

# Young Adult HORROR BOOKS

- YA Fic      Abrahams, Peters      *Up All Night*  
Six top teen authors have contributed stories to this winning collection. Each story shines in its own way, giving teens a whole new appreciation for the short-story format.
- YA Fic      Adlington, LJ      *Cherry Heaven*  
Kat and Tanka J leave the war-torn city, move with their adoptive parents to the New Frontier, and are soon settled into a home called Cherry Heaven, but Luka, an escaped factory worker, confirms their suspicion that New Frontier is not the utopia it seems to be.
- YA Fic      Aiken, Joan      *A Fit of Shivers*  
Ten stories with elements of horror.
- YA Fic      Alter, Stephen      *Ghost Letters*  
Staying temporarily with his grandfather in a Massachusetts coastal town, Gil and new friend Nargis, a local age-mate of Indian descent, find an antique bottle that carries messages back and forth through time. Soon they are corresponding with a nineteenth-century calligrapher's apprentice in India, whose own friend has been nabbed by deserters from a threatening British force. Enter a ghostly Massachusetts postman, wearily carrying never-delivered letters that can save the kidnapped lad, avert the battle, and rekindle a century-old romance on Gil's side of the world.
- YA Fic      Anderson, M.T.      *Thirsty*  
From the moment he knows that he is destined to be a vampire, Chris thirsts for the blood of people around him while also struggling to remain human.
- YA Fic      Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia      *Midnight Predator*  
Turquoise Draka, a vampire hunter, is hired to kill the evil vampire Jeshikah. To enter his realm she must disguise herself as the human slave of Jaguar, a vampire and salve owner who is tormented by his own past. Will Jaguar release the humanity Turquoise long ago locked away?

- YA Fic      Becker, Tom      **Darkside**  
 In modern-day London, a perfumed woman with fluorescent hair abducts 13-year-old Ricky. The narrative then switches to Jonathan, an independent 14-year-old whose father suffers bouts of mental illness or 'darkening.' Darkside, reached by damp pipe or abandoned tube station, is a grisly and fetid alternate London. Ghoulish figures in stovepipe hats throng the sidewalks, kicking and elbowing; screams puncture the night; murder is ubiquitous.
- YA Fic      Carter, Dean Vincent      **Hand of the Devil**  
 When journalist Ashley Reeves finds himself on an island to interview a reclusive insect collector, he soon realizes that he might be the hunted.
- YA Fic      Cast, PC      **Marked (and sequels)**  
 In this first book of a new series, 16-year-old Zoey Redbird enters the House of Night, a school where she will train to become an adult vampyre. Zoey finds she is no average fledgling. She has been RmarkedS by the vampyre Goddess, Nyx. But she is not the only fledgling at the House of Night with special powers.
- YA Fic      Clare, Cassandra      **City of Bones**  
 Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.
- YA Fic      Cooney, Caroline      **The Fog**  
 Christina comes from her island home to the mainland of Maine to go to school, never guessing at the evil waiting for her.
- YA Fic      Cormier, Robert      **Tenderness**  
 A psychological thriller told from the point of views of a teenage serial killer and the runaway girl who falls in love with him.
- YA Fic      Coville, Bruce      **Oddly Enough**  
 A collection of nine short stories featuring a unicorn, vampire, werewolf and other unusual creatures.
- YA Fic           **Creepy Classics: Hair Raising Horror**  
 Short stories from a variety of famous authors.

- YA Fic Cummings, John Michael      Night I Freed John Brown  
Harpers Ferry, W.Va., a little town tucked in the shadows of the surrounding mountains, is a perfect place for an old-fashioned tale of family secrets and revelations. It was the site of John Brown's raid, and the ghost of John Brown lives on in the anger and rage of Josh Connors's father. The gentler spirits of Thomas Jefferson and Frederick Douglass, who also had connections to the town, seem to inhabit the neighbor Josh is drawn to, an actor, historian and reader of Shakespeare who kindles in Josh a desire to see more of the world and lead a better life.
- YA Fic Cusick, Richie Tankersley      House Next Door  
Emma Donovan accepts a challenge to spend a night in the creepy, empty house next door that is supposedly haunted. Soon, the 17-year-old finds herself caught in a century-old love affair with anything but a happy ending.
- YA Fic De la Cruz, Melissa      Blue Bloods  
Select teenagers from some of New York City's wealthiest and most socially prominent families learn a startling secret about their bloodlines.
- YA Fic Delaney, Joseph      Revenge of the Witch (and sequels)  
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."
- YA Fic De Lint, Charles      Blue Girl  
New at her high school, Imogene enlists the help of her introverted friend Maxine and the ghost of a boy who haunts the school after receiving warnings through her dreams that soul-eaters are threatening her life.
- YA Fic Duncan, Lois      I Know What You Did Last Summer  
Four teenagers who have desperately tried to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run accident are pursued by a mysterious figure seeking revenge.
- YA Fic Fahy, Thomas      Unspoken  
Five years ago six children who lived with their families in Jacob Crawley's Divine Path religious cult escaped by burning the compound to the ground. They are reunited at the funeral of Jacob's son, Harold. Harold died of drowning -- his worst fear -- even though his body was found miles from any water. And it seems that each of the teens is marked for murder -- as Crawley had predicted years earlier. Can any of these teens save themselves?

- YA Fic **Gothic: Ten original dark tales**  
 Lungewater / Joan Aiken -- Morgan Roehmar's boys / Vivian Vande Velde -- Watch and wake / M.T. Anderson -- Forbidden brides of the faceless slaves in the nameless house of the night of dread desire / Neil Gaiman -- The dead and the moonstruck / Caitlin R. Kiernan -- Have no fear, Crumpot is here! / Barry Yourgrau -- Stone tower / Janni Lee Simmer -- The prank / Gregory Maguire -- Writing on the wall / Celia Rees -- Endings / Garth Nix.
- YA Fic **Great Ghost Stories**  
 Editor: Betty Ann Schwartz. Fifteen ghost stories from well-known authors.
- YA Fic **Gorog, Judith** **When Nobody's Home**  
 Thirteen scary tales about babysitting.
- YA Fic **Hahn, Mary** **Look For Me By Moonlight**  
 While staying at a remote and reputedly haunted Maine inn, sixteen-year-old Cynda finds solace in the attentions of a charming but mysterious guest.
- YA Fic **Holt, Simon** **The Devouring**  
 The existence of Vours, supernatural creatures who feast on fear and attack on the eve of the winter solstice, becomes a terrifying reality for fifteen-year-old Reggie when she begins to suspect that her timid younger brother might be one of their victims.
- YA Fic **Horowitz, Anthony** **More Horowitz Horror**  
 Includes the following stories, The hitchhiker -- The sound of murder -- Burned -- Flight 715 -- Howard's end -- The elevator -- The phone goes dead -- Twist cottage -- The shortest horror story ever written. Also, check out the original [Horowitz Horror](#).
- YA Fic **Hurston, Zora Neale** **The Skull Talks Back**  
 Includes the following stories, Big, bad Sixteen -- Bill, the talking mule -- The skull talks back -- The witch who could slip off her skin -- High Walker -- The haunted house.
- YA Fic **Irving, Washington** **Bold Dragoon and other Ghostly Tales**  
 Several short stories about ghosts and life after death.

- YA Fic      Jenkins, AM      **The Night Road**  
 Bloodsuckers Cole and Sandor take to the highway in order to indoctrinate fresh convert Gordon in the ways of the 'hemes.' The journey becomes a metaphorical one for Cole, a centuries-old teenager who still struggles to overcome his own aversion to the hemovore life, even as he instructs his young charge.
- YA Fic      Johnson, Maureen      **Devilish**  
 Jane Jarvis, a senior at a Catholic girl's school in Providence, Rhode Island, tries to save her best friend by making a pact with a demon--in the form of a cupcake-eating, very friendly teenage girl.
- YA Fic      Klause, Annette      **Blood and Chocolate**  
 Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenaged werewolf must battle her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs.
- YA Fic      McMann, Lisa      **Wake**  
 Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.
- YA Fic      Meehl, Brian      **Suck it Up**  
 Before I wrote this book I thought all vampires were night-stalking, fangpopping, bloodsucking fiends. Then I met Morning McCobb. He's a vegan vampire who drinks a soy-blood substitute called Blood Lite. He believes staking should be a hate crime. And someday he hopes to march in a Vampire Pride Parade. He was also the first vampire to out himself and try to show people of mortality, like you and me, that vampires are just another minority with special needs. Trust me—this is like no other vampire book you'll ever feed on.
- YA Fic      Meyer, Stephanie      **Twilight (and sequels)**  
 When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human. Others in the series include New Moon and Eclipse.
- YA Fic      Myracle, Lauren      **Bliss**  
 Having grown up in a California commune, Bliss sees her aloof grandmother's Atlanta world as a foreign country, but she is determined to be nice as a freshman at an elite high school, which makes her the perfect target for Sandy, a girl obsessed with the occult.



- YA Fic      Shusterman, Neal                      Everlost  
When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.
- YA Fic      Sleator, William                      Hell Phone  
Seventeen-year-old Nick buys a used cell phone only to call his girlfriend, but strange and desperate people keep calling--one of them a denizen of Hell--begging for or demanding his help.
- YA Fic      Stolarz, Laurie Faria                      Project 17  
When six high school students sneak into an abandoned mental institution to make a film about their night there, they do not expect the inexplicable and terrifying events that keep occurring within the crumbling, maze-like building, causing them to question themselves and, ultimately, to make different choices about the course of their lives.
- YA Fic      Stoker, Bram                      Dracula  
It is a classic tale of suspense and horror Count Dracula, a tragic, night-dwelling specter who feeds upon the blood of the living, and whose diabolical passions prey upon the innocent, the helpless, and the beautiful.
- YA Fic      Valentine, Jenny                      Me, the Missing, and the Dead  
Me: Lucas Swain—I'm nearly sixteen years old and live in London. I was fairly normal until the night I found Violet. Then everything changed. The Missing: Dad. He disappeared five years ago. Nobody knows what happened to him, and nobody cares except me. It's enough to drive you crazy. The Dead: That's Violet . . . in the urn. Speaking of crazy—I know she's trying to tell me something, and I think it's about my father.
- YA Fic      Vande Velde, Vivian                      Magic Can Be Murder  
Nola and her mother have unusual abilities that have always set them apart from others, but when Nola sees a murder using her power to call up images using water and a person's hair, she finds herself in the worst danger ever.
- YA Fic      Vande Velde, Vivian                      There's a Dead Person Following My Sister Around  
Eleven-year-old Ted becomes concerned and intrigued when his five-year-old sister Vicki begins receiving visits from two female ghosts.

- YA Fic      Waters, Daniel      **Generation Dead**  
 Is it too many junk-food preservatives? Brain patterns rewired by first-person shooter games? Or simply a sign of the Apocalypse? No one knows why deceased American teenagers are returning as zombies (please, call them 'living impaired'), but it's happening. At progressive Oakvale High, Phoebe, who was Goth long before this phenomenon, wonders why she is attracted to differently biotic Tommy. Along with best friend Margi and childhood buddy Adam (who can't express his love for her), Phoebe joins Undead Studies, so she can understand what it's like to be dead in a living world and reconcile the recent death and return of another good friend. Not everyone, however, is so accepting of this dawn of the dead. Someone's kidnapping zombies, and one popular student, obsessed with a dead girlfriend who never returned, wants the dead to stay that way.
- YA Fic      Westerfeld, Scott      **Peeps**  
 Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.
- YA Fic      Wooding, Chris      **The Haunting of Alaizabel Clay**  
 In a world similar to Victorian London, Thaniel, a seventeen-year-old hunter of deadly, demonic creatures called the wych-kin, takes in a lost, possessed girl, and becomes embroiled in a plot to unleash evil on the world.
- YA Fic      Zindel, Paul      **Night of the Bat**  
 Teenage Jake joins his father on an expedition to study bats in the Brazilian rain forest and finds the project menaced by a giant brain-eating bat.
- YA Fic      Zindel, Paul      **Rats**  
 When mutant rats threaten to take over Staten Island, which has become a huge landfill, fourteen-year-old Sarah and her younger brother Mike try to figure out how to stop them.