

Staff Picks



Not for the Faint of Heart

In the tradition of H. P. Lovecraft and the prolific Stephen King, horror comes in many shapes and guises. If you're the type who screams loudly at horror films whenever the music changes or a green alien dives from the sky, you may not be an ideal candidate for these titles. But if you enjoy terrifying yourself, read these books that are "not for the faint of heart."

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A Winter Haunting

Dan Simmons Si

Returning to his childhood town to pick up the pieces of his shattered life a professor leases the empty farmhouse of a murdered friend, but instead of finding peace and quiet, he finds that the house is haunted.



Dark Harvest

Norman Partridge Partridge

On Halloween a teenager dreams of escaping a dead-end future in his small hometown. He gets his chance by participating in the annual rite attacking the local monster known as the October Boy, but is unaware of the truth behind the ritual and the price he must pay to escape.



Haunted: a Novel of Stories

Chuck Palahniuk Palahniuk

Twenty-three stories chronicle the experiences of people who have answered an ad for an artist's retreat, believing that they will find a peaceful refuge. They find themselves isolated and trapped in a cavernous old theater; not for those with a weak stomach.



Heart-Shaped Box

Joe Hill Hill

A collector of macabre artifacts, unscrupulous metal band musician Judas Coyne is unable to resist purchasing a ghost over the Internet. Little does he know it is the vengeful spirit of his late girlfriend's stepfather.



John Dies at the End

David Wong Wong

"Soy sauce" is a drug that promises an out-of-body experience with each hit, allowing users to drift across time and dimensions. But some who come back are no longer human. Two slackers, John and David, are mankind's only hope. Edgy, modern horror.



Mark Z. Danielewski's House of Leaves

Mark Danielewski Danielewski

When Johnny attempts to organize a strange manuscript left by a dead blind man, it gains possession of his soul. The manuscript details the exploration of a seemingly endless, totally dark, and constantly changing labyrinth in a house and becomes an examination of truth, perception, and darkness.



Promise Not to Tell

Jennifer McMahon McMahon

This novel combines mystery with a ghost story. It follows Kate's return to her childhood home where the ghost of a murdered child is believed to be seeking revenge in the woods.



The Night Country

Stewart O'Nan On

A tragic car accident kills three teens, leaves one brain damaged and another suffering with guilt. One year later the spirits of the dead return to torment the survivors.



You Don't Scare Me

John Farris Farris

Ten years after the death of her evil stepfather Chase Emrick remains haunted by the horrors of her past. In order to defeat him once and for all she must confront a netherworld of horror.
