robert

Find It: J IMF

Thirteen-year-old Baylor Bosco does not like ghosts, but as a medium he sees them--including his twin sister Kristina--everywhere but Kristina disappears after a strange ghost shows up and Baylor must try to find her on his own.

Charlie and the Grandmothers

Towell, Katy

Find It: J TOW

When fearful twelve-year-old Charlie and his bolder younger sister are sent to visit a grandmother they never knew they had, they discover a dark secret.

DeadEndia. The Broken Halo

Steele, Hamish

Find It: J GN DEA V.2

It's been weeks since Dead End was destroyed and as it reopens as a hotel, resident tour guide turned hotel manager Norma is determined to leave the ghosts of the past where they belong. But with her friendship with Barney up in the air and angels and demons using the hotel as their literal wrestling ring, Norma soon finds that unwanted ghosts can appear at any moment, especially when they're your own.

DeadEndia. The Watcher's Test

Steele, Hamish

Find It: J GN DEA V.1

Barney needs a job and a place to live. Luckily, he finds both in Dead End, a theme park haunted house! Unfortunately, Dead End also serves as a portal to hell. Along with his best friend Norma and talking dog Pugsley, he must battle demonic party poopers, undead country singers and scariest of all: his love life.

The Doll's Eye

Cohen, Marina

Find It: J COH

The day Hadley discovers the lone glass eye in the empty attic of her new house is the day her life changes forever.

The Last Chance Hotel

Thornton, Nicki

Find It: J THO

Seth is the oppressed kitchen boy at the remote Last Chance Hotel. But when a strange gathering of magicians arrives for dinner, their leader is poisoned. A locked-room murder investigation ensues and Seth is the main suspect. Can he solve the mystery and clear his name, especially when magic's afoot?

Mothman's Curse

Hayes, Christine

Find It: J HAY

When Josie and her brother Fox discover the truth behind the legend of the Mothman, they must stop a disaster in order to break the curse that has been afflicting their town.

The Nest

Oppel, Kenneth

Find It: J OPP

When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

Nightbooks

White, J.A.

Find It: J WHI

Alex's original hair-raising tales are the only thing keeping the witch Natacha happy, but soon he'll run out of pages to read from and be trapped forever. He's loved scary stories his whole life, and he knows most don't have a happily ever after. Now that Alex is trapped in a true terrifying tale, he's desperate for a different ending and a way out of this twisted place.

Pan's Labyrinth: The Labyrinth of the Faun

Toro, Guillermo del

Find It: J DEL

Set in post-civil war Spain, a young girl flees the home of her cruel step-father into an underground fantasy world where she encounters a strange creature and a terrifying battle between good and evil.

The Scare School

Stine, R.L.

Find It: J GN JUS

Middle grade supernatural horror series takes young readers Just Beyond the reality they know... Just B Middle school feels like the worst place imaginable, but for Jess, Josh, and Marco, their school may actually be the worst place in this world... or any other! After a chance encounter with a deadly creature stalking the school halls, these three unsuspecting students are whisked away to a horrifying realm beyond the school boiler room where they must unravel a terrifying mystery.

Scream and Scream Again

Stine, R.L.

Find It: J STI

A collection of scary short stories with contributions from Bruce Hale, Heather Graham, and Daniel Palmer.

Serafina and the Black Cloak

Beatty, Robert

Find It: J BEA

In 1899, a twelve-year-old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore estate teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

Serafina and the Twisted Staff

Beatty, Robert

Find It: J BEA

In 1899, when an evil threatens all the humans and animals of the Blue Ridge Mountains, twelve-year-old Serafina, rat catcher for the Biltmore estate and the daughter of a shapeshifting mountain lion, must search deep inside herself and embrace the destiny that awaits her.

The Shadow Hand
Shephard, Kat

Find It: J SHE

When babysitter Rebecca discovers that a sinister ruler of darkness has replaced the baby with a changeling, she and her friends must save him by surviving a chilling journey through the Nightmare Realm.

Strange Star
Carroll, Emma

Find It: J CAR

Told primarily by servant Felix, a former slave, Lord Byron and friends gather to tell ghost stories on a stormy night in 1816 Switzerland, but a scarred girl arrives with her own dark and dangerous tale.

Trapped in Room 217
Troupe, Thomas Kingsley

Find It: J TRO

Something is haunting Jayla Walters's Colorado hotel room--Room 217 of the Stanley Hotel."

Series

Binder of Doom
Cummings, Troy

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Goosebumps
Stine, R.L.

Find It: J SER GOO

Goosebumps Most Wanted
Stine, R.L.

Find It: J SER GOS MOS

Goosebumps Slappyworld
Stine, R.L.

Find It: J SER GOO SLA

The Last Kids on Earth and the Nightmare King
Brallier, Max

Find It: J SER LAS

Library of Doom: The Final Chapters
Dahl, Michael

Find It: J SER LIB FIN