



Halloween Books (Grades 4-6)

Ask the Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World by Arielle North Olson

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What is real and what is imaginary? Do evil creatures lurk in the shadows? Do demons attack the helpless? In *Ask the Bones*, master storytellers Arielle North Olson and Howard Schwartz retell a varied selection of the world's most frightening folktales. Be warned--these stories could scare you to death!

The Best (worst) Halloween Ever by Barbara Robinson

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Every Halloween, the six Herdman kids steal candy, spray-paint other kids, and take everything that isn't nailed down. And this year promises to be the same, until the Mayor decides to up and cancel Halloween. True, that means there'd be no Herdman trouble to contend with, but that also means no candy, no costumes, and no trick-or-treating! Is it possible that the Herdmans themselves could make what looks like a horrible Halloween into the best one ever?

The Books of Elsewhere Volume 1: The Shadows by Jacqueline West

J WES

When eleven-year-old Olive moves into the crumbling old mansion on Linden Street, she thinks there's something weird about the place, especially the walls covered in creepy antique paintings. But when she finds a pair of old-fashioned glasses in a dusty drawer, she discovers the most peculiar thing yet. She can travel inside these paintings to Elsewhere, a world that's strangely quiet and eerily sinister. Soon Olive finds herself caught in a plan darker and more dangerous than she could have imagined, confronting a power that wants to be rid of her by any means necessary. It's up to her to save the house from the shadows, before the lights go out for good.

Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery by James Howe

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Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household -- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

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Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three other children.

The Dark-thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural by Pat McKissack

J MCK

A collection of ghost stories with African American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before sunset--when ghosts seem all too believable.

Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich by Adam Rex

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Being a monster isn't just about frightening villagers and sucking blood. Monsters have their trials, too. Poor Frankenstein's cupboard is bare, Wolfman is in need of some household help, and it's best not to get started on Dracula's hygiene issues. What could be scarier? These nineteen hilarious poems delve into the secret lives of the Creature from the Black Lagoon, Bigfoot, Godzilla, and others.

Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve by Mary Pope Osborne

J OSB

Jack and Annie have never been anywhere like this. In the distance, a haunted castle looms dark against the light of the moon. No candles burn in its windows. No laughter rings through its halls. What has happened to the castle and the people who lived there? Merlin the magician asks Jack and Annie to find out. But are they brave enough to brush the cobwebs aside and step through the creaking doors? And are they smart enough to solve the mystery of how the castle became haunted?

The House with a Clock in Its Walls by John Bellairs

J BEL

A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

J IRV

The story follows Ichabod Crane, a strange and superstitious teacher, who seeks to win the affection of Katrina Van Tassel, the daughter of a wealthy farmer in the town of Sleepy Hollow. Upon leaving a party hosted by the Van Tassels, Crane is chased by a Headless Horseman -- the ghost of a Hessian soldier, and disappears. What happened to Ichabod Crane?

Ripley's Believe It or Not!: Enter If You Dare by Geoff Tibballs

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A compendium of incredible bizarre facts, stories, interviews and features, this book also offers access to a fully-integrated website featuring astounding clips, and two 8-page pull out gatefold sections, one featuring vampires.

The Scary Stories Treasury: Three Books to Chill Your Bones by Alvin Schwartz

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Traditional and modern-day stories of ghosts, haunts, superstitions, monsters, and horrible scary things are recounted in this anthology of horror.

Splurch Academy for Disruptive Boys: The Rat Brain Fiasco by Julie Berry

J BER

When Cody Mack is called to the principal's office yet again, he finds something far worse than detention awaiting him: Splurch Academy, a frightfully sinister boarding school for disobedient children run by a group of monstrous teachers.

A Tale Dark and Grim by Adam Gidwitz

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In this mischievous and dark tale, Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic Grimm-inspired tales. As readers follow the siblings through a forest brimming with menacing foes, they learn the true story behind (and beyond) the bread crumbs, edible houses, and outwitted witches.

The Widow's Broom by Chris Van Allsburg

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A widow finds herself in possession of an extraordinary broom left by a witch who fell into the widow's garden.

The Witch Family by Eleanor Estes

J EST

Old Witch, Little Witch Girl, Weeny Witch, and two real girls come together in a fantasy that blends the worlds of reality and imagination. This tale is a Halloween classic about the power of make-believe.

The Witches of Dredmoore Hollow by Riford McKenzie

J MCK

It comes as a shock to 11-year-old Elijah to find his Aunt Serena and Aunt Agnes descend upon his family since his mother had never told her husband or son that she had siblings. Fifteen years earlier, the women had quarreled, were under a curse, and had broken a magic cauldron. And now the aunts have come because they needed their nephew to reverse the spell. These truly evil women "remove" his parents, kidnap him, and take him to their fiendish, squalid house to do their dastardly deeds. Unable to escape, he is put under spells, but discovers that he, too, has magical powers. It's a good thing because time after time Elijah and his new friend, Dez, are in deep trouble and need magic to escape.

The Witches of Worm by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

J SNY

Cats. Jessica's never liked them. Especially not a skinny, ugly kitten that looks like a worm. Worm. Jessica wishes she'd never brought Worm home with her, because now he's making her do terrible things. She's sure she isn't imagining the evil voice coming from the cat, telling her to play mean tricks on people. But how can she explain what's happening? Witches. Jessica has read enough books to know that Worm must be a witch's cat. He's cast a spell on her, but whom can she turn to? After all, no one will believe that Worm has bewitched her...or worse!

Zombiekins by Kevin Bolger

J BOL

Stanley Nudelman turns the boring town of Dementedville on its head when he buys a mysterious toy at his neighbor's yard sale. Sure, Zombiekins looks cuddly and creepy-cute - but expose him to moonlight, and strange things happen. When Stanley brings Zombiekins to school, he unleashes the worst zombie plague in fourth-grade history! Can Stanley find the courage to save the day before his teachers notice the class is full of zombies? Or will he soon join the ranks of the snuggily UNDEAD?

