

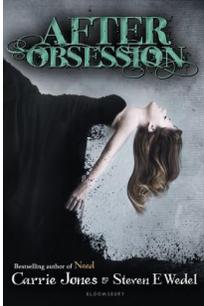


Scary Reads for Teens:



A Select List of **Brown County Library Scary Teen Books** (8th-12th Grade)

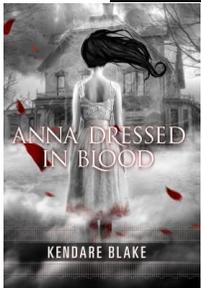
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Hauntings and Ghosts

[After Obsession](#) – Carrie Jones & Steven E. Wedel
[Anna Dressed in Blood](#) – Kendra Blake

Cas Lowood has inherited an unusual job: He kills the dead. So did his father before him, until he was gruesomely murdered by a ghost he sought to kill. Now, armed with his father's mysterious and deadly knife, Cas travels the country, trying to keep up with the murderous dead. When they arrive in a new town in search of a ghost the locals call Anna Dressed in Blood. Since her death, Anna has killed every person who has dared to step into the deserted Victorian she used to call home. (Followed by "Girl of Nightmares")



[Bad Girls Don't Die](#) – Kate Alender

When Alexis's little sister Kasey becomes obsessed with an antique doll, Alexis thinks she is just being her usual weird self. Things get weirder, though, when their house starts changing. Doors open and close by themselves; water boils on the unlit stove; and an unplugged air conditioner blasts cold air. Kasey is changing, too. The formerly gentle child is gone, and the new Kasey is *angry*. (first in a trilogy)

[Creepers](#) – Joanne Dahme

[The Diviners](#) – Libba Bray

[The Hollow](#) – Jessica

[Lightbringer](#) – K. D. McEntire

[Long Lankin](#) - Lindsey Barraclough



When Cora and her younger sister, Mimi, are sent to stay with their elderly aunt in a isolated village, they receive a less-than-warm welcome. Auntie Ida is eccentric and rigid, and the girls are desperate to go back to London. What they don't know is that their aunt's life was devastated the last time two young sisters were in the house, and she is determined to protect her nieces from an evil that has lain hidden for years. Cora must uncover the horrifying truth that has held the village in its dark grip for centuries — before it's too late for Mimi.

[The Name of the Star](#) – Maureen Johnson

[Past Midnight](#) – Mara Purnhagen

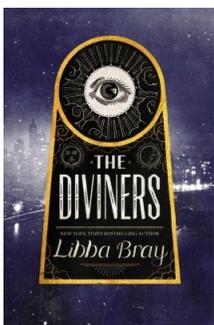
[Poisoned House](#) – Michael Ford

Life can be cruel for a servant girl in 1850s London. Fifteen-year-old Abi is a scullery maid in Greave Hall, an elegant but troubled household. The widowed master of the house is slowly slipping into madness, and the housekeeper, Mrs. Cotton, punishes Abi without mercy. But there's something else going on in Greave Hall, too. An otherworldly presence is making itself known, and a deadly secret will reveal itself---one that will shatter everything Abi knows.

[Possessed](#) – Kate Cann

Rayne can't wait to start her summer job at a remote country mansion, far from the crowded, noisy London she so desperately wants to escape. But the retreat soon turns into a nightmare-- the mansion is creepy, the legends of ghosts keep Rayne up at night, and she doesn't feel safe anywhere.

Can Rayne figure out why she's so freaked-- before she becomes a ghost story herself? (first in series)



[Shadowed Summer](#) – Sandra Mitchell

[Texas Gothic](#) – Rosemary Clement-Moore

[Tighter](#) – Adele Griffin

When 17-year-old Jamie arrives on the idyllic New England island of Little Bly to work as a summer au pair, she is stunned to learn of the horror that precedes her. Seeking the truth surrounding a young couple's tragic deaths, Jamie discovers that she looks shockingly like the dead girl—and that she has a disturbing ability to sense the two ghosts. Based on Henry James' "Turn of the Screw."

[Unraveling Isobel](#) – Eileen Cook





Vampires, zombies, and things that go bump in the night

Bliss – Lauren Myracle

The Devouring – Simon Holt

The Enemy – Charlie Higson

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. When a mysterious traveler arrives and offers them safe haven at Buckingham Palace, they begin a harrowing journey across London. But their fight is far from over—the threat from within the palace is as real as the one outside it. (first in series)

The Forest of Hands and Teeth – Carrie Ryan

Lord Loss – Darren Shan

The Monstrumologist – Richard Yancey

These are the secrets I have kept. This is the trust I never betrayed. But he is dead now and has been for nearly ninety years, the one who gave me his trust, the one for whom I kept these secrets. The one who saved me . . . and the one who cursed me.

So starts the diary of Will Henry, orphan and assistant to a doctor with an unusual specialty: monster hunting. In time he has lived with the doctor, Will has grown used to his late night callers and dangerous business. When one visitor comes with the body of a young girl and the monster that was eating her, Will's world is about to change. Now, Will and the doctor must face the horror threatening to overtake and consume our world before it is too late. (first in series)

The Replacement – Brenna Yovanoff

Revenge of the Witch – Joseph Delaney

For years, Old Gregory has been the Spook for the county, ridding the local villages of evil. Now his time is coming to an end. But who will take over for him? Twenty-nine apprentices have tried—some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive.

Only Thomas Ward is left. He's the last hope, the Last Apprentice.

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Jeff Bridges and Ben Barnes. (first in series)

Rot & Ruin – Jonathan Maberry

In the zombie-infested, post-apocalyptic America where Benny Imura lives, every teenager must find a job by the time they turn fifteen or get their rations cut in half. Benny doesn't want to apprentice as a zombie hunter for his boring older brother Tom, but he has no choice. He expects a tedious job whacking zoms for cash, but what he gets is a vocation that will teach him what it means to be human. (first in series)

Something Wicked This Way Comes – Ray Bradbury

Thirsty – M. T. Anderson

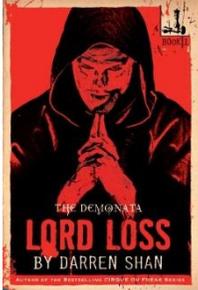
All Chris really wants is to be a normal kid, to hang out with his friends, avoid his parents, and get a date with Rebecca Schwartz. Unfortunately, Chris appears to be turning into a vampire. So while his hometown performs an ancient ritual that keeps Tch'muchgar, the Vampire Lord, locked in another world, Chris desperately tries to save himself from his own vampiric fate. He needs help, but whom can he trust?

White Crow – Marcus Sedgewick

Some secrets are better left buried; some secrets are so frightening they might make angels weep and the devil crow. Thought provoking as well as intensely scary, *White Crow* unfolds in three voices. There's Rebecca, who has come to a small, seaside village to spend the summer, and there's Ferelith, who offers to show Rebecca the secrets of the town...but at a price. Finally, there's a priest whose descent into darkness illuminates the girls' frightening story. *White Crow* is as beautifully written as it is horrifically gripping.

Z – Michael Ford

Zombies Vs. Unicorns – edited by Holly Black and Justine Larbalestier



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