

## Ghostly, Ghoulish and Ghastly

Are you up for some thrills and chills? Then we dare you to read the seriously scary books in the YC Library. As well as haunted houses there's a haunted canal, a theatre, a factory and a haunted school along with a ghostly gargoyle, sea captain, a clown, a caveman and even a horse.

My own favourite truly-terrifying tales with a high chill factor are:

**BREATHE by Cliff McNish 16720 KS 3/4.** Jack and his mother move to an old house after the death of his father. There Jack encounters the ghosts of four children and the powerful Ghost Mother who is set on having him for herself. Not for the feint-hearted! (VIP only)

**CORALINE by Neil Gaiman 16846 KS 3/4.** Behind a locked door Coraline finds a twisted, creepy, version of her new home. In this nightmare world she meets her own mum and dad, but they have buttons for eyes and they are much more possessive of her than she is used to. (Coming soon)

**CENTURY by Sarah Singleton 16687 KS 3.** Two sisters live with their widowed father, in a sinister house where each day is winter and they go to bed at sunrise. The girls begin to unearth the mystery of their mother's death and the house frozen in time after meeting the mysterious Claudius.

For those of you who like your chills in chunks there are three collections of stories:

**A CREEPY COMPANY** by Joan Aitken 15832 KS1/2

**GHOSTLY TALES FOR GHASTLY KIDS** by Jamie Rix 15684 KS2

**THREE SCARY STORIES** by Frieda Hughes 16319 KS2

Or you could try these other little horrors:

**15841 BAGTHORPES ABROAD** by Helen Cresswell

The Bagthorpes take a holiday in a haunted house in Wales with disastrous results.

**Key stage 3**

**16033 THE CANTERVILLE GHOST** by Oscar Wilde

When an American family move into Canterville House they meet the house ghost, but instead of being scared they talk to him.

**Key stage 3/4**

**15732 THE CHRISTMAS GHOST** by Robert Westall

A thrilling Christmas ghost story set in Tyneside in 1930.

**Key stage 2/3**

**15766 THE DARK BEHIND THE CURTAIN** by Gillian Cross

Disaster threatens the school play. From somewhere in the past a ghost returns to haunt the actors.

**Key stage 3**

**15697 THE DROWNERS** by Garry Kilworth

A stunning ghost story involving a past drowning and the appearance of a mysterious boy.

**Key stage 1/2**

**16237 THE GHOST BEHIND THE WALL by Melvin Burgess**  
When David saw the ghost rushing towards him he screamed,  
and the ghostly child screamed back, but the voice was that of  
an old man begging David not to leave! **Key stage 3/4**

**15916 THE GHOST OF GRANIA O'MALLEY**  
**by Michael Morpurgo**  
Jessie and her cousin Jack join forces with the ghost to prevent  
the islanders claiming the gold that lies at the heart of the Big  
Hill. **Key stage 1/2**

**15400 THE GHOST OF THOMAS KEMP by Penelope Lively**  
The family are haunted by a mischievous and lively ghost.  
**Key stage 2/3**

**15701 THE GREY GHOST by Carolyn Henderson**  
Strange happenings occur at Corinne's riding school when she  
finds a plaque bearing the name of the Grey Ghost in the tack-  
room. **Key stage 2/3**

**16136 THE HAIRY HANDS by Gene Kemp**  
On a holiday on Dartmoor Jessica becomes fascinated with a  
book of local legends especially the ghostly tale of the Hairy  
Hands. **Key stage 2**

**15982 HANNAH'S GHOST by Anne Merrick**  
Through the yellow-grey fog, Hannah saw a white face & two  
dark eyes of a strange looking man. But nobody believes her.  
**Key stage 2**

**15623 THE HAUNTED CANAL** by Margaret Nash  
Tom and Jodie make a raft and sail on a canal to a haunted tunnel.  
**Key stage 2**

**15619 THE HAUNTED SAND** by Hugh Scott  
Three teenagers set out to discover an ancient haunting. Suspense and surprises.  
**Key stage 3**

**16639 THE HEADLESS TEACHER** by Roy Apps  
Second book in the Fang Gang series. Sequel to “My Vampire Grandad” (16640). What will happen when Jonathan’s teacher turns up without a head? Can the Fang Gang help him find it or will he have lost his head forever.  
**Coming soon in MP3** **Key stage 1/2**

**16047 THE HORRIBLY HAUNTED SCHOOL** by Margaret Mahy  
Monty is allergic to ghosts, they make him sneeze. As soon as he sets foot in the Brinsley Codd School for Sensible Thought he knows it's haunted, but he cannot convince the teachers.  
**Key stage 2**

**16702 THE INVISIBLE FRIEND** by Louise Arnold  
Grey Arthur is a ghost. Tom Golden is a boy who doesn't fit in at school. When Tom and Grey Arthur mutter the same three words, at exactly the same time, Grey Arthur knows he must become Tom's invisible friend!  
**Key stage 2/3**



**16373 THE RINALDI RING** by Jenni Nimmo  
After his mother's death, Eliot is sent to stay with his cousins. There he is haunted by Mary-Ellen who was once a prisoner in his very room. People believed that she lost her sanity when her fiance was killed in the First World War. Eliot is determined to find out about her and right a terrible wrong! **Key stage 2/3**

**16236 THE STONES OF MUNCASTER CATHEDRAL** by Robert Westall  
Two stories of the supernatural, in the first, evil is leaking from the stones of Muncaster cathedral as a dark presence re-awakens. In 'Brangwyn Gardens', Harry Shaftoe's lodgings hide a sinister secret that he is now obsessed by. **Key stage 3**

Read on if you dare... you have been warned!

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Available soon... **TWILIGHT** by Stephenie Meyers 16856, KS4 when you fall in love with a vampire you can forget 'happy ever after'! (Not available to DY).

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