

## Horror Books for Teens

### Akron-Summit County Public Library

Arden, Katherine. **Small Spaces**, 2017. ARDEN Small JFIC

When Ollie is sitting by her favorite lake spot reading, she sees a terrified woman throw a book into the lake. She retrieves the book and discovers a chilling ghost story about a girl who makes a deal with the sinister “smiling man”, who grants your wish but also puts an evil curse on you. Later during a school trip to a local farm Ollie begins seeing the strange sights and creepy graves that she reads about in the book, and when the school bus breaks down after being surrounded by a menacing fog, she realizes that the ghost story is coming true and they all must find a way to escape.

Cesare, Adam. **Clown in a Cornfield**, 2020. CESARE Clown TEEN

This fun, creepy horror novel pays tribute to old school scary movies like “Halloween” and “Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.” Quinn Maybrook and her doctor father move to a small, rural town where the conservative adults are constantly clashing with the town’s rebellious teens. One day things turn deadly during a town festival when the town’s mascot, “Frendo the Clown”, goes on a rampage and starts killing the rebellious teenagers one by one.

Ellis, Kat. **Harrow Lake**, 2020. ELLIS Harrow TEEN

Lola Nox didn’t think anything could scare her since her father is a celebrated horror filmmaker, but then he is brutally murdered and she has to go and live with her grandmother in Harrow Lake where his most popular horror story is filmed. She soon starts learning about the town’s terrifying secrets when people start disappearing and she must find a way out before it’s too late.

McNeil, Gretchen. **TEN**, 2012. MCNEIL Ten TEEN

Fans of “I Know What You Did Last Summer” will love this scary suspense story. Best friends Meg and Minnie are invited to an exclusive house party on Henry Island for a 3 day weekend full of food, beverages and boys. It’s all fun and games until, with a storm raging outside, they discover a strange DVD with an ominous message: *Vengeance is mine*. One by one people start dying and they must find the killer before more people die.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Bloom**, 2020. OPPEL Bloom TEEN

This is a science fiction/horror story about an invasion of fast-growing, deadly vines that take over a small Canadian town. Anaya, Petra and Seth have all had terrible allergies for as long as they can remember. One day they all start to notice strange, black weeds with sharp barbs begin to grow everywhere and they grow at an alarming rate. Anaya shows them to her botanist father and when he puts a call out to the scientific community they discover that the

weeds are not just in their town, but they are taking over the entire planet. The vines begin swallowing people up, but strangely, Anaya, Petra and Seth are all immune and they try to find out why.

Plum, Amy. **Dreamfall**, 2017. PLUM Dreamfall TEEN

A group of teenagers struggling with insomnia sign up for a scientific sleep study that promises to help solve their sleep problems. Something goes terribly wrong when the lab equipment fails and all of them suddenly become trapped inside each other's nightmares. Together they must outrun skinless, oozing monsters, sinister clowns and zombie monks as they desperately try to escape a terrifying dream world.

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