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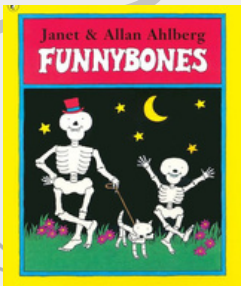
SPOOKY STORIES

With the dark evenings drawing in, what better thing is there to do than cuddle up with a hot chocolate and a good book? This list offers a potion of deliciously spooky stories, perfect for this time of year, a mixture of perennial favourites and more recent tricks and treats!

But not everything here is spine-tingling. Some are more seasonal, offering something for everyone!



Funnybones
Janet and Alan Ahlberg



An absolute classic, the 'Funnybones' stories have delighted generations of children. Full of lovely illustrations, it's a great book for sharing- and there are nine in the series!

Puffin
ISBN: 978-0140565812



Pumpkin Soup
Helen Cooper



Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. This beautifully illustrated story is an autumnal joy. This lovely trio also appear in 'A Pipkin of Pepper' (ISBN: 978-0552546317) and 'Delicious' (ISBN: 978-0552548748)

Penguin Random House
ISBN: 978-0552545105



Haunted House
Jan Pieńkowski

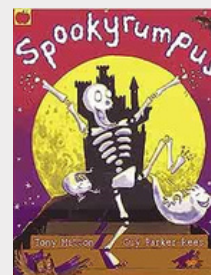


This classic book has been delighting children- and adults for years! Full of spooky surprises which pop-up in the strangest places! There's a ghoul in the cupboard, an octopus in the sink...

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1844288748



Spookyrumpus
Tony Mitton, illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

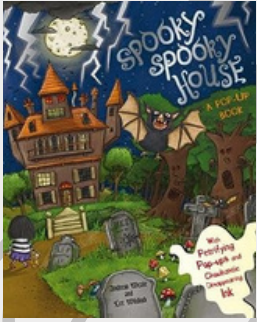


With its fabulous illustrations and spookily rhyming text, 'Spookyrumpus' is a brilliant book to read aloud as the count down to Hallowe'en begins!

Hachette
ISBN: 978-1843626084



Spooky, Spooky House
Andrew Weale, illustrated by Leah Wildish

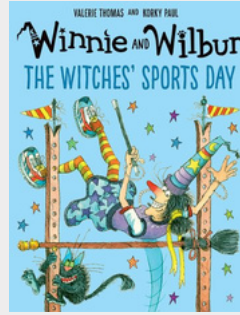


Winner of the FCBG Children's Book Awards 2013, 'Spooky Spooky House' is full of pop-ups and flaps with a terrific twist at the end!

Penguin Random House
ISBN: 978-0552561167



Winnie and Wilbur: The Witches' Sports Day
Valerie Thomas, illustrated by Korky Paul

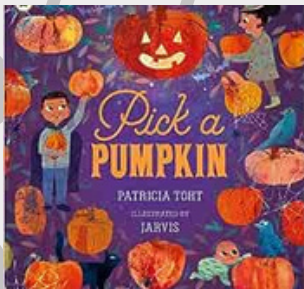


The ever-popular Winnie and Wilbur are taking part in the witches' sports day- and are desperate to win this year! But when the wind whips away the results, will the witches ever find out who has won?

OUP
ISBN: 978-0192787781



Pick a Pumpkin
Patricia Toft, illustrated by Jarvis



Wonderful artwork and fun rhyming text combine to capture all the excitement and joy of preparing for Hallowe'en celebrations.

Walker Books
ISBN: 978-1406392975



No Such Thing
Ella Bailey

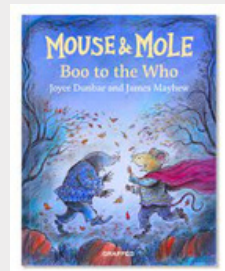


In late October, Georgia notices weird things happening in and around her house, but these occurrences are easily explained - or are they? There's plenty to notice in the illustrations...

Flying Eye
ISBN: 978-1911171621



Mouse and Mole: Boo to the Who
Joyce Dunbar, illustrated by James Mayhew



In one of the three stories in the latest book about these two good friends, Mouse and Mole find a cosy evening at home turns into a scary adventure in the dark, but as usual, everything turns out well in the end.

Graffeg
ISBN: 978-1802586558

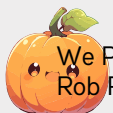


The Pumpkin Who Was Afraid of the Dark
Michelle Robinson, illustrated by Mike Byrne

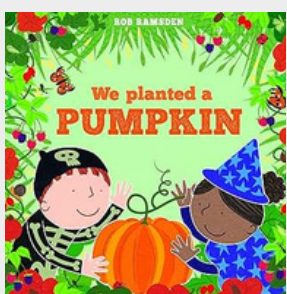


Boo is the littlest pumpkin. She is small and sweet - and does NOT like Hallowe'en because she is scared of the dark. As Hallowe'en approaches, Boo is very worried, but then she meets someone who shares her fears, and realises that perhaps things aren't quite as scary as she thought.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702310461



We Planted a Pumpkin
Rob Ramsden



Two friends decide to plant a tiny seed so that they would have a pumpkin for Hallowe'en. Bright, bold illustrations and the children's growing excitement make this an engaging read.

Sallywag Press
ISBN: 978-1912650866



We're Going on a Ghost Hunt
Martha Mumford, illustrated by Cherie Zamazing



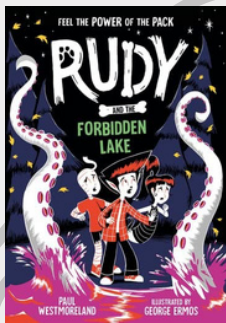
Four bunnies set off on an exciting adventure to find five little ghosts hidden behind flaps in the book. There's lots to discover and discuss in this interactive story.

Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1526660404





Rudy and the Forbidden Lake
Paul Westmorland, illustrated by George Ermos



OUP
ISBN: 978-0192782571

Werewolf Rudy lives in Cobble Cross where everyone is excited about the coming celebrations for the Winter Solstice. When things start to go missing, Rudy and his friends are determined to solve the mystery- even when all the clues point towards the forbidden lake...

Other Rudy adventures include 'The Wolf Cub' (ISBN: 978-0192782496) and 'The Monster at School' (ISBN: 978-0192782519)



Ghost Scouts: Mayhem at Camp Croak!
Taylor Dolan



Guppy Books
ISBN: 9781913101893

The extremely awful and evil Euphemie Vile has called on the help of the Happy Hollow Camp for Joyful Boys and Girls to defeat Lexie Wilde and her friends at Camp Croak. But the rival camps are forced to put their differences aside when they come across a group of Whispering Snakes... Also in this series are 'Welcome to Camp Croak' (ISBN: 978-1913101572), 'Hullabaloo at Camp Croak!' (ISBN: 978-1913101138) and 'Chaos at Camp Croak' (ISBN: 978-1913101633).



Shock Forest
Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Laura Borio



Bloomsbury Education
ISBN: 978-1472967770

Part of the Bloomsbury Readers series, this magical collection of short stories offers a wonderful range of tales. Other titles include 'Stoneywish and other chilling stories' by Joan Aiken, illustrated by Masha Ukhova (ISBN: 978-1472967732) and 'The Mystery in Flat 6B' Karen McCombie, illustrated by Thy Bui (ISBN: 978-1801991803_



Ivy Newt and the Storm Witch
Derek Keilty, illustrated by Magda Brol

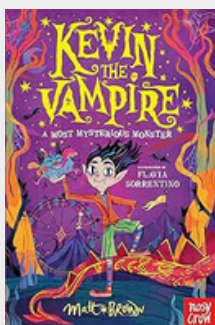


Scallywag Press
ISBN: 978-1915252180

It's Ivy's birthday, but when her parents disappear, she and her shape-shifting friend Tom must travel all over Miracula to defeat Clawdelia Thorn, evil Queen of Grotland. 'Ivy Newt and the Time Thief' (ISBN: 978-1915252333) is also available.



Kevin the Vampire: A Most Mysterious Monster
Matt Brown, illustrated by Flavia Sorrentino



Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1839945403

Kevin Aurelius is almost like any other almost eleven-year-old- except he's a vampire. With his family, he's on his way to Monstros City when, due to dodgy batnav, they get stranded in a strange, quiet place full of humans called Lower Drudging, a place which has a monstrous secret of its own. A very old, very hungry secret which has just woken up!

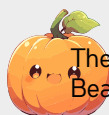


Autumn Moonbeam Dance magic
Emma Finlayson-Palmer, illustrated by Heidi Cannon



UCLan Publishing
ISBN: 978-1912979769

Autumn Moonbeam loves gymnastics and dance so when Sparkledale Dance Academy hold try outs for their team, she is very excited- but also very nervous and worried that she won't be good enough. Her adventures continue in 'Spooky Sleepover' (ISBN: 978-1912979929).



The Sleeping Stones
Beatrice Wallbank

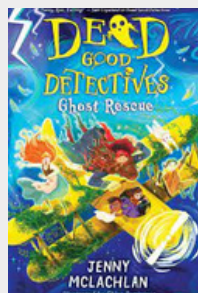


Firefly Press
ISBN: 978-1915444059

When Matylda arrives on the tiny Welsh island where Gruff lives, she finds they are the only two children of their age on the island. Although very different, they are thrown together as the mysterious sleeping stones begin luring people into the sea. A wonderful mix of myth and magic!



Dead Good Detectives: Ghost Rescue
Jenny McLachlan, illustrated by Chloe Dominique



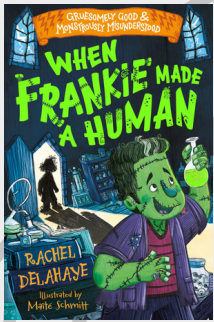
Farshore
ISBN: 978-0755503353

Having freed 300-year-old ghost pirate Ezekiel Kittow (aka Bones), Sid Jones realises that she has magical powers. She starts to free other ghosts, but then a mysterious sickness strikes the people of Fathom. Can Sid and best friend Zen solve the mystery, save the town and free the ghosts? This is the conclusion of the story which started in 'Dead Good Detectives' (ISBN: 978-1405298155)





When Frankie Made a Human
 Rachel Delahaye, illustrated by Maitte Schmitt



Upset by his unkind classmates and lonely at home, Frankie longs for a friend so decides to create his own- a human! But Frankie soon realises he's made more than he bargained for. Great fun and plenty to think about!

Sweet Cherry
 ISBN: 978-1782268253



Diary of an Accidental Witch
 Honor and Perdita Cargill, illustrated by Katie Saunders



Bea Black has just moved to Little Spellshire and finds herself accidentally enrolled at the School of Extraordinary Arts which turns out to be a witch school! Will she be able to master any magical skills- and will she be able to keep them from her dad? Also in this series are Flying High (ISBN: 978-1788953399), Ghostly Getaway (ISBN: 978-1788953405), Unexpected Guests (ISBN: 978-1788953412) and Stage Fright (ISBN: 978-1788956086)

Little Tiger
 ISBN: 978-1788953382



Bella Bright and the Ghost Game
 Carolyn Ward



Bella Bright has just moved into Darkling House. On her first day at her new school, she is pushed into asking two girls to a Hallowe'en sleepover and is delighted when another, friendlier girl offers to come too. On Hallowe'en night, things start getting very spooky and a ghostly teenager, Alice, appears to Bella, warning her she has until midnight to solve a rhyming clue - or Alice will keep the other three girls as her playmates forever...

Welbeck
 ISBN: 978-1801300957



Escape Room
 Christopher Edge

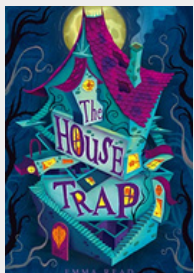


When Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. However, she and her team mates very quickly learn that this is no ordinary game. Can they find the Answer before it's too late?

Nosy Crow
 ISBN: 978-1788007962



The House Trap
 Emma Read



As Delilah McDeery's best friend, Claude, is moving to Cornwall, she is visiting him to say goodbye. However, all Claude seems interested in is playing Escape Room II with his new best friend, Sam. Sent outside, they are joined by Amity, Claude's little sister. An argument erupts during which Amity wanders off into Badwell Woods. Forbidden to the children, the woods are full of dangerous sinkholes- and stories of missing children. Determined to find her, the others follow and discover an abandoned mansion...

Chicken House
 ISBN: 978-1913322786



The Haunting of Aveline Jones
 Phil Hickey



Aveline Jones loves reading ghost stories and when she finds a spooky, old book which used to belong to Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, Aveline decides to investigate Primrose's disappearance. 'The Bewitching of Aveline Jones' (ISBN: 978-1474972154) is her second adventure and 'The Vanishing of Aveline Jones' (ISBN: 978-1474972161) is her third.

Usborne
 ISBN: 978-1474972147



The Dark and Dangerous Gifts of Delores Mackenzie
 Yvonne Banham



Delores Mackenzie has always seen spirits, but, now she's older, the Bòcain have become increasingly sinister and malevolent. To learn how to control her unusual 'gifts', she is sent to the mysterious Uncles in Edinburgh Old Town. On arriving at the Tollbooth Bookstore, her new home, Delores meets Prudence, an illusionist, who is rude, sarcastic and unfriendly; and, Gabriel, a seer, who is more welcoming. However, when a sinister apparition threatens the lives of her new housemates, Delores must find the strength to save them, accept her true nature and find her place in the world.

Firefly Press
 ISBN: 978-1915444073

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Scare Ground Angela Kecojevic

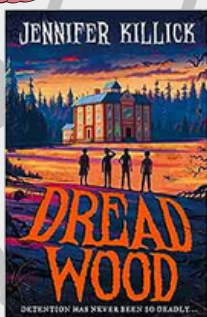


When the Scareground returns to Greenwich, twelve-year-old Nancy Crumpet might find the answer to some of the questions she has- particularly those about the disappearance of her parents. Nancy with her best friend Arthur must meet the fair's spooky owner, Skelter, and discover a world full of dark magic and mystery to uncover the truth.

Neem Tree Press
ISBN: 978-1915584212



Dread Wood Jennifer Killick

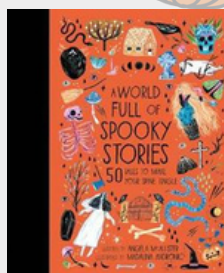


Winner of the 2023 Children's Book Awards Older Readers Category, 'Dread Wood' is the first of a deliciously scary series which includes 'Fear Ground' (ISBN: 978-0755504626), 'Flock Horror' (ISBN: 978-0008538545) and 'Deadly Deep' (ISBN: 978-0008538576).

Farshore
ISBN: 978-0755503711



A World Full of Spooky Stories Angela McAllister, illustrated by Madelina Andronic



Fifty spooky tales from around the world are gathered together in this wonderful collection, perfect for Hallowe'en - or any time of the year!

Frances Lincoln
ISBN: 978-0711241473



Every Exquisite Thing Laura Steven



When Penny Paxton starts at the elite Dorian Drama School, she is following in the footsteps of her supermodel mother. When her mentor offers her the opportunity to have her portrait painted- a portrait that will grant her immortal beauty, Penny seizes her chance. Too late, she realises she has made a terrible mistake... A feminist retelling of The Picture of Dorian Gray, 'Every Exquisite Thing' is an exploration of beauty, identity, and the true cost of the pursuit of perfection.

Electric Monkey
ISBN: 978-0008627355



October Witches Jennifer Claessen



October is a wonderful month, but young witch Clemmie is nervous as the month of magic approaches, wondering whether the stars might descend on her for the first time and give her her magical powers. With a rift between the Merlyns, her family, and the Morgans, there may be trouble ahead... 'The November Witches' (ISBN: 978-1915235701) is also available.

UCLan Publishing
ISBN: 978-1912979905



Crater Lake Jennifer Killick



Even before Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre, spooky things are happening. On this school trip from Hell, you must Never. Ever. Fall asleep. The horror continues in 'Crater Lake: Evolution' (ISBN: 978-1913102647)

Firefly
ISBN: 978-1913102203

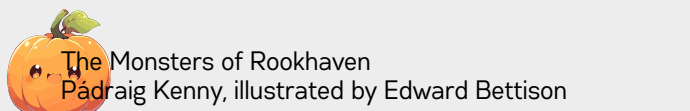


The 13th Vampire Alice Hemming, illustrated by Kayt Bochenski



The town of Valesti was once rumoured to be the home to a family of twelve vampires...until hunters came to kill them. But could the legend of a thirteenth vampire be true?

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-0702323614



The Monsters of Rookhaven Pádraig Kenny, illustrated by Edward Bettison



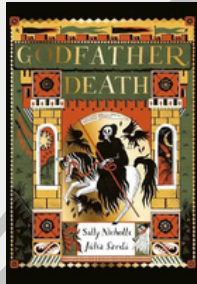
Mirabelle has always known she is a monster and her unusual family is protected from the human world by a glamour. When this is torn, an orphaned brother and sister stumble upon Rookhaven, allowing Mirabelle to discover that friendship can be found in the outside world. When danger arrives from an unexpected source, Mirabelle realises that true monsters aren't necessarily the ones you can see. 'The Shadows of Rookhaven' (ISBN: 978-1529031713) is the sequel.

Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1529031485





Godfather Death
Sally Nicholls, illustrated by Júlia Sardà



Andersen Press
ISBN: 978-1839131417

In this beautifully illustrated re-imagining of the Grimm fairy tale, a poor fisherman chooses Death to be godfather to his son. At the christening, Death gives the fisherman a gift that seems at first to be the key to fame and fortune, but the fisherman's greed leads to a terrible conclusion.



Wish of the Wicked
Danielle Paige



Bloomsbury
ISBN: 978-1526636461

It's well known that a fairy godmother helped Cinderella get to the ball where she met the prince. But no one knows that the fairy godmother's motives for helping Cinderella might not have been as innocent as they seemed- until now.



Read, Scream, Repeat
Curated by Jennifer Killick



Farshore
ISBN: 978-0008527808

These thirteen spooky tales from thirteen fabulous authors gathered by Jennifer Killick will keep any reader on the edge of their seat!



Strange Tales
Daniel Morden, illustrated by Anne Glenn

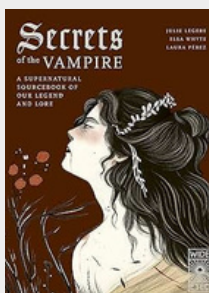


Firefly Press
ISBN: 978-1915444172

Master story-teller, Daniel Morden offers eight wonderfully atmospheric and strange stories which take the reader on adventures full of mystery and magic.



Secrets of the Vampire
Julie Légère and Elsa Whyte, illustrated by Laura Pérez



Wide-Eyed Editions
ISBN: 978-0711285064

This is a 'supernatural sourcebook' of the legend and lore of vampires. Fully illustrated, it is perfect for anyone with a fascination for vampires.



The Witches of Pendle
Yvette Fielding



Andersen Press
ISBN: 978-1839133183

Part of 'The Ghost Hunter Chronicles', 'The Witches of Pendle' sees Eve, Clovis and Tom, with their mentor, Professor Rufus, investigating their most challenging mission yet.



Ghost Bird
Lisa Fuller



Old Barn Books
ISBN: 978-1910646809

A haunting story from First Nations Australian author, Lisa Fuller, which draws on the culture and beliefs of her community, 'Ghost Bird' is a powerful read. Twins, Stacey and Laney, are nothing alike, but when Laney disappears, Stacey is haunted by dark and terrifying dreams, leaving her convinced she is the only one who can find her sister.

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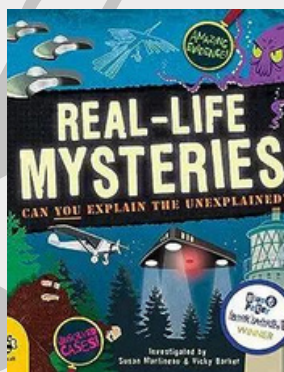
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NON-FICTION



Real-Life Mysteries
Susan Martuneau, illustrated by Vicky Barker

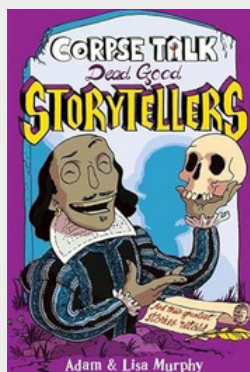


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ISBN: 978-1911509080

'Real Life Mysteries' presents the evidence for a range of mysteries, allowing the reader to come to their own conclusion about cases like the Loch Ness Monster. A gripping- and often surprising-read!



Corpse Talk: Dead Good Storytellers
Adam and Lisa Murphy

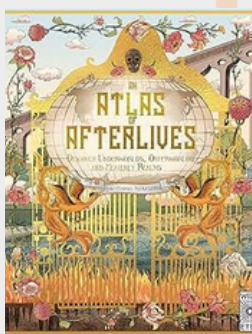


David Fickling
ISBN: 978-1788451253

Find out about some of the greatest stories ever told and the authors who wrote them in 'Corpse Talk: Story Tellers'. Other books in this series include Ground-Breaking Explorers (ISBN: 978-1788452014) and Ground-Breaking Scientists (ISBN: 978-1910989807).



An Atlas of Afterlives: Discover Underworlds, Otherworlds and Heavenly Realms
Emily Hawkins and Manasawee Rojanaphan



Wide-Eyed
ISBN: 978-0711280854

'An Atlas of Afterlives' explores the many underworlds, otherworlds, heavens and hells believed in by cultures from across the world, throughout history. Organised continent by continent, the book is both beautifully illustrated and fascinating.



The Big Book of Mysteries
Tom Adams, illustrated by Yasmin Imamura



Nosy Crow
ISBN: 978-1788009812

Featuring over 100 real-life cases, 'The Big Book of Mysteries' presents the evidence for some of the most thrilling unsolved mysteries from around the world.



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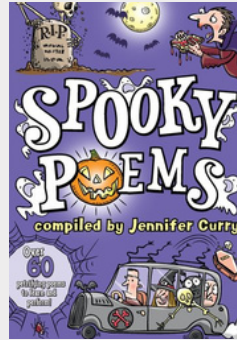
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POETRY



Spooky Poems
Compiled by Jennifer Curry

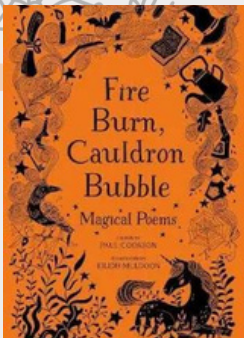


This themed anthology features over 60 poems from various poets - all on a spooky theme.

Scholastic
ISBN: 978-1407158907



Fire Burn, Cauldron Bubble: Magical Poems
Compiled by Paul Cookson, illustrated by Eilidh Muldoon



Dragons and ogres, wizards and wands, this collection of poems compiled by Paul Cookson is full of mystery and magic, perfect for Hallowe'en - or any magical time of year.

Bloomsbury Education
ISBN: 978-1472958150



Zomberella
Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Freya Hartas



Deliciously dark, 'Zomberella' is the first in the 'Fairy Tales Gone Bad' series. Other titles include 'Creeping Beauty' (ISBN: 978-1406389685) and 'Frankenstiltskin' (ISBN: 978-1406389678)

Walker Books
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