

# **Suggested Reading for Teens** **@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

## **Scary Books**

**If you like scary books, give these gruesome tales a try.**

**Warning: Read at your own Risk!**

***Recommended for Grades 7 and Up***

**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

*Awards:*

- Newberry Medal
- YALSA Best Books
- ALA Notable Book

**Call Number: J F GAI**

**Coraline** by Neil Gaiman

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books
- ALA Notable Books

**Call Number: YA F GAI**

**Cirque du Freak** by Darren Shan

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.

*Awards:*

- Soaring Eagle Book Award

**Call Number: YA F SHA**

**Evernight** by Claudia Gray

Sixteen-year-old Bianca, a new girl at the sinister Evernight boarding school, finds herself drawn to another outsider, Lucas, but dark forces threaten to tear them apart and destroy Bianca's entire world.

**Call Number: YA F GRA**

**Zombie Blondes** by Brian James

Each time fifteen-year-old Hannah and her out-of-work father move she has some fears about making friends, but a classmate warns her that in Maplecrest, Vermont, the cheerleaders really are monsters. These cheerleaders are *too* perfect.

**Call Number: YA F JAM**

**Prom Dates from Hell** by Rosemary Clement-Moore

High school senior and yearbook photographer Maggie thought she would rather die than go to prom, but when a classmate summons a revenge-seeking demon, she has no choice but to buy herself a dress and prepare to face jocks, cheerleaders, and Evil Incarnate.

**Call Number: YA F CLE**

**Project 17** by Laurie Faria Stolarz

Six teens sneak into the abandoned Danvers State Hospital to film a movie just a few days before the former insane asylum is set to be torn down. Once inside they realize someone or something has been waiting for them. Locked doors, strange noises, patient files describing lobotomies and other horrors....Six teens go in, but will six leave?

*Awards:*

- YALSA Quick Picks

**Call Number: YA F STO**

**The Beast of Noor** by Janet Lee Carey

Fifteen-year-old Miles Ferrell uses the rare and special gift he is given to break the curse of the Shriker, a murderous creature reportedly brought to Shalem Wood by his family's clan centuries before.

**Call Number: YA F CAR**

**Bonechiller** by Graham McNamee

Four high school students face off against a soul-stealing beast that has been making young people disappear in their small Ontario, Canada, town for centuries.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books

**Call Number: YA F MCN**

**Recommended for Grades 9 and Up**

**Wake** by Lisa McMann

Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Quick Pick

**Call Number: YA F MCM**

**The Devouring** by Simon Holt

The existence of Vours, supernatural creatures who feast on fear and attack on the eve of the winter solstice, becomes a terrifying reality for fifteen-year-old Reggie when she begins to suspect that her timid younger brother might be one of their victims.

**Call Number: YA F HOL**

**Unwind** by Neal Shusterman

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books
- YALSA Quick Picks

**Call Number: YA F SHU**

**Bliss** by Lauren Myracle

Having grown up in a California commune, Bliss sees her aloof grandmother's Atlanta world as a foreign country, but she is determined to be nice as a freshman at an elite high school, which makes her the perfect target for Sandy, a girl obsessed with the occult.

*Awards:*

- Texas Taysha Reading List

**Call Number: YA F MYR**

**Killing Britney** by Sean Olin

Everyone around Britney is being murdered. Is someone trying to tell her something?

*Awards:*

- YALSA Quick Picks

**Call Number: YA F OLI**

**The Forest of Hands and Teeth** by Carrie Ryan

Through twists and turns of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and the surrounding forest, where dwell the Unconsecrated, aggressive flesh-eating people who were once dead.

**Call Number: YA F RYA**

**Blood and Chocolate** by Annette Curtis Klause

Having fallen for a human, a "meat boy", a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books
- Garden State Teen Book Award
- School Library Journal Best Books

**Call Number: YA F KLA**

**Gift of the Unmage (Worldweavers Series)** by Alma Alexander

As the seventh child born of the union of two seventh children, fourteen-year-old Thea has not fulfilled her parents' hope of having special magical powers, and they try a last, desperate measure before sending her to a school for those with no magical ability.

**Call Number: YA F ALE**

\* Book descriptions were taken from Novelist