Horror for Teens

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Delicious Monsters

by Liselle Sambury
While investigating what happened to a
young Black girl named Daisy, who lived in
the infamous "Miracle Mansion," for her
popular Haunted web series, Brittney
discovers that the most dangerous
monsters of all are those that hide in plain
sight. YA FIC SAMBURY



Our Crooked Hearts

by Melissa Albert
Told in alternating voices, years after it
began, seventeen-year-old Ivy and her mom
Dana's shared story comes down to a
reckoning among a daughter, a mother, and
the dark forces they never should have



The Weight of Blood

messed with. YA FIC ALBERT

by Tiffany D Jackson When her classmates discover her biracial identity, Maddy, a white-passing senior, becomes the target of their bullying and discovers she possesses secret powers that pose a risk to all who wronged her. YA FIC JACKSON



Hell Followed With Us

by Andrew Joseph White Free from the cult compound where he grew up, Benji finally has the opportunity to see the world for himself. He takes refuge at a center for LGBTQ+ youth, but the cult infected him with a bioweapon that's changing him from the inside out, and Benji

isn't sure how long he can fight it. YA FIC WHITE



The Girl From the Well

by Rin Chupeco

Okiku has wandered the world for centuries, freeing innocent ghosts and taking the lives of killers, but when she meets Tark she knows the moody teen is not a monster and needs to be freed from the demon that clings to him. YA FIC CHUPECO



There's No Way I'd Die First

by Lisa Springer

Throwing the ultimate, most exclusive Halloween party on all of Long Island, 17-year-old horror afficionado Noelle Layne gets her chance to prove that she's a Final Girl when a murderous clown ends up on the guest list.



She Is a Haunting

by Trang Thanh Tran
Staying in Vietnam at the house her
estranged father is restoring, Jade, plagued
by sleep paralysis, bugs and a ghostly
apparition, must expose the evil lurking in its
walls before dark forces consume them all.
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The Taking of Jake Livingston

by Ryan Douglass

When a murderous ghost begins to haunt sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston, high school soon becomes a different kind of survival game. YA FIC DOUGLASS



Undead Girl Gang

by Lily Anderson

While investigating the supposed suicides of her best friend, Riley, and mean girls June and Dayton, sixteen-year-old Wiccan Mila Flores accidentally brings them back to life. YA FIC ANDERSON



I Feed Her to the Beast and the Beast is Me

by Jamison Shea

Striking a deal with the river of blood to take center stage in the Parisian ballet, Black dancer Laure gains everything she's dreamed of and worked toward until she discovers, despite her vicious desires, she isn't the only monster around.

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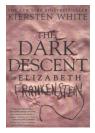
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Anya's Ghost

by Vera Brosgol

Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school, but when she falls down a well and makes friends with the ghost there, she thinks she's found just what she needs--or has she?



The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein

by Kiersten White

The events of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein unfold from the perspective of Elizabeth Lavenza, who is taken in by the Frankensteins as a companion for their son Victor and whose survival depends on managing his temper and entertaining his

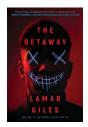
every whim. YA FIC WHITE



The Memory Eater

by Rebecca Mahoney

When a monster called the Memory Eater escapes under her watch and she must retrieve it, 17-year-old Alana Harlow must delve into her family's magic and the history of her town, discovering a shocking secret and learning that tampering with memories always comes at a price. YA FIC MAHONEY



The Getaway

by Lamar Giles

When Karloff Country, one of the world's most famous resorts, suddenly offers the richest and most powerful families a safe haven from the nightmare outside its walls, Jay and his crew learn just how far they'll go to find out the truth and save themselves. YA FIC GILES



There's Someone Inside Your House

by Stephanie Perkins

One year after moving to Nebraska to live with her grandmother, Makani Young is forced to confront dark secrets about her past in Hawaii when a serial killer begins to target her fellow high school students.

YA FIC PERKINS



Thornhill

by Pam Smy

Parallel plotlines set in different times, one told in text and one in art, inform each other as a young girl unravels the mystery of a ghost next door. J SMY



The Forest Demands Its Due

by Kosoko Jackson

When the murder of his classmate at an elite boarding school seems to be forgotten overnight, seventeen-year-old Douglas must confront centuries of secrets in the school's past and a vengeful creature in the forest surrounding the campus.

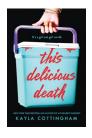
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Anna Dressed in Blood

by Kendare Blake

For three years, seventeen-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work of dispatching the murderous dead, traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, but everything changes when he meets Anna, a girl unlike any ghost he has faced before. YA FIC BLAKE



This Delicious Death

by Kayla Cottingham Ex-zombies living in Southern California, four best friends attend a musical festival in the desert, as a last hurrah before graduation, where they soon discover someone is drugging ghouls and

reawakening their hunger for flesh and must

work together to stop the carnage. YA FIC COTTINGHAM



Burn Down, Rise Up

by Vincent Tirado

When an urban legend rumored to trap people inside subway tunnels seems to be behind mysterious disappearances in the Bronx, sixteen-year-old Raquel and her friends team up to save their city--and confront a dark episode in its history in the process. YA FIC TIRADO