

Haunting Reads

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Get into the Halloween spirit and read a scary story...if you dare.

If you'd like to try a classic, *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson or *Dracula* by Bram Stoker will keep you turning the pages. *The Haunting of Hill House* is the perfect haunted house story. Four strangers arrive at Hill House after they are contacted by a doctor who wants to study paranormal phenomena, which they will all come face to face with during their stay. *Dracula* is the vampire book that started it all. Jonathan Harker, a young lawyer, travels to Transylvania to meet his mysterious client. He soon discovers there is something very strange about him and gets trapped in his castle as Dracula travels to England to wreak havoc.

For more modern horror stories, try *Hex* by Thomas Heuvelt or *Horrorstor* by Grady Hendrix. *Hex* takes place in a cursed town in New York where a centuries-old witch haunts the residents daily. They use technology to keep track of her, prevent the world from discovering their secret, and live relatively normal lives. But some rebellious teenagers become upset with how things are run and their actions undo all their years of progress. *Horrorstor* is a "haunted house" story that takes place in a store. Employees of a furniture superstore notice strange things happening. They decide to stay overnight to get answers, only to discover the terrifying history of the building. The book is designed to resemble a catalog, with furniture illustrations and a map of the store.

For younger readers, the *Goosebumps* series by R.L. Stine offers over 200 books to choose from, with stories about a haunted mask, a creepy theme park, a scary summer camp, and much more. *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz is another classic series. There are 3 books of short stories based on urban legends and folklore.

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