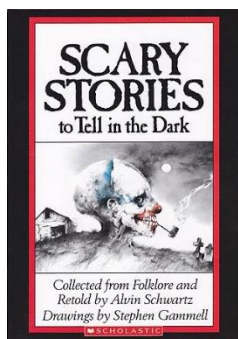
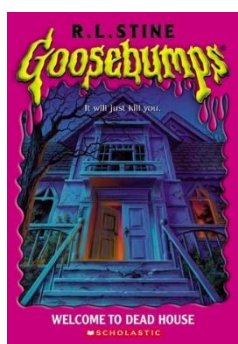


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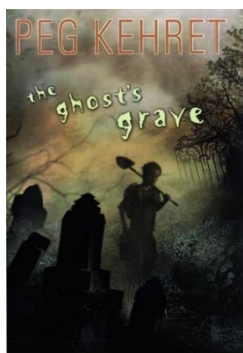
[Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark](#) by Alvin Schwartz

Stephen Gammell's splendidly creepy drawings perfectly capture the mood of more than two dozen scary stories, just right for reading alone or for telling aloud in the dark. The first in a series of three, for those who want to keep the chills going...



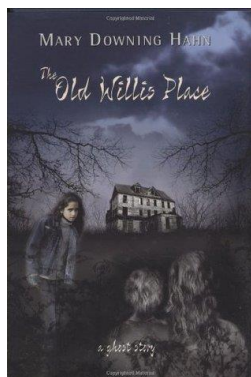
[Goosebumps series](#) by R.L. Stein

From “Welcome to Dead House” to “Monster Blood IV”, this prolific series provides endless horror...



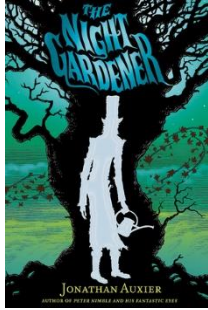
[The Ghost's Grave](#) by Peg Kehret

What Josh thought would be the dulllest summer of his life, spent with his eccentric great-aunt, turns chilling when he meets the ghost of a coal miner killed in a mine explosion.



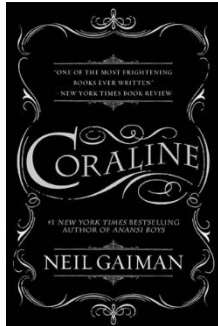
[Mary Downing Hahn](#)- any and all of them!

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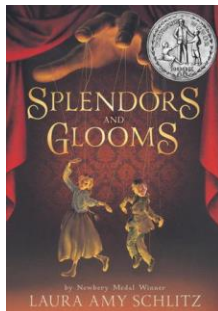
[The Night Gardener](#) by Jonathan Auxier

Two abandoned Irish siblings travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its family are not quite what they seem. Soon the children are confronted by a mysterious ghost and an ancient curse that threatens their very lives.



[Coraline](#) by Neil Gaiman

The New York Times Book Review called this “One of the most frightening books ever written.” See for yourself...



[Splendors and Glooms](#) by Laura Amy Schlitz

An evil puppet master, a magical amulet, a witch with a deadly inheritance...this gothic novel set in Victorian London that is sure to creep you out...



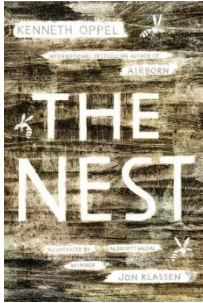
[Small Spaces](#) by Katherine Arden

Winner of the 2019-2020 VT Middle Grade Book Award! This author calls Vermont home, and one of her goals in this book was to capture everything she loves about fall in Vermont, the beautiful and the creepy....



[John Bellairs](#)- any and all of them!

Most of these books were published in the 1970's, and their admittedly outdated covers are not exactly eye candy for today's kids, but these gothic mysteries are still so worth it!



[The Nest](#) by Kenneth Oppel

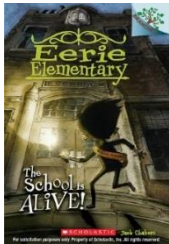
A mysterious wasp queen invades the dreams of a young boy with too many worries on his mind. Very creepy.



[The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch](#) by Joseph Delaney

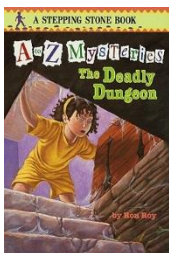
Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son and has been apprenticed to the local Spook. Somehow Thomas must learn how to exorcise ghosts, contain witches and bind boggarts. But when he is tricked into freeing Mother Malkin, the most evil witch in the County, the horror begins...

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