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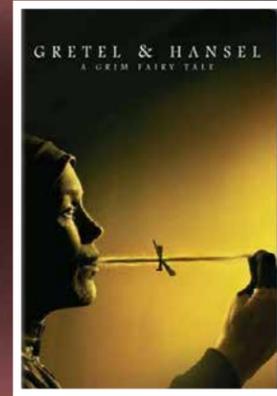
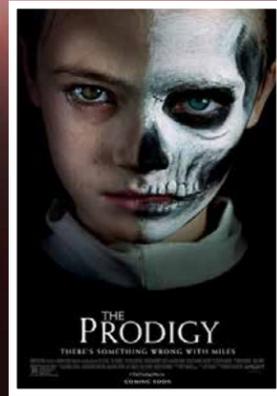
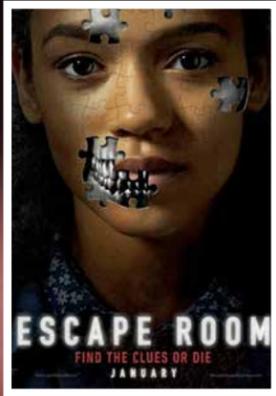
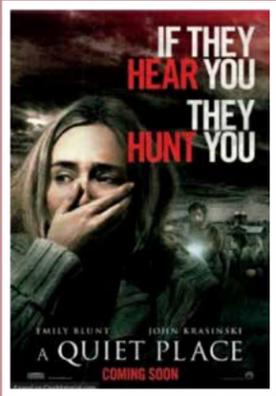
OUR LISTS OF
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9 Haunting Horror Movies

Willy's Wonderland

Forced into a janitorial job at an abandoned amusement park to pay for car repairs, a lone drifter soon discovers that he is trapped inside. To escape he must battle the possessed animatronic mascots that roam the park.

A Quiet Place

In this post-apocalyptic film, a family must learn to live in silence in order to avoid death by monsters with ultra-sensitive hearing.

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Aspiring costume designer, Sarah, moves into a one-bedroom apartment in L.A, unaware that the complex is owned by a cult who uses torture to force new residents to join their movement.

Escape Room

Six strangers from varied backgrounds are given a puzzle cube with tickets to an escape room to win money. They quickly learn that escaping the room might mean life or death.

Relic

When elderly Edna vanishes, daughter Kay, and granddaughter Sam rush to the family's countryside home. Quickly upon arrival, it is evident that the house is decaying and haunted by the same dementia that has taken over Edna.

The Prodigy

When Sarah's son, Miles starts exhibiting strange behaviour, she becomes convinced that he is possessed by a demon. To protect her son, Sarah sets out on a mission to discover the truth.

Lights Out

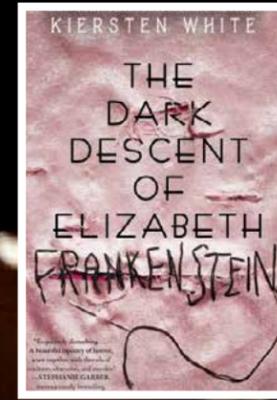
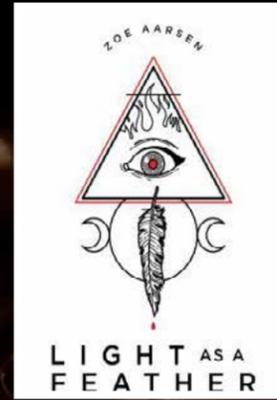
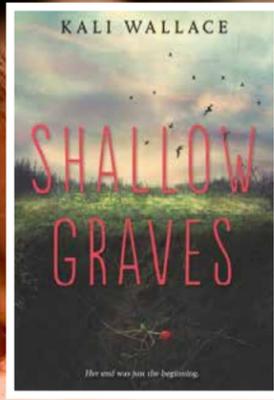
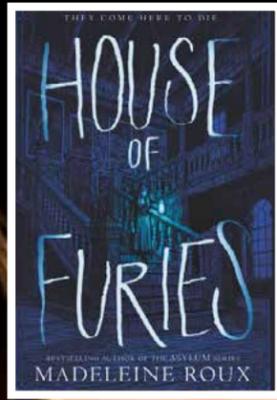
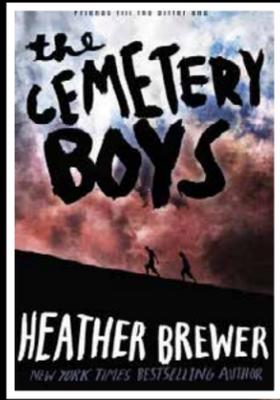
In this horror film, a young woman fights to protect her younger brother from a monster that only reveals itself in total darkness. Soon they both learn the monster is connected to their mentally-ill mother and her dark past.

Gretel & Hansel

In this atmospheric horror film influenced by the original fairy tale, a young girl leads her brother into a terrifying lair of evil, in a desperate search for food.

The Beach House

In hopes of rekindling their relationship, college students Emily and Randall plan a romantic getaway at a beach house. Their stay however turns apocalyptic as a mysterious and poisonous airborne microbe makes its way to the house.



8 Books for Surefire YA Scares

[The Cemetery Boys](#)

by Zac Brewer

After his mother becomes too ill to care for him, Stephen moves to the small midwestern town where his father grew up. However, the town comes with a dark and sinister legend and his new group of friends seem to be caught in the middle of it.

[House of Furies](#)

by Madeleine Roux

Set in 1809 England, Louisa Ditton, a newly hired maid at the Coldthistle house, quickly learns that the owner, Mr. Morningside, intends to serve his own form of justice on his guests.

[There's Someone Inside Your House](#)

by Stephanie Perkins

As if the move from Hawaii to Nebraska was not hard enough, Makani Young's new school and classmates seem to be the target of a serial killer. An intense psychological thriller mixed with aspects of true realism make this novel all the more disturbing.

[Shallow Graves](#)

by Kali Wallace

One year after her murder, seventeen-year-old Breezy suddenly wakes up in the grave where she was buried. With no memories of what happened, Breezy sets out on a journey to discover her unlife, and to navigate her new powers of "seeing" murders.

[The Companion](#)

by Katie Alender

Although she is an orphan, to many, Margot is 'lucky'. Chosen by the incredibly wealthy and prestigious Sutton family, Margot soon learns her intended role in her new family is to act as a companion to their beautiful but sinister daughter Agatha.

[Light as A Feather](#)

by Zoe Aarsen

An elite group of girls attend a party where the new mysterious girl suggests they play a game to predict how each member will die. When one of the girls dies as predicted, the group attempts to end the mysterious girl's game.

[The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein](#)

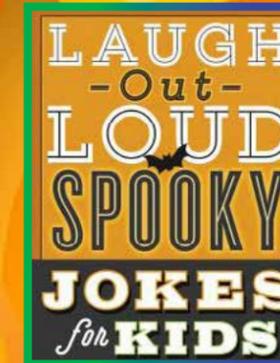
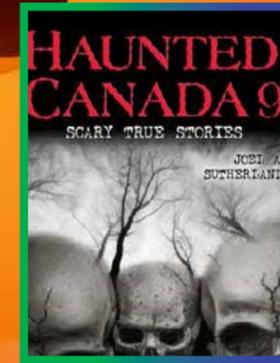
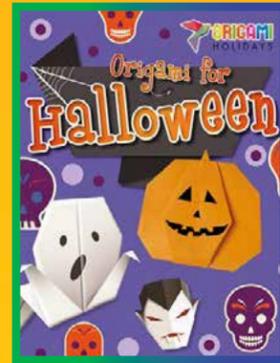
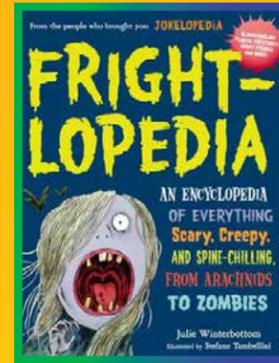
by Kiersten White

A retelling of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein told from the perspective of Elizabeth Lavenza, an adopted child brought as a companion for young Victor Frankenstein.

[Give Me A K-I-L-L](#)

by R.L. Stein

New to Shadyside High School, Gretchen, is determined to make the cheerleader squad but so is last year's alternative Derva. The competition for the spot turns deadly, in this rapidly twisting suspenseful novel.



8 Kids' Books for Halloween

[Eye-Popping Jack-O'-Lanterns](#)

by Mary Meinking

If you're looking for ideas to carve your jack o'-lantern, this is the book for you! From aliens to werewolves, these spooky designs are sure to scare.

[Make a Creepy Costume Your Way!](#)

by Elsie Olson

This book is a practical step-by-step guide to creating a variety of creepy costumes.

[Frightlopedia](#)

by Julie Winterbottom

An A-Z guide to spooky subjects like mythological monsters, ghost stories, and the world's scariest places. The hands-on activities are sure to frighten your family.

[Origami for Halloween](#)

by Robyn Hardyman

Make your own Halloween decorations, such as ghosts, bats, and jack-o'-lanterns, using this book's simple instructions and colourful photos.

[Halloween Crafts](#)

by Annalees Lim

Easy and fun crafts, like zombie finger puppets and paper plate mummies, that kids can make with common household items. Perfect for young children.

[Haunted Canada 9](#)

by Joel A. Sutherland

Prepare to be scared by this collection of terrifying tales from across Canada from award-winning author Joel A. Sutherland.

[Laugh-Out-Loud Spooky Jokes for Kids](#)

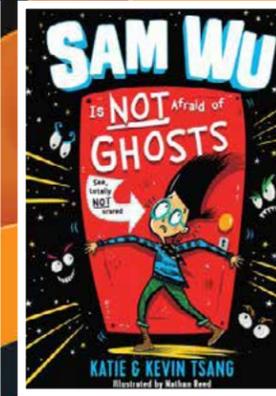
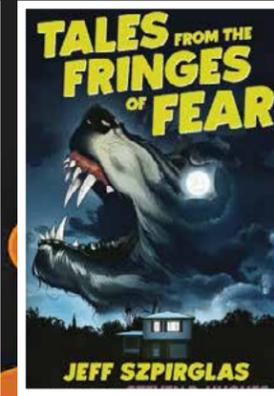
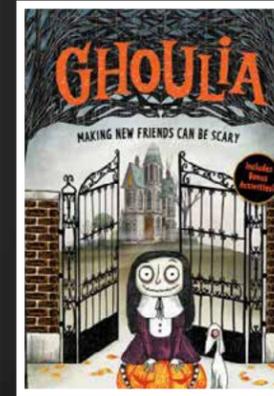
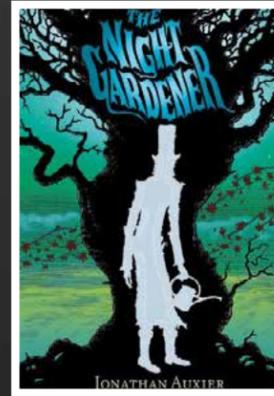
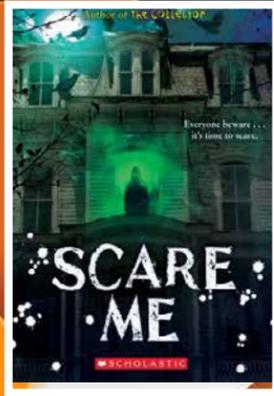
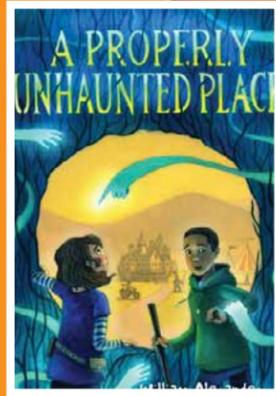
by Rob Elliott

Make your Halloween hilarious with this book full of silly jokes that will leave your family cackling.

[Celebrate Halloween](#)

by Deborah Heiligman

Halloween costumes and trick-or-treating are so much fun, but where did these traditions come from? In this informative book, young readers will learn the history of this haunted holiday and how it is celebrated around the world.



10 Spooky Stories for Kids

[A Properly Unhaunted Place](#)

by William Alexander

In this fast-paced mystery, Rosa and Jasper live in the only town that isn't haunted. When they begin to suspect that ghosts are trying to take over the town, they must work together to save it.

[Scare Me](#)

by K. R. Alexander

Every year, the children of Happy Hills come up with scares for the annual haunted house contest. This year, the house has come to life and the scares are happening for real. A spine-tingling middle grade novel perfect for horror fans.

[Haunted Hospital](#)

by Marty Chan

In this creepy ghost story, a group of friends gather in an abandoned hospital to play the role-playing game Spirits and Specters. They soon discover the building might actually be haunted by the ghosts of former patients.

[The Haunting](#)

by Lindsey Duga

In this eerie historical novel, orphan Emily is happy to move to Blackthorn Manor with her new parents, until strange things start happening. It's as if the house is trying to kill her. Can Emily figure out what's going on before it's too late?

[Don't Let the Doll In](#)

by Mike Ford

In this frightening, fast-paced novel, Mara is excited to bring home her new doll, Charlotte, to live in her dollhouse, until she notices some unusual things. Could the doll be haunted, and is Mara in danger?

[The Night Gardener](#)

by Jonathan Auxier

In this mesmerizing fantasy story, siblings Molly and Kip get more than they bargained for when they accept jobs at the Windsor house. The house has been cursed by a mysterious spirit called the Night Gardener, and it's up to them to break the spell.

[Thirteens](#)

by Kate Alice Marshall

In this chilling and suspenseful tale, Eleanor and her friends Pip and Otto can see "wrong" things that others can't. When they learn the truth behind their ability, they must work together to save themselves.

[Ghoulia](#)

by Barbara Cantini

Zombie girl Ghoulia longs for a friend, but other children are afraid of her. On Halloween night, she can blend in with the kids in their costumes and finally try to make a friend. A funny and heartwarming book about friendship and being yourself.

[Tales From the Fringes of Fear](#)

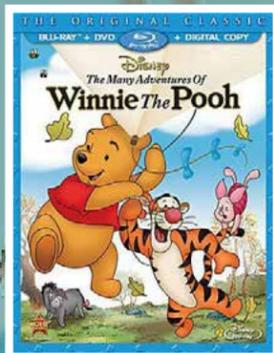
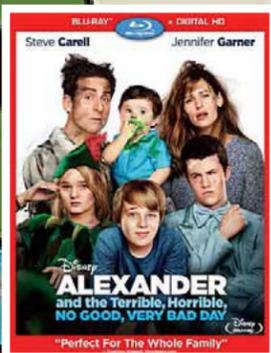
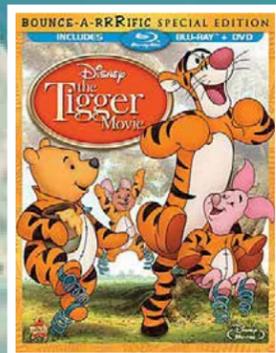
by Jeff Szpirglas

This well-written and often humorous short story collection features thirteen chilling tales that will keep you up at night.

[Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts](#)

by Katie Tsang

After embarrassing himself on a school trip, Sam sets out to prove he's not a scaredy cat by going on a ghost hunt. A laugh-out-loud story about overcoming fear that is the first in a series.



8 Best Autumn Movies for Kids

[The Tigger Movie!](#)

An animated musical comedy produced by Walt Disney. It's light-hearted and enjoyable for the entire family!

[Free Birds](#)

An animated, time-travel adventure about two turkeys, who tell the story of the first Thanksgiving, from their perspectives. A hilarious, quirky cartoon that will keep both parents and children laughing.

[The Little Rascals](#)

A mischievous group of youngsters lead an anti-girl organization, and they pick Alfalfa to lead their group. Trouble begins when Alfalfa develops a crush on his schoolmate, Darla Hood.

[Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs](#)

Jealous of Snow White's beauty, the wicked queen orders the murder of her innocent stepdaughter, but later discovers that Snow White is still alive and hiding in a cottage with seven friendly little miners.

[Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day](#)

Eleven-year-old Alexander is having a rough day and wonders if only bad things will happen to him going forward. A remarkable story that teaches perseverance and strength of character.

[The Peanuts Movie](#)

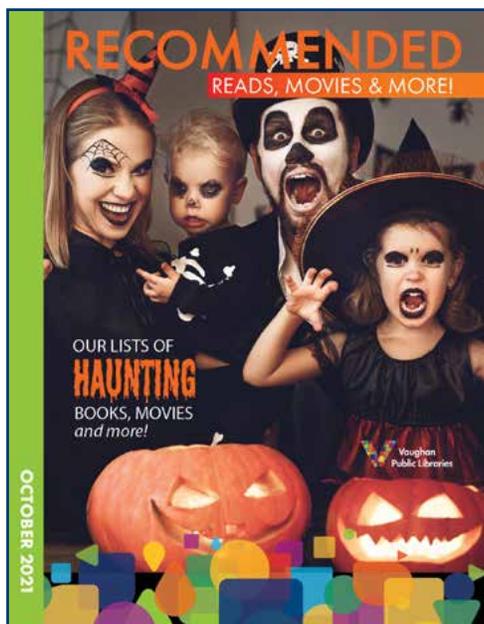
When a little girl moves into Charlie Brown's neighborhood, he quickly becomes enamored with her. Charlie decides to embark on a series of adventures, hoping that the new girl will notice him.

[The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh](#)

This movie follows Winnie the Pooh as he battles a nest of vicious bees over a trove of honey, weathers a terrible storm and endures the quirks of the hyperactive tiger, Tigger.

[The Fox and the Hound](#)

An animated Disney classic about the unlikely friendship of a red fox named Tod and a hound dog named Cooper. The two friends struggle to preserve their friendship amidst natural instincts.



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