



Rich Read Recommendations



Spooky Stories Special - 2022



With the autumn nights fast approaching, we have created a special spooky stories newsletter for you all. Keep an **eye out** for other ways you can engage with the texts at home - from cooking and writing to art and role play activities!

There's a Ghost in the House by Oliver Jeffers



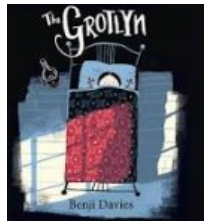
Age: 4+

A young girl lives in a haunted house, but has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? She'd love to know! An interactive picture book for all to enjoy.

A Book to Inspire Art Work The Grotlyn by Benji Davis

Ages: 4+

A stunningly illustrated rhyming tale about things that go bump in the night!



"I know when the Grotlyn's been Slipping through your house unseen." What is the mysterious Grotlyn? What sort of creature could it be, scuttling across the town, frightening everyone in its path?

Can you create a piece of art work to show what you think the Grotlyn could look like? Maybe you could use collage materials and crayons.

The House of Madame M by Clotilde Perrin

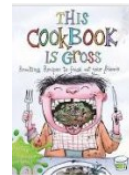
Age: 6+

Are you lost? Come in! You're in luck - there's no one here just now. Shhh...Be as quiet as you can, and very, very careful! In The House of Madame M, we explore a strange house: hallway, living room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Each room is full of surprises to make even the bravest shiver!



A Book to Inspire Cooking

This Cookbook is Gross: Revolting Recipes to Freak out your Friends! by Susanna Tee



Ages: All Ages!

From squiggly, jelly 'earthworms' to revolting, gooey 'snotcorn', this is a fantastically fun cookery book full of gross, yet delicious, recipes to delight children and spark an interest in cooking.

Can you create a horrifying menu of revolting dishes at home?

The Little Kitten by Nicola Killen

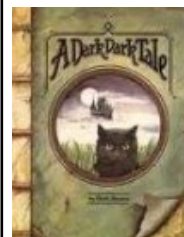


Age: 5+

This is a charming story about a girl's search for her lost kitten. Luckily, someone magical is here to help!

A Dark, Dark Tale by Ruth Brown

Age: 5+



Follow the black cat across the dark, dark moor, through the dark, dark wood to the dark, dark house . . . to the dark, dark corner of the dark, dark cupboard to find who, or what lies in wait!

A Book to Inspire Baking

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam: The Spooky School



Age: 6+

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam don't just make amazing cakes. These two brave bakers solve wacky mysteries too!

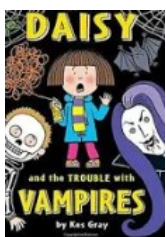
Halloween at St Spectre's school brings out the cheekiest of ghosts! Join them on their strange and mysterious adventures!

Can you become a baker like Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam and design and make a spooky cake?

Daisy & The Trouble with Vampires by Kes Grey

Age: 7+

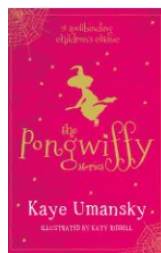
It's Halloween and Daisy is going trick-or-treating for the very first time. In the dark...in the fog...with a VAMPIRE...armed only with a torch and some silly string. GULP! A funny, spooky and totally troublesome tale. What will happen?



The Pongwiffy Stories by Kay Umansky

Age: 7+

Pongwiffy has just moved into a new cave, and it's dirty, smelly and damp - in other words it's perfect for a witch like Pongwiffy! At least it would be if her next door neighbours weren't a group of extremely noisy Goblins... Find out what happens between these two warring neighbours!



A Book to Inspire Baking Amelia Fang by Laura Ellen Anderson



Age: 7+

Amelia Fang would much rather hang out with her pet pumpkin Squashy and her friends Florence the yeti and Grimaldi the reaper than dance at her parents' annual Barbaric Ball. When the King's spoiled son Tangine captures Squashy, Amelia and her friends must escape

the party to plan a daring rescue. **Can you use the link below to make pumpkin-decorated biscuits in honour of Squashy the pumpkin?**

<https://bakingwithgranny.co.uk/recipe/pumpkin-biscuits/>

A Book to Inspire Poetry Writing Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz

Age: 8+

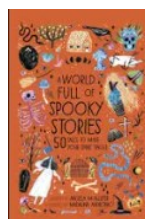


Sent to Groosham Grange by his parents, David Eliot quickly discovers that his new school is a very odd place indeed. New pupils are made to sign their names in blood; the French teacher disappears every full moon; and the assistant headmaster keeps something very chilling in his room. Dare to read on?! **Can you create a poem about Groosham Grange and how it is so strange?**

A World Full of Spooky Stories by Angela McAllister

Age: 8+

Feel your pulse race and your skin tingle with this child-friendly collection of spooky stories from around the world. Read about the fearsome witch Baba Yaga, the serpent woman from Spain, the rescue of Tam Lin from the bewitching Queen of the Fairies, how Father Death gets caught in the Enchanted Apple Tree, and the waterdwelling Bunyip from Australia. Make sure you have your candle ready as it's sure to be a long night...



Atlas of Monsters & Ghosts by Lonely Planet Kids

Age: 8+

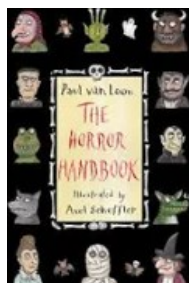
Join famous monster hunter Van Helsing on a globetrotting quest to find haunted castles, restless spirits, terrifying dragons, wicked witches, gremlins and lots more. Discover where each beastly has been spotted, what their super-scary characteristics are and, crucially, how to defeat them!



A Book to Inspire Information Writing The Horror Handbook by Paul Van Loon

Ages: 9+

This book includes a number of anecdotes, tips and trivia about all sorts of spooky creatures! What happens to a vampire when he dies? How does somebody become a werewolf? How can you protect yourself from witches? All of these questions and more are answered in this book.



Can you use this book (and the book above) to inspire your own writing? Write an information text on one of your favourite scary creatures!

A Book to Inspire Art Work Rules for Vampires by Alex Foulkes



Ages: 9+

This adventure is set in a world of talking spiders, living forests, and haunted castles about a vampire girl who wants to fit in. But first, must defeat an evil ghost. Can she do it?

Can you design & decorate a map of this strange world?

The Beast and the Bethany by Jack Meggit-Phillips

Ages: 8+



Beauty comes at a price. No one knows that better than Ebenezer Tweezer, who has stayed beautiful for 511 years. How, you may wonder? Ebenezer simply has to feed the beast in the attic of his mansion. But, what happens when that beast becomes greedier by the day?



A Book that has been made into a Film

The Spiderwick Chronicles Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black



Age: 8+

This series of books chronicle the adventures of the Grace children, twins Simon and Jared and their older sister Mallory, after they move into the Spiderwick Estate and discover a world of fairies that they never knew existed.

Did you know there is also a film out too?
It has a PG rating.

A Book to Inspire Short Story Writing

Christmas Dinner of Souls by Ross Montgomery



Age: 9+

Not long ago, the wonderful author Ross Montgomery came to visit our school! His spooky story, is set on Christmas Eve. Although it has an overarching narrative, Christmas Dinner of Souls is also a collection of hair-raising and spine-tingling short stories.

Can you be inspired to write a short story to fit in with this book? We could send them off for Ross to read.

The Ghost of Gosswater by Lucy Strange

Age: 9+



A thrilling Gothic tale! It is 1899. The Earl of Gosswater has died, and twelve-year-old Lady Agatha has been cast out of her ancestral home by her cruel cousin, Clarence. In a tiny tumbledown cottage, she struggles to adjust to her new life and the stranger who claims to be her real father. On the shores of Gosswater Lake, the spirit of another young girl will not rest. Could the ghost of Gosswater hold the key to Aggie's true identity?

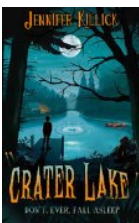
Skellig by David Almond



Age: 9+

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel. What is this fantastical being? This book has won many awards!

Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick



Age: 10+

It could be the mysterious bloodstained man who tries to stop their coach, or the fact no one seems to be around at the brand-new activity centre when Lance and the rest of his class arrive for the Year 6 school trip, but something is definitely not right at Crater Lake!

A Book to Inspire a New Reading Series

The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickes



Age: 9+

Turn on your torches and join Aveline Jones! Aveline loves reading ghost stories, so a dreary half-term becomes much more exciting when she discovers a spooky old book. Not only are the stories spine-tingling, but it belonged to a girl called Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, never to be seen again. Did you know there are another two excellent books in this series? They are: The Bewitching of Aveline Jones & The Vanishing of Aveline Jones.

A Book to Inspire Art

Ages: 9+



A dark, gothic adventure set in the Bavarian forest, with angels and owls and magic and a boy who isn't all that he seems to be... A cherub is blown into Cassie Engel's bedroom during a thunderstorm, triggering a series of terrifying events. Cassie must discover if its arrival was an accident or part of something more sinister.

Can you use this book to create a piece of art work? You could use different mediums to create the Bavarian forest, the angels or the great, winged evil birds.

Darren Shan: Cirque Du Freak by Darren O'Shaughnessy



Ages: 10+

Darren Shan and his best friend get tickets to the Cirque Du Freak, a wonderfully gothic freak show featuring weird, frightening half human/half animals who interact with the audience. But, true terror raises its head when one of the performers is a vampire!

The Monsters of Rookhaven by Pádraig Kenny

Ages: 10+

Mirabelle has always known she is a monster. When the glamour protecting her unusual family from the human world is torn and an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, she soon discovers that friendship can be found in the outside world. But as something far more sinister comes along, will they be able to save their home?



Spooky Reading Everyone!