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Are you ready to sink your teeth into a great book?

This week is National Teen Read Week, sponsored by YALSA ; The Young Adult Library Services Association from the American Library Association.

The books I will introduce to you today are related to “bite” in some way or have elements of Gothic Horror. Philip Charles Crawford, library director at Essex HS in VT writes that there are five basic motifs to a Gothic Horror story:

1. a castle or haunted house setting
2. a young innocent hero(ine)
3. a villain/monster
4. a dark/oppressive setting
5. inclusion of societal taboos

Listen to the book descriptions and the samples of each book to learn how each book has its own “bite”. Let’s have some fun while learning to enjoy books from all areas of our library!

## 1. Real Monsters

In this category, we have books in fiction, non-fiction and reference sections. These are dinosaurs, bats, big cats, sharks, snakes and even Bigfoot!

567.9 BER Berkowitz, Jacob. Jurassic poop : what dinosaurs (and others) left behind. Toronto ; : Kids Can Press, c2006.

With articles like *Survival of the Feces, Turd to Treasure and Who Dung It?* This book is sure to please readers who love to learn and laugh at the same time. The illustrations are vividly colorful, yet informative. You can even learn how to make Coprolite crafts (yep, poop)!

590 LEW Lewin, Ted. Tooth and claw : animal adventures in the wild. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2003.

Written and laid out like a scrapbook, *Tooth and Claw* takes you on a journey to exotic countries like the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador, Kanha National Park in central India and Harriman State park in southeastern New York, a little closer to home. (*Read excerpt on p. 37, "Roar".*)

00 741.5 SHO Shone, Rob. Bigfoot and other strange beasts. 1st ed. New York : Rosen, 2006.

Part of the Graphic Mystery Series by Rosen Publishing Group, Inc, this book holds good information about different names, geographic locations and a glossary in addition to the exciting-to-read graphic account of different teams hunting Bigfoot in different regions of the world.

## 2. Folklore

Merriam-Webster defines folklore as: customs, beliefs, stories, and sayings of a people handed down from generation to generation. These folklore stories have elements of Gothic Horror, mostly having a hero(ine), a villain and a monster.

- 398 HAM Hamilton, John, 1959-. Dragons. Edina, Minn. : Abdo, c2005.  
Learn about the origin of the mythology of dragons. The book also covers early dragon folklore and classical dragons like St. George and the Dragon, serpent dragons, Beowulf versus the Dragon, and Asian dragons. Look a little later for the story of Beowulf to surface again in this booktalk.
- 398.208 LIL Lilly, Melinda. The snake's toothache : a Q'eqchi Maya Myth. Vero Beach, Fla.: Rourke Press, c1999.  
Who knows where the Maya people lived? In this book, read about a Mayan folktale about an old witch who lives in a cave in a volcano with a fiery snake. She uses her wits to keep the serpent from destroying her village.
- 398.27 ASK Ask the bones : scary stories from around the world. New York : Viking, 1999.  
Does anyone recognize this book? It's a pretty popular one here. It's really a collection of scary folktales from countries around the world including China, Russia, Spain, and the United States!

## 3. Bytes

Eight bits equal one byte in computer terms. I mean byte with a "y". These stories are related in some way to the world of computers. Go on a cyber adventure or learn about the origin of computers that we use today.

- 363.25 LIB Libal, Angela. Fingerprints, bite marks, ear prints : human signposts. Philadelphia : Mason Crest, c2006.  
CSI fans will love to read this book written by a real forensic scientist. The notes explain how human fingerprints, bite marks, ear prints, and other forms of developing technologies help solve criminal investigations and other mysteries.
- 025.04 COO Cooper, Gail, 1950-. New virtual field trips. Englewood, Colo. : Libraries Unlimited, 2001.  
Travel to over 440 destinations like the Grand Canyon, planetariums, galleries and museums through the magic of the Internet!
- FIC D'L D'Lacey, Chris. A break in the chain. New York : Crabtree Pub., 2002, c1998.  
A boy magically finds himself through a computer game, in the Arctic. A polar bear teaches him how a terrible oil spill affects food chains. The boy encourages his class, using email and a fund-raiser, to help rescue the Arctic animals.
- FIC TAS Tashjian, Janet. Tru confessions. Apple Signature ed. New York : Scholastic, [1999], c1997.  
A computer-literate, twelve-year-old girl keeps an electronic diary where she documents her desire to cure her twin brother with special needs and her plan to create a television show. (read p. 12-13)

## 4. Bite-sized stories

For those of you who like reading in bite-sized portions, or if you're like me with precious little time on your hands, you can devour these tiny tidbits in smaller amounts of time. Most of these are books of short stories, but some are graphic novels or simply short books.

741.5 BUR Burgan, Michael. Bram Stoker's Dracula. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, c2008. This graphic novel has an enticing cover and vivid artwork to lure in readers for Bram Stoker's masterpiece, *Dracula*: originally written in 1897. Count Dracula lives in a castle in Transylvania. Jonathan Harker, who is on a business trip, decides to stay at the castle but when strange noises take place at night, Harker discovers that the castle is filled with unbelievable horrors. When you finish with this, feel free to check out a copy of the original version.

FIC BEW Beware! : R.L. Stine picks his favorite scary stories. New York : Avon Books, 2004, c2002.

I chose this book next because R.L. Stine, author of the popular Goosebumps series, picked these short stories as his very favorites. Among them, you will find a lesser-known but equally chilling story by Bram Stoker, called "The Judge's House". Here is a list of others in the book:

The black Ferris / by Ray Bradbury -- The conjure brother / by Patricia McKissack -- My sister is a werewolf / by Jack Prelutsky -- The surprise guest / by R.L. Stine -- The judge's house / by Bram Stoker, retold by R.L. Stine -- The cremation of Sam McGee / by Robert W. Service -- The elevator / by William Sleator -- (An excerpt from) The witches / by Roald Dahl -- Joe is not a monster / by R.L. Stine -- Tiger in the snow / by Daniel Wynn Barber -- A sock for Christmas / a Grim fairy tale from the vault of Horror, Voolume 4, (a graphic novel, illustrated) by Jack Kamen -- The terrifying adventures of the Golem : a Jewish folktale / retold by R.L. Stine -- Examination day / by Henry Slesar -- Harold / retold by Alvin Schwartz -- The girl who stood on a grave / retold by Alvin Schwartz -- A grave misunderstanding / by Leon Garfield -- Mister Ice Cold / by Gahan Wilson -- Haunted / by Shel Silverstein -- Blood-curdling story / by Shel Silverstein. A selection of unsettling stories by such authors as Ray Bradbury, William Sleator, Edward Gorey, Roald Dahl, Jane Yolen, and Mr. Stine himself.

741.5 HIN Hinds, Gareth, 1971-. Beowulf. 1st Candlewick Press ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2007.

Hinds' powerful illustrations throughout this book entice readers to follow the Old English epic poem in an easier-to-digest format. A Norse hero saves Denmark's royal house from monsters, returns home to become his own people's greatest king, and then faces a murderous dragon to protect his people.

FIC DAH Dahl, Michael. The beast beneath the stairs. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, c2007.

This is one of a number of books in the *Stone Arch Series* that are equally enticing as easy to read. If you're looking for a quick morsel to read, look for these books with the red castle icon on the top of the book spine, or search "stone arch" under series in Destiny.

"When the Librarian returns to his castle after lengthy travels, he finds that someone has stolen his collection of deadly books, and until he can get past a beast the thief left behind and track them down, the world is in great jeopardy."

## 5. Gothic Goodies

Grab one of these and curl up under your covers. You'll need them to either hide under or keep yourself warm while reading these spine-chilling novels.

FIC HAD Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Escape from Memory. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.

"Allowing herself to be hypnotized, fifteen-year-old Kira reveals memories of another time and place that may eventually cost her and her mother their lives." I'm fond of this one because her Mom is a librarian. (but is she REALLY her Mom?) (read excerpt p. 29-30)

FIC MEY Meyer, Stephenie, 1973-. Eclipse. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2007.

I chose this because it is the third of Stephenie Meyer's wildly popular Twilight series. It also the only one that happened to be in the library – a rare occasion! In the first book, Twilight, seventeen-year-old Bella moves to OR with her father after her flighty mother remarries. She learns to adapt in a new school until she sits next to Edward in biology – then her life changes

more than she imagined it could. Part three, Eclipse, takes place the following year. The town is in danger and it is up to Edward's mysterious family and Bella's dear friend, Jacob, and his family to unite and battle to save innocent victims.

FIC SHA Shan, Darren. Cirque du freak. 1st U.S. ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c2001.  
This vampire series from Darren Shan is another in which the books are always whisked away as soon as they're checked in. "Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices." (read excerpt, p 169-171)

FIC WES Westerfeld, Scott. The secret hour. 1st ed. New York : Eos, c2004.  
Fifteen-year-old girl moves to OK and discovers that she's one in a special group born at the stroke of midnight who can roam the town at a secret hour while others sleep. The book keeps you gripping your sheets and turning the pages!  
(read excerpt, pp. 62-64.)

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## More books about . . . . .

### Real Monsters

- 001.94 GUI Guiberson, Brenda Z. Tales of the haunted deep. 1st ed. New York : H. Holt, 2000.  
Nonfiction accounts of ships that sank inexplicably, and other mysterious maritime occurrences.
- 001.944 BUR Burgan, Michael. Bigfoot. Mankato, Minn. : Capstone Press, c2005.  
The legend of Bigfoot -- History of Bigfoot -- Searching for Bigfoot -- Looking for answers. Examines the history and legend of Bigfoot and analyzes some of the data collected in North America including rock and cave paintings of early Native Americans.
- 567 ARN Arnold, Caroline. Giant shark : megalodon, prehistoric super predator. New York : Clarion Books, c2000.  
Describes Megalodon, an extinct shark that was more than fifty feet long and could swallow an object the size of a small car.
- 567.9 BAR Barrett, Paul M. National Geographic dinosaurs. 1st U.S. ed. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic Society, c2001.  
Illustrations, photographs, and text provide information on different kinds of dinosaurs, their behavior, eating habits, and possible reasons for extinction.
- 567.9 FAR Farlow, James Orville. Bringing dinosaur bones to life : how do we know what dinosaurs were like? New York : F. Watts, c2001.  
Provides information about the lives of dinosaurs, and tells how scientists have learned about these giant creatures.
- 567.9 ZIM Zimmerman, Howard. Beyond the dinosaurs! : sky dragons, sea monsters, mega-mammals, and other prehistoric beasts. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2001.  
Provides illustrations and information about some of the giant reptiles and mammals that lived on Earth during and after the time of the dinosaurs, discussing where each animal lived, what it ate, and its characteristics.
- 567.912 REL Relf, Patricia. A dinosaur named Sue : the story of the colossal fossil : the world's most complete T. rex. New York : Scholastic, c2000.  
Text and color photos describe the journey of Sue, the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton ever found as of 1999, from her 1990 discovery in South Dakota to her arrival and reconstruction at Chicago's Field Museum.

- 590 LEW Lewin, Ted. Tooth and claw : animal adventures in the wild. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c2003.  
Beach master -- Grizzly -- Macaco meojor -- Waiting for a puff adder -- Bears, bears, bears -- Roar -- The meat eaters of Kibale -- Barnstorming -- Sleeping with bison -- Rattler -- Deputy Dawg -- Downwind of a dung beetle -- The joker -- Garbage elephants.  
Author/illustrator Ted Lewin relates fourteen of his experiences with wild animals while traveling the world, following each anecdote with facts about the featured animal and its habitat.
- 591.47 CHI Chinery, Michael. Poisoners and pretenders. New York : Crabtree, c2000.  
Describes the various defense mechanisms used by caterpillars, frogs, snakes, and other animals to fend off hungry predators.
- 591.47 FRE Fredericks, Anthony D. Fearsome fangs. New York : F. Watts, c2002.  
Photographs and easy-to-follow text describe different kinds of animals with fangs and explain how those fangs are used.
- 597.3 BER Berger, Melvin. What do sharks eat for dinner? : questions and answers about sharks. New York : Scholastic Reference, c2000.  
Uses a question and answer format to provide information about the physical characteristics, habits, and behavior of sharks.
- 597.3 CER Cerullo, Mary M. The truth about great white sharks. San Francisco : Chronicle Books, c2000.  
Describes the habits and behavior of the white shark and uses this information to dispel myths about this predator.
- 597.95 WEL Welsbacher, Anne, 1955-. Komodo dragons. Mankato, Minn. : Capstone High-Interest Books, c2002.  
Profiles the Komodo dragon, explaining how it hunts and kills, describing its relationship with humans, listing its prey, and providing a range map and "myth versus fact" section.
- 597.96 ILL The illustrated guide to poisonous snakes. Guilford, CT : Lyons Press, c2003.  
Describes the appearance, characteristics, venom type, habitat, and length of poisonous snakes found throughout the world, each with a photograph, and distribution map.
- 599.4 FEN Fenton, M. Brock (Melville Brockett), 1943-. Bats. Rev. ed. New York, NY : Checkmark Books, c2001.
- 599.4 LUN Lunde, Darrin P. Hello, bumblebee bat. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, c2007.  
Examines the physical characteristics, habitat, babies, and behavior of the bumblebee bat.
- 599.756 MON Montgomery, Sy. The man-eating tigers of Sundarbans. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, c2001.  
Describes the behavior of the tigers of the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve in India and Bangladesh.
- FIC DAH Dahl, Michael. The beast beneath the stairs. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, c2007.  
When the Librarian returns to his castle after lengthy travels, he finds that someone has stolen his collection of deadly books, and until he can get past a beast the thief left behind and track them down, the world is in great jeopardy.

## Folklore

- 398 HAM Hamilton, John, 1959-. Goblins and trolls. Edina, Minn. : ABDO Pub., c2005.  
Presents the history and origin of goblins, trolls, and orcs in the ancient mythology of the Celts, French folklore, Scandinavia, and the Druids of Britain.
- 398 HAM Hamilton, John, 1959-. Ogres and giants. Edina, Minn. : ABDO Pub., c2005.  
Presents the history and origin of giants and ogres in the ancient mythology of Greece and Rome, Norse and Scandinavian folklore, as well as in fairy tales.
- 398 KRE Krensky, Stephen. Vampires. Minneapolis, MN : Millbrook Press, c2007.  
Back from the dead -- Vampires on parade -- Real-life vampires in history -- The most famous name in vampires -- Vampires on the loose. Explores the history and pop culture that surrounds vampires, discussing the origin of legends, Count Dracula, real life examples, and books and movies about the creatures.

398.2 MOR Morpurgo, Michael. Beowulf. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, c2006.  
A retelling of the Anglo-Saxon epic about the heroic efforts of Beowulf, son of Edgetheow, to save the people of Heorot hall from the terrible monster, Grendel.

## Bytes

- 001.944 SHO Shone, Rob. Bigfoot and other strange beasts. 1st ed. New York : Rosen, 2006.  
Provides background information about Bigfoot and other strange beasts, presents the stories of the Yeti, the Wildman of China, and Bigfoot in graphic novel form, and includes a brief debate on whether such creatures exist.
- 004 DEL De la Bédoyère, Guy. The first computers. North American ed., U.S. ed. Milwaukee, WI : World Almanac Library, 2006.  
Presents an overview of the invention and development of computers, in simple text with photographs, including information on the earliest analog machines and the technological advancements that lead to cutting edge models.
- 004.023 MCA McAlpine, Margaret. Working with computers. U.S. ed. Milwaukee, Wis. : Gareth Stevens Pub., 2005.  
Introduces preteens to seven careers in the computer industry, including games designer, hardware engineer, and Web site developer, each with a description, outlines of basic responsibilities and qualifications, and a look at a typical day on the job.
- 004.023 REE Reeves, Diane Lindsey, 1959-. Career ideas for kids who like computers. 2nd ed. New York : Ferguson, c2007.  
Presents a collection of computer-related occupations including programmer, online researcher, and systems analyst; and provides information on the skills needed for each job.
- 004.608 JOH Johnson, Doug, 1952-. Learning right from wrong in the digital age. Worthington, Ohio : Linworth Pub., c2003.  
Presents guidelines and rules for teachers, parents, librarians, and other adults to use in teaching children ethical behavior regarding computers and the Internet, and presents thirty-six scenarios related to privacy, property, and appropriate use, along with discussion questions.
- 004.67 BUL Bullock, Linda. Careers on the Web. Austin, TX : Raintree Steck-Vaughn, c2003.  
Describes how a wide range of individuals employ the World Wide Web in their occupations.
- 004.67 SHE Sherman, Josepha. Internet safety. New York : F. Watts, c2003.  
Provides information and advice on using the Internet safely, discussing privacy concerns, viruses, shopping online, netiquette, and more.
- 004.67 WOL Wolinsky, Art. Safe surfing on the Internet. Berkeley Heights, NJ : Enslow, c2003.  
Explores the many safety issues involved in using the Internet, including the relevant laws, especially CIPA and COPPA, acceptable use policies (AUPs), and other protection and privacy issues.
- 005.102 MCG McGinty, Alice B. Software designer. Rev. ed. New York : Rosen Central, 2003.  
Explains what software designers do and how to prepare for a career in software design.
- 005.7 SEL Selfridge, Benjamin. A kid's guide to creating web pages : for home and school. Chicago : Zephyr Press, c2004.  
Leads readers step-by-step through the basics of HTML, with an approach that encourages experimentation.
- 006.3 MAR Margulies, Phillip, 1952-. Artificial intelligence. San Diego : Blackbirch Press ;, c2004.  
History of artificial intelligence -- The quest for artificial intelligence -- The future of artificial intelligence. Discusses the definition of artificial intelligence, the development of "thinking" machines, and what computers may be able to do in the future.

- 303.48 MCD      Computers and technology. New York : Chelsea House, c2006.  
Contains articles from the online magazine "Science News for Kids" that provide information on happenings and discoveries related to computers, robotics, transportation, and innovation.
- 303.48 STO      Stoyles, Pennie. Information technology. 1st ed. North Mankato, Minn. : Smart Apple Media, 2004, c2003.  
Discusses two sides of issues related to information technology--how carefully the Internet should be controlled, whether information on the Internet should be subject to copyright laws, and how much information should remain in electronic storage indefinitely.
- 363.25 DAH      Dahl, Michael. Computer evidence. Mankato, Minn. : Capstone Press, c2005.  
Threatening mail -- Types of computer crime -- Searching for evidence -- Fighting computer crime. Describes different types of computer crime, looks at how law enforcement officials investigate computer crimes and use computer evidence in court, and provides an account of a computer crime case.
- 363.25 JAC      Kallner, Donna Jackson, 1958-. The bone detectives : how forensic anthropologists solve crimes and uncover mysteries of the dead. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown and Co., c1996.  
Explores the world of forensic anthropology and its applications in solving crimes.
- 363.25 PLA      Platt, Richard. Forensics. Boston : Kingfisher, 2005.  
Signs of the crime -- The crime scene -- Collecting evidence -- Photography -- Telltale marks -- Finding a body -- Lifting prints -- Showing the invisible -- Summary -- Who is it? -- Evidence from blood -- DNA analysis -- Teeth and bones -- Making faces -- Matching fingerprints -- Unknown culprit -- Proof of guilt -- Summary -- Crime lab -- The autopsy -- How did they die? -- Trace evidence -- Dirty proof -- Computers and crime -- Bombs and fires -- Drugs and poisons -- Weapons -- Fakes and forgeries-- Summary -- Glossary -- Index. Presents an introduction to forensic science, explaining what it is, providing information on how it helps law enforcement solve difficult crimes, in the field and in the lab.
- 364.16 GRA      Grant-Adamson, Andrew. Cyber crime. Broomall, PA : Mason Crest, c2003.  
Presents an introduction to different types of computer-based crime, and discusses the efforts of law enforcement officials to find and stop cyberspace criminals.
- 621.381 CHO      Chorlton, Windsor. The invention of the silicon chip : a revolution in daily life. Chicago : Heinemann Library, c2002.  
Examines the events surrounding the development of the silicon chip, its uses, and its impact on civilization.
- 621.381 WOO      Woodford, Chris. Digital technology. New York : Chelsea House, c2006.  
Provides an introduction to digital technology, discussing digital information and devices, answering both traditional and modern-day questions about the topic, and including photographs and diagrams, fact and history boxes, and related activities.
- 621.382 WIL      Wilson, Anthony, 1939-. How the future began : communications. New York : Kingfisher, 1999.  
Surveys the field of communication, with an emphasis on modern developments in telecommunication and the use of computers.
- B ANDREESSEN      Ehrenhafte, Daniel. Marc Andreessen : web warrior. Brookfield, Conn. : Twenty-First Century Books, c2001.  
A biography of the programmer who developed Netscape Navigator.
- B BABBAGE      Collier, Bruce. Charles Babbage and the engines of perfection. New York : Oxford University Press, c1998.  
Traces the life and work of the man whose nineteenth century inventions led to the development of the computer.
- B GATES      Connolly, Sean, 1956-. Bill Gates : an unauthorized biography. Des Plaines, Ill. : Heinemann Library, c1999.  
A biography of the math whiz kid who grew up to co-found Microsoft, the world's

leading computer software firm.

- FIC CAR Card, Orson Scott. The memory of earth. New York : TOR, 1992.  
Oversoul, an artificial intelligence functioning as the caretaker of a human settlement on the planet Harmony, discovers that it is no longer able to access parts of its memory and relies on a group of human beings to save the planet.
- FIC COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl : the eternity code. 1st American ed. New York : Miramax Books/Hyperion Books for Children, c2003.  
After Artemis uses stolen fairy technology to create a powerful microcomputer and it is snatched by a dangerous American businessman, Artemis, Juliet, Mulch, and the fairies join forces to try to retrieve it.
- FIC DUA Duane, Diane. High wizardry. San Diego : Magic Carpet Books, [2001], c1990.  
When her younger sister uses the family computer with its special wizard software to travel to worlds light years away, Nita uses her wizardry to try to find her.
- FIC LEH Lehmann, Christian. Ultimate game : a novel. Boston : David R. Godine, [2002], c1999.  
Eric, Charles, and Andreas find their lives destroyed when a computer game takes over their minds and forces them to live out their own worst nightmares.
- FIC PAU Paulsen, Gary. The time hackers. New York : Wendy Lamb Books, c2005.  
When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamers who are endangering the universe.
- FIC PRA Pratchett, Terry. Only you can save mankind. 1st HarperCollins ed. New York : HarperCollins, 2005.  
Twelve-year-old Johnny endures tensions between his parents, watches television coverage of the Gulf War, and plays a computer game called Only You Can Save Mankind, in which he is increasingly drawn into the reality of the alien ScreeWee.
- FIC TOW Townley, Rod. Into the labyrinth : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2002.  
Princess Sylvie and the other characters in the book entitled "The Great Good Thing" confront the perils of being uploaded onto the World Wide Web, forcing them to act out their story both in print and in cyberspace.
- FIC ZUC Zucker, Jonny. Inside the game. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, 2007, c2005.  
Aided by a girl they have never seen before, best friends Rex Jones, Dave, and Carl race for their lives when Rex's mysterious cell phone drops them into a computer game called Motor Speed Chase--or perhaps a more deadly version of that game.

## Bite-sized stories

741.5 GOO Goosebumps. New York : Graphix, c2007.

One day at Horrorland / adapted and illustrated by Jill Thompson -- A shocker on Shock Street / adapted and illustrated by Jamie Tolagson -- Deep trouble / adapted and illustrated by Amy Kim Ganter. A collection of three stories full of terror.

741.5 HOE Hoena, B. A. The legend of Sleepy Hollow. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, c2008.

A graphic adaptation of Washington Irving's tale in which the bookish, skittish Ichabod Crane is terrified by a headless horseman while pursuing the hand of the lovely--and rich--Katrina van Tassel.

741.5 HYE Hyeon, Lee Na. Traveler of the Moon. 1st ed. El Cerrito, CA : Infinity Studios, 2005.

Yuh-ur gets a bat as a pet; however, it turns out that the bat is actually a vampire.

FIC DAD Dadey, Debbie. The bride of Frankenstein doesn't bake cookies. New York : Scholastic, c2000.

The Bailey School Kids are going to find out if the strange new cookie chef at the ice rink is really the Bride of Frankenstein.

- FIC DAD Dadey, Debbie. Dracula doesn't rock and roll. New York : Scholastic, c1999.  
The Bailey School kids are trying to find out if Mr. Drake, the old school counselor, is really in a rock band full of vampires.
- FIC HAD Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Escape from Memory. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.  
Allowing herself to be hypnotized, fifteen-year-old Kira reveals memories of another time and place that may eventually cost her and her mother their lives.
- FIC HEN Henson, Heather. The vampire bunny. 1st Aladdin Paperbacks ed. New York : Aladdin, 2005, c2004.  
Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.
- FIC HOW Howe, James, 1946-. Bunnacula strikes again! New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1999.  
When Bunnacula the rabbit starts acting strangely, the Monroe dogs and cat renew their suspicions that he is a vampire.
- FIC LAN Lancett, Peter. The dark Fire of Doom. Minneapolis, Minn. : Stone Arch Books, c2006.  
Old Man sends Dark Man into the tunnels to find and extinguish a magic flame, the Fire of Doom, an evil gateway for demons.
- FIC LAN Lancett, Peter. The dark never hides. Minneapolis, Minn. : Stone Arch Books, c2006.  
Dark Man, who is a crusader for good, has a dream that confirms his life's mission.
- FIC LAN Lancett, Peter. Fear in the dark. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, 2008, c2006.  
Dark Man needs to find the Rod of Iron, which can control the future, before the evil Shadow Masters discover it.
- FIC NIG Night terrors : stories of shadow and substance. New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 1997, c1996.  
Moon kill / Patricia Windsor -- Girl at the window / Richard Peck -- The dark beast of death / Joan Lowery Nixon -- The bogey man / Annette Curtis Klause -- The beautiful thing / Harry Mazer -- The house on Buffalo Street / Norma Fox Mazer -- Satan's shadow / Alane Ferguson -- The monkey's wedding / Joan Aiken -- The grind of an axe / Theodore Taylor -- The chosen / Madge Harrah -- Bearing Paul / Chris Lynch.
- FIC RAN Rand, Johnathan. The Michigan Mega-Monsters. Topinabee Island, MI : AudioCraft, c2001.  
Rick Owens and his friends, staying at Camp Willow, discover they are being stalked by the Michigan Mega-Monsters.
- FIC STR Strong, Jeremy. Living with vampires. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, 2007, c2003.  
In order to have an opportunity to spend time with the heavenly Miranda at a school dance, Kevin Vlad will have to let his vampire parents help chaperone, but how will he keep them from turning everyone into zombies?
- FIC ZUC Zucker, Jonny. Steel eyes. Minneapolis : Stone Arch Books, 2006, c2005.  
Even before he knows the truth, Gary is determined to protect Emma, the new girl in school, from Gail and Tanya, gang members who will stop at nothing to learn why Emma always sunglasses.
- PB FIC RAN Rand, Johnathan. Poisonous pythons paralyze Pennsylvania. Topinabee Island, MI : AudioCraft, c2003.  
Ryan, Stephen, and Heather go hunting for snakes in a Pennsylvania swamp and encounter poisonous pythons. Can they escape alive?
- PB FIC RAN Rand, Johnathan. South Carolina sea creatures. Topinabee Island, MI : AudioCraft, [2005], c2004.  
Chad Prescott and his sister Michelle discover that gigantic monsters are living beneath the waters off the coast of South Carolina and must try to destroy them before they take over Dewees Island.

- FIC ALM Almond, David, 1951-. Clay. 1st ed. New York : Delacorte Press, [2006], c2005.  
The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.
- FIC ATW Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. Demon in my view. New York : Dell Laurel-Leaf, [2001], c2000.  
Seventeen-year-old Jessica Allodola discovers that the vampire world of her fiction is real when she develops relationships with an alluring vampire named Aubrey and the teenage witch who is trying to save Jessica from his clutches.
- FIC ATW Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. In the forests of the night. New York : Laurel-Leaf Books, 2000, c1999.  
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- FIC ATW Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. Midnight predator. New York, N.Y. : Delacorte Press, c2002.  
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- FIC CHA Chandler, Elizabeth, 1954-. Legacy of lies. New York : Pocket Books, c2000.  
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- FIC DOK Dokey, Cameron. The summoned. New York : Pocket Pulse, c2001.  
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- FIC HAD Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Escape from Memory. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.  
Allowing herself to be hypnotized, fifteen-year-old Kira reveals memories of another time and place that may eventually cost her and her mother their lives.
- FIC HOW Howe, James, 1946-. Bunnacula meets Edgar Allan Crow. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2006.  
An overly-alarmed Chester the cat predicts a gruesome fate for the pets in the Monroe household when a writer of juvenile horror fiction and his bird companion stay overnight.
- FIC JEN Jennings, Patrick. The wolving time. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2003.  
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- FIC KLA Klause, Annette Curtis. The silver kiss. New York : Laurel-Leaf Books, 1992, c1990.  
A mysterious teenage boy harboring a dark secret helps Zoë come to terms with her mother's terminal illness.
- FIC MCC McCall, Josh. The Blackout Gang. New York : Razorbill, c2006.  
Best friends Monica, BB, and Kev1n, escape their summer camp to stop an evil villain who is prowling the streets of New York City during a blackout.
- FIC MCN McNish, Cliff. Breathe : a ghost story. 1st American ed. Minneapolis, MN : Carolrhoda Books, 2006.  
When he and his mother move into an old farmhouse in the English countryside, asthmatic, twelve-year-old Jack discovers that he can communicate with the ghosts inhabiting the house and inadvertently establishes a relationship with a tormented, malevolent spirit that threatens to destroy both his mother and himself.

FIC MEY Meyer, Stephenie, 1973-. Eclipse. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2007.  
Bella must choose between her friendship with Jacob, a werewolf, and her relationship with Edward, a vampire, but when Seattle is ravaged by a mysterious string of killings, the three of them need to decide whether their personal lives are more important than the well-being of an entire city.

FIC NIX Nixon, Joan Lowery. The haunting. New York : Yearling, c1998.  
Lia searches her great-great-grandmother's diary and an antique volume of Edgar Allan Poe stories for a way to drive a malicious ghost from her family's old plantation house.

FIC OPP Opel, Kenneth. Firewing. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.  
Griffin, a young bat, is sucked into the "Underworld," and his father follows to rescue him.

FIC PIE Pierce, Meredith Ann. The darkangel. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2007, c1982.  
The servant girl Aerial must choose between destroying her vampire master for his evil deeds or saving him for the sake of his beauty and the spark of greatness she has seen in him.

FIC RAB Rabin, Staton. The curse of the Romanovs. 1st ed. New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2007.  
In 1916, teenaged hemophiliac and heir to the Russian throne, Alexei Romanov, escapes into the future to elude the murderous Rasputin, and meets his modern-day cousin, fifteen-year-old Varda, who is working on a cure for hemophilia and who wants to help change history by saving his family.

FIC SHA Shan, Darren. Cirque du freak. 1st U.S. ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c2001.  
Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

FIC SHA Shan, Darren. Lord of the shadows. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2006, c2004.  
When Darren Shan returns home, he is met by old enemies and scores to be settled, and with destiny certain to destroy him, the world seems doomed to fall to the Ruler of the Night.

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Sixteen-year-old hereditary witch Stacey Brown has nightmares of her roommate being murdered and hopes that her magic will be enough to protect Drea--unlike the last person whose death Stacey dreamed.

FIC STO Stolarz, Laurie Faria, 1972-. Red is for remembrance. 1st ed. Woodbury, MN : Llewellyn Publications, c2005.  
Stacey wants nothing more than to have a normal life as she heads off to college, hoping to forget the tragic accident that killed her boyfriend, but when she begins having disturbing dreams, she realizes she cannot put the past behind and turns to the folk magic her grandmother taught her to learn the truth about her dreams.

FIC WES Westerfeld, Scott. The secret hour. 1st ed. New York : Eos, c2004.  
Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one in a special group born at the stroke of midnight who can roam the town at a secret hour while others sleep--and that she must fight the evil creatures who share her power.

FIC WES Westerfeld, Scott. Touching darkness. 1st ed. New York : Eos, c2004.  
Jessica Day, and her four friends, the "midnighters", are the only ones in Bixby, Oklahoma that know the world freezes at midnight, and as they battle evil creatures living in the hour hidden they learn about Bixby's shadowy past and uncover a deadly conspiracy that reaches beyond the secret hour.

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Maria Abruzzo threatens to expose the four teenage werewolves even though they set out to look for her younger sister, who went missing.

