

Staff Picks



Remakes and Re-Envisionings - Scary Stories Inspired by Classic Tales of Horror

People have been scaring themselves silly with creepy stories for a long, long time. Some horror classics simply refuse to die, and are reanimated again and again in modern retellings. As Halloween approaches, check out a new take on an old tale.

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Beowulf

Gareth Hinds Graphic Novels Hinds

This graphic novel retells the ancient epic that has thrilled audiences through the ages. The battles between the great warrior Beowulf and the monstrous dragon Grendel are rendered in gruesome detail.



Dangerous Boy

Amanda Hubbard Y Hubbard

In this modern twist on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Harper is surprised by tumbling into an intense romance with Logan, a newcomer to her Enumclaw, Washington, high school, but soon Logan's sinister twin is pulling them apart.



Dr. Frankenstein's Daughters

Weyn, Suzanne Y Weyn

Giselle and Ingrid are the twin daughters of Doctor Victor Frankenstein, but they are very different people, and when they inherit his castle in the Orkney Islands, Giselle dreams of holding parties and inviting society--but Ingrid is fascinated by her father's forbidden experiments.



Gris Grimley's Frankenstein, or, the Modern Prometheus

Gris Grimly Graphic Novels Grimly

Retells, in graphic novel format, Mary Shelley's classic tale of a monster, assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies, which develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.



Horseman

Christopher Golden Y Golden

Series: Hollow

When a string of grisly decapitations occur in the famed village of Sleepy Hollow, newcomers Aimee and Shane Lancaster suspect a supernatural killer.



Mister Creecher

Chris Priestly Y Priestly

In 1918 London, fifteen-year-old Billy, a pickpocket, meets Mr. Creecher, a monstrous giant, and their relationship swiftly turns from pure convenience to a strong bond as they journey northwards on the trail of Victor Frankenstein.



Nevermore

Kelly Creagh

Y Creagh

Series: Nevermore Trilogy

When cheerleader Isobel Lanley is assigned to work with Varen Nethers, a goth Edgar Allen Poe fan, on an English project, she is swept into a horrific dream world that he has created in his mind.



Reckoning: A Novel

Kate Cary Y Cary

Series: Bloodline

In this story told primarily through journal entries, Quincey Harker, the heir to Dracula's bloodline, returns to England in 1918 to pursue Nurse Mary Seward, whose fiancé has been transformed into a monstrous vampire.



Red Riding Hood

Sarah Blakley-Cartwright Y Blakley

After her beautiful sister is killed by the Wolf, Valerie finds herself in the middle of a mystery that has plagued her village for generations: someone among the villagers is a murderous werewolf?but who? With the aid of her wise grandmother, Valerie sets out to discover the killer's true identity.



Something Wicked

Alan Gratz Y Gratz

Series: Horatio Wilkes mystery

In a contemporary story based on Shakespeare's play, Macbeth, Horatio Wilkes seeks to solve the murder of Duncan MacKae at the Scottish Highland Games in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.



Steampunk Poe

Edgar Allan Poe

Presents a collection of Poe's short stories and poems, including "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Fall of the House of Usher," and "The Raven," accompanied by steampunk-inspired illustrations.



Steampunk: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

Mary Shelley Y Shelley

An adaptation of Mary Shelley's celebrated gothic classic features steampunk-inspired graphic art that incorporates gadgets, fashion elements and steam-powered machinery into the tale of a science experiment gone awry.



The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Sherlock Holmes Graphic Novel

Ian Edginton Graphic Novels Edginto

Graphic novel adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's mystery in which Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson travel to the bleak wastes of Dartmoor, England to solve the mystery surrounding the late Sir Charles Baskerville and a ghostly hound.



The Turning

Francine Prose Y Prose

A teen boy becomes the babysitter for two very peculiar children on a haunted island in this modern retelling of The Turn of the Screw.



Vampire Rising

Jason Henderson Y Henders

Series: Alex Van Helsing

At a boarding school in Switzerland, fourteen-year-old Alex Van Helsing learns that vampires are

real, that he has a natural ability to sense them, and that an agency called the Polidorium has been helping his family fight them since 1821.
