Scary Stories in J Fiction

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The Book of Storms, by Ruth Hatfield (JF HATF, R)

When his parents disappear after a fierce storm, eleven-year-old Danny, unaccustomed to acts of bravery, comes to their rescue after finding a valuable shard of wood that enables him to talk to plants and animals and battle terrifyingly powerful enemies, including the demonic Sammael.

The Boy of a Thousand Faces, by Brian Selznick (JF SELZ, B)

Obsessed with horror films, ten-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into "The Boy of a Thousand Faces" and gets his wish in an unexpected way.

Camp Murderface, by Saundra Mitchell (JF MITC, S)

Camp Sweetwater is finally reopening, three decades after it mysteriously shut down. But before campers can so much as toast one marshmallow, strange happenings start...happening. Can they survive the summer? Or will Camp Sweetwater shut down for good this time—with them inside?

Case File 13 series, by J Scott Savage (JF SAVA, J)

Nick, Carter, and Angelo are obsessed with all things monster. And every Halloween they get to show off their monster-knowledge with elaborate homemade costumes. But this year, a surprise trip to the house of an aunt who may have been a voodoo queen throws a major wrench into the boys' Halloween plans and lands Nick with a cursed amulet that turns him into a real, live (well, undead) zombie.

Doll Bones, by Holly Black (JF BLAC, H)

Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been friends forever. And for almost as long, they've been playing one continuous, ever-changing game of pirates and thieves, mermaids and warriors. Ruling over all is the Great Queen, a bone-china doll cursing those who displease her. They are in middle school now, and their friendship might be over, until Poppy declares she's been having dreams about the Queen—and the ghost of a girl who will not rest until the bone-china doll is buried in her empty grave.

Last Kids on Earth series, by Max Brallier (JF BRAL, M)

Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen year old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew. But Jack alone is no match for the hordes of Zombies and Winged Wretches and Vine Thingies, and especially not for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer!

Malamander series, by Thomas Taylor (JF TAYL, T)

It's winter in the town of Eerie-on-Sea, where the mist is thick and the salt spray is rattling the windows of the Grand Nautilus Hotel. Inside, young Herbert Lemon, Lost and Founder for the hotel, has an unexpected visitor. It seems that Violet Parma, a fearless girl around his age, lost her parents at the hotel when she was a baby, and she's sure that the nervous Herbert is the only person who can help her find them.

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Monstrous, by MarcyKate Connolly (JF CONN, M)

Kymera, who has a raven's wings, a snake's tail, and a cat's eyes and claws, loves the father who brought her back to life after a wizard killed her, but she begins to question his motives, especially after she connects with a boy in the town from which she is rescuing sick girls. (Companion novel: *Ravenous*)

Serafina series, by Robert Beaty (JF BEAT, R)

This is the story of a brave and unusual girl who lives secretly in the basement of the grand Biltmore Estate amidst the splendor of the Gilded Age and the rugged beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Serafina and her friend Braeden Vanderbilt must work together to solve a dark and dangerous mystery.

Small Spaces, by Katherine Arden (JF ARDE, K)

When Ollie happens upon a crazed woman at the river threatening to throw a book into the water, she doesn't think--she just acts, stealing the book and running away. As she begins to read the slender volume, Ollie discovers a chilling story about a girl named Beth, the two brothers who both loved her, and a peculiar deal made with "the smiling man," a sinister specter who grants your most tightly held wish, but only for the ultimate price. The next day, on a school trip she stumbles on the graves of the very people she's been reading about. Could it be that the story is true?

Where the Woods End, by Charlotte Salter (JF SALT, C)

Kestrel, a young huntress, lives in a seemingly endless forest crawling with dangerous beasts. But the most dangerous beasts of all are the Grabbers--beings that are born when you are and stalk you throughout your life, waiting for the perfect moment to snatch and eat you. No one has ever defeated their Grabber once attacked, and those that die from accidents or other creatures are considered "lucky."

Series

Deadtime Stories, by Annette & Gina Cascone (JF CASC (SERIES))

Spooky and scary stories about monsters, ghosts, witches and more. In book one, train loving Willy Tyler discovers the horrifying truth about the latest addition to his model Tiny Town, Hurly the Hobo.

Eerie Elementary, by Jack Chabert (JF CHAB (SERIES))

Eerie Elementary is ALIVE — the school is a living, breathing thing. And it's evil. 3rd grade hall monitor Sam Graves teams up with his best buddies to stop the monstrous school... before it's too late!

Goosebumps, by RL Stine (JF STIN (SERIES))

A series of standalone scary stories involving monsters, hauntings, and other creepy happenings. In book one, Josh and Amanda just moved into the oldest and weirdest house on the block-the two siblings think it might even be haunted!

Goosebumps: Slappyworld (JF STIN (SERIES))

The evil dummy comes to life to tell his own twisted tales and scary stories! When Slappy's in charge, you don't fight over him, he fights over you!