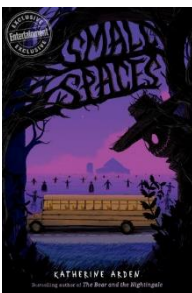




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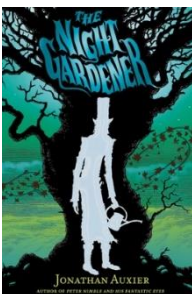


### ***Small Spaces***

**By Katherine Arden**

**J/Fic/Arden**

On the ride home, the school bus breaks down along the side of the road. And then Ollie's digital wristwatch starts a mysterious countdown, with the word RUN spelled out on the face. As night begins to fall, they head out into the woods, bracketed by fearsome scarecrows. The bus driver gives them a word of advice. In order to survive whatever is coming, they'll need to keep to small spaces.



### ***The Night Gardener***

**By Jonathan Auxier**

**J/Fic/Auxier**

*The Night Gardener* follows two abandoned Irish siblings who 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 specter and an ancient curse that threatens their very lives.

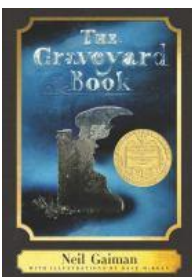


### ***Frozen Charlotte***

**by Alex Bell**

**Y/Fic/Bell**

The haunting starts even before Sophie arrives on the Isle of Skye to spend the summer with her cousins, but when she arrives she finds a house haunted by the ghost of a girl who attended school there a hundred years ago, as well as cousin Rebecca who died young and is never mentioned by her family--and she must somehow solve the mystery of the frozen Charlotte dolls before the whole family is destroyed.



### ***The Graveyard Book***

**by Neil Gaiman**

**J/Fic/Gaiman**

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, then he will come under attack from the man Jack, who has already killed Bod's family.

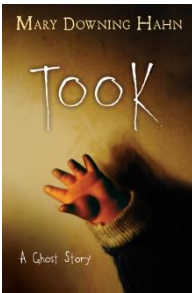


## ***A Tale Dark & Grimm***

**by Adam Gidwitz**

**J/Fic/Gidwitz**

Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk.



## ***Took***

**by Mary Downing Hahn**

**J/Fic/Hahn**

Thirteen-year-old Daniel Anderson doesn't believe Brody Mason's crazy stories about the ghost witch who lives up on Brewster's Hill with Bloody Bones, her man-eating razorback hog. He figures Brody's probably just trying to scare him since he's the new kid. But when Erica disappears into the woods one day, he knows something is terribly wrong.

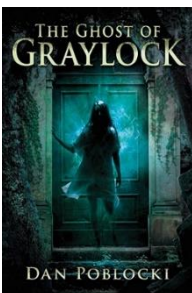


## ***Cuckoo Song***

**by Frances Hardinge**

**Y/Fic/Hardinge**

In post-World War I England, eleven-year-old Triss nearly drowns in a millpond known as "The Grimmer" and emerges with memory gaps, aware that something's terribly wrong, and to try to set things right, she must meet a twisted architect who has designs on her family.



## ***The Ghost of Graylock***

**by Dan Poblocki**

**Y/Fic/Poblocki**

Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.



## ***The Screaming Staircase (Lookwood & Co. #1)***

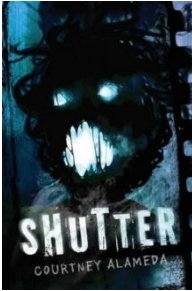
**by Jonathan Stroud**

**J/Fic/Stroud**

For more than fifty years, the country has been affected by a horrifying epidemic of ghosts. A number of Psychic Investigations Agencies have sprung up to destroy the dangerous apparitions. Lucy Carlyle, a talented young agent, arrives in London hoping for a notable career. Instead she finds herself joining the smallest, most ramshackle agency in the city, run by the charismatic Anthony Lockwood. When one of their cases goes horribly wrong, Lockwood & Co. have one last chance of redemption. Unfortunately this involves spending the night in one of the most haunted houses in England, and trying to escape alive.

## Recommended for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up

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### ***Shutter***

**by Courtney Alameda**

**Y/Fic/Alameda**

Seventeen-year-old Micheline Helsing is a tetrachromat, able to see ghosts in color and capture them on film, but when a routine hunt goes awry, Micheline's infected with a curse known as a soulchain and if she's unable to exorcise the entity in seven days, she'll be destroyed, body and soul.



### ***Anna Dressed in Blood***

**by Kendare Blake**

**Y/Fic/Blake**

For three years, Cas has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before.

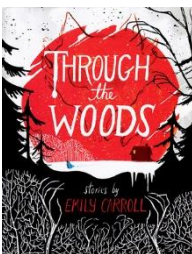


### ***The Compound (The Compound #1)***

**by S.E. Bodeen**

**Y/Fic/Bodeen**

After his parents, two sisters, and he have spent six years in a vast underground compound built by his wealthy father to protect them from a nuclear holocaust, fifteen-year-old Eli, whose twin brother and grandmother were left behind, discovers that his father has perpetrated a monstrous hoax on them all.



### ***Through the Woods***

**by Emily Carroll**

**Y/Graphic/Through**

Five mysterious, spine-tingling stories follow journeys into (and out of?) the eerie abyss. Come take a walk in the woods and see what awaits you there...

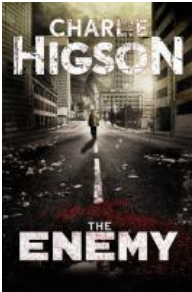


### ***Revenge of the Witch (The Last Apprentice #1)***

**by Joseph Delaney**

**Y/Series/Last Apprentice**

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties."



### ***The Enemy (The Enemy #1)***

**by Charlie Higson**

**Y/Series/Enemy**

In the wake of a devastating disease, everyone sixteen and older is either dead or a decomposing, brainless creature with a ravenous appetite for flesh. Teens have barricaded themselves in buildings throughout London and venture outside only when they need to scavenge for food.

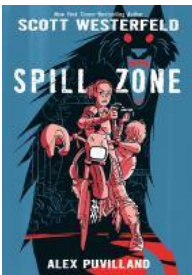


### ***Lockdown (Escape from Furnace #1)***

**by Alexander Gordon Smith**

**Y/Fic/Smith**

When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible.

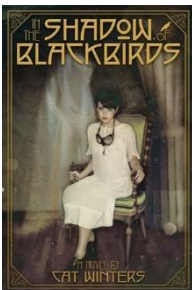


### ***Spill Zone (Spill Zone #1)***

**by Scott Westerfeld**

**Y/Graphic/Spill**

The Spill claimed Addison's parents and scarred her little sister, Lexa, who hasn't spoken since. Addison provides for her sister by photographing the Zone's twisted attractions on illicit midnight rides. Art collectors pay top dollar for these bizarre images, but getting close enough for the perfect shot can mean death--or worse. When an eccentric collector makes a million-dollar offer, Addison breaks her own hard-learned rules of survival and ventures farther than she has ever dared.

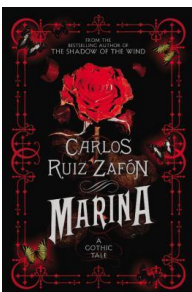


### ***In the Shadow of Blackbirds***

**by Cat Winters**

**Y/Fic/Winters**

In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.



### ***Marina***

**by Carlos Ruiz Zafon**

**Y/Fic/Zafon**

When boarding-school student Oscar Draí meets Marina, she promises him a mystery and takes him to a secret graveyard deep in Barcelona, where they witness a woman dressed in black lay a single rose atop a gravestone etched with a black butterfly. Their curiosity leads them down a dangerous path, and they discover a decades-old conspiracy that puts their lives in the hands of forces more sinister and mystical than they could have believed possible.

## Recommended for High School

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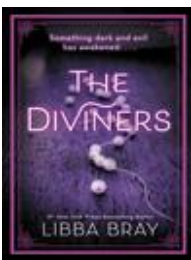


### ***Three Dark Crowns (Three Dark Crowns #1)***

**by Kendare Blake**

**Y/Fic/Blake**

In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born—three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose, it's life or death.

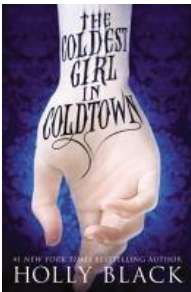


### ***The Diviners (The Diviners #1)***

**by Libba Bray**

**Y/Fic/Bray**

Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of The Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.



### ***The Coldest Girl in Coldtown***

**by Holly Black**

**Y/Fic/Black**

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

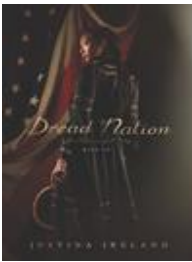


### ***Sawkill Girls***

**by Claire Legrand**

**Y/Fic/Legrand**

A breathtaking and spine-tingling novel about three teenage girls who face off against an insidious monster that preys upon young women.



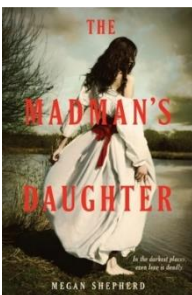
***Dread Nation***  
**by Justina Ireland**  
**Y/Fic/Ireland**

Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania -- derailing the War between the States and changing the nation forever. In this new America, safety for all depends on the work of a few, and laws like the Negro and Native Reeducation Act require certain children attend combat schools to learn to put down the dead.



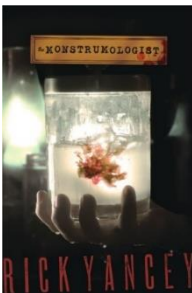
***Rot & Ruin (Rot & Ruin #1)***  
**by Jonathan Maberry**  
**Y/Fic/Maberry**

Four friends travel through the Sierra Nevada mountains, one step ahead of the zombie hordes and a long way from their destination.



***The Madman's Daughter***  
**by Megan Shepherd**  
**Y/Series/Madman's Daughter**

Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, travels to her estranged father's island, only to encounter murder, medical horrors, and a love triangle.



***The Monstrumologist (The Monstrumologist #1)***  
**by Rick Yancey**  
**Y/Series/Monstrumologist**

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.

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