

Thriller Books for Teens

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Blake, Kendare. **All These Bodies**, 2021. TEEN BLAKE All

Seventeen-year-old Michael Jensen, an aspiring journalist, has been following the “Bloodless Murders” for months. It’s 1958 and somebody is murdering people in the Midwest and draining them completely of blood. There hasn’t been a murder in a while and things have calmed down, but then Michael learns that a young couple have been killed in the “Bloodless Murders” fashion close to his own home. This time a 15-year-old girl is found standing above them, drenched in blood. The young girl chooses Michael to tell her story.

Harrison, Margot. **The Glare**, 2020. TEEN HARRISON Glare

After living with her mother on a completely tech-free ranch for 10 years, sixteen-year-old Hedda moves back to California to live with her father and begins to play a dangerous online game called “The Glare.” There’s a rumor going around that if you die 13 times while playing level 13 you die in real life. In order to defeat the deadly game, Hedda must confront the darkness within herself.

Leno, Katrina. **Horrid**, 2020. TEEN LENO Horrid

After her father’s death, Jane North-Robinson moves with her mom from sunny California to a dreary, old house in Maine where her mother grew up. Jane struggles to fit in as an introverted book “nerd” and is bullied by the local girls. After Jane discovers that the “storage room” her mother has kept locked for years is not actually empty, but is inhabited by the spirit of a little girl, she starts to question her own sanity.

Preston, Natasha. **The Twin**, 2021. TEEN PRESTON Twin

Iris and Ivy are twins that were separated at age 10 when their parents divorced. Ivy stayed with her father and Iris moved in with her mother. When the girls turn 16, their mother dies unexpectedly and Iris moves in with Ivy and their father. Ivy is not happy about this because although they get along, they don’t know each other well and the situation is awkward from the start. It gets even more eerily uncomfortable when Ivy learns that her sister is trying to push her out of her life with her father and may be responsible for her mother’s death. This creepy suspense novel is another exciting thriller from the author of “The Lake” and “The Cabin.”

Summers, Courtney. **The Project**, 2021. TEEN SUMMERS Project

After a tragic accident leaves most of her family dead and her little sister in a coma, Bea is approached by the charismatic leader of The Unity Project and she soon finds comfort there. But when Bea's sister, Lo, awakens from her coma she finds that Bea has abandoned her completely for The Unity Project. When Lo begins to investigate the group to get her sister back, she realizes that they may be engaging in very dark, deadly practices.

Thomas, Kara. **That Weekend**, 2021. TEEN THOMAS That

Claire, Kat and Jessie are three friends who take a secret trip to the lake for a prom weekend getaway, but after their first night Claire wakes up alone and bloodied with her friends missing. Claire struggles to remember what happened, and as things slowly come back she uncovers the terrifying truth. This thriller will shock you and keep you up all night.

Urban, Diana. **These Deadly Games**, 2022. TEEN URBAN These

When Crystal Donovan gets a message on a mysterious app with a video of her little sister gagged and bound, she agrees to play the kidnapper's game. At first, they make her complete bizarre tasks: steal a test and stuff it in a locker, bake brownies, make a prank call. But then Crystal realizes each task is meant to hurt—and kill—her friends, one by one.

Williams, Kate M. **The Babysitters Coven**, 2019. TEEN WILLIAMS Babysitters

Fans of the retro '90s "Adventures in Babysitting" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" will enjoy this series about a group of young teens that realize they have "witchy" powers and their calling in life is to protect the innocent and save their world from evil.

Williams, Kate M. **For Better or Cursed**, 2021. TEEN WILLIAMS For

In this sequel to "The Babysitters Coven" Esme and Cassandra, protectors of the innocent, are invited to a "Witches Summit" where they will enhance their skills. But while they are away for training, who is watching the kids they're supposed to be protecting?

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