



SUMMER SCARES

There's absolutely nothing to be afraid of...It's just the Summer Scares reading initiative by the Horror Writers Association, Book Riot, Booklist, NovelList, and iREAD. Try the horror genre on for size with these curated titles.

ADULT



A Botanical Daughter
by Noah Medlock
Gregor's business is exotic plants – harmless enough. Until his latest acquisition, a strange fungus which

shows signs of intellect beyond any plant he's seen, inspires him to attempt a masterwork: true intelligent life from plant matter.



Never Whistle at Night
ed. Shane Hawk & Theodore C. Van Alst Jr
A celebration of Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination, these shiver-inducing

tales introduce readers to ghosts, curses, hauntings, monstrous creatures, complex family legacies, desperate deeds, and chilling acts of revenge.



Maeve Fly
by CJ Leede
Maeve Fly works at the happiest place in the world as every child's favorite ice princess. But when Gideon Green

awakens something dangerous within her, she ditches her act and tries on a new persona. A bolder, bloodier one.

YOUNG ADULT



What We Harvest
by Ann Fraistat
Wren owes everything she has to her hometown, Hollow's End. But then the Quicksilver blight surfaces, infecting

livestock. They stagger off into the woods by day—only to return at night, their eyes fogged white, leering from the trees.



Gorgeous Gruesome Faces
by Linda Cheng
Sunny Lee lost her best friend Mina in a mysterious death two years ago. She can't help

but wonder if their other BFF, Candie, had something to do with it. Now, Sunny is still seeking answers in this mind-bending, feminist thriller.



Our Shadows Have Claws
ed. Yamile Saied Méndez & Amparo Ortiz
In these fifteen original short stories, sinister worlds are also magical ones, where supernatural

beings can be avatars for justice, vengeance, sisterhood, and empowerment. Some monsters need to be slain; others should be embraced.

MIDDLE GRADE



Garlic & the Vampire
by Bree Paulsen
When Garlic's village of vegetable folk learns that a bloodthirsty vampire has moved into the nearby castle, she is the

obvious choice to confront him. With everyone counting on her, she reluctantly agrees to face the mysterious vampire.



It Came from the Trees
by Ally Russell
When Jenna's troop stumbles across suspicious signs: huge human-like footprints near the camp, scratch

marks on trees, and ominous sounds from the woods, Jenna worries that whatever took her best friend Reese is back to take her too.



This Appearing House
by Ally Malinenko
Jac can feel there's something wrong with the House. The same way she knows it's no coincidence that the

House appeared at the five-year marker of her cancer diagnosis. To get out, she'll have to figure out what it wants from her.