



# Scary Books

Reading Interest: Ages 9-13



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### **School of the Dead** by Avi (2016)

Tony sees the ghost of his supernatural-enthusiast uncle at his new school, where a student is missing. AR (4.3) LEXILE (590)

### **Out of the Wild Night** by Blue Balliett (2018)

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A modern boy must rid himself of the ancient demon inhabiting his body and break his family's curse. AR (5.7) LEXILE (810)

### **A Box of Bones** by Marina Cohen (2019)

A rationally minded 12-year-old who regards her town's magic-themed festival as a frivolous waste of time becomes the unexpected owner of a strange wooden puzzle box that enmeshes her in the alternate reality of a young bone carver. AR (-) LEXILE (-)

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**The Ghost Road** by Charis Cotter (2018)  
Ghosts, a family curse, buried secrets ... a summer they won't soon forget. AR (4.4) LEXILE (640)

**The Last Gargoyle** by Paul Durham (2018)  
Penhallow Fitch, a gargoyle assigned to protect an apartment building, must fight against evil spirits to keep the residents safe. AR (5.2) LEXILE (750)

**Watch Hollow** by Gregory Funaro (2019)  
When a mysterious stranger makes their father an offer to fix the clock at Blackford House, Lucy and Oliver Tinker join forces with the magical clock animals to defeat a vicious monster, who wants to take possession of the house. AR (5.9) LEXILE (870)

**Haunting of Hounds Hollow** by Jeffrey Salane (2018)  
Twelve-year-old Lucas Trainer does not want to move from the city to the town of Hounds Hollow, and the giant manor in the middle of nowhere that his mother just inherited, but he and his CPAF machine have no choice. AR (4.8) LEXILE (690)

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Eleven-year-old Chance accidentally helps Penny, a lonely marionette who cannot remember who she is or where she came from, discover the truth of her past. AR (5.5) LEXILE (780)

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