

## Spooky Story Starters

1. Carlotta Grimshaw, the eccentric widow who lives in the Victorian mansion at the edge of town, decides to throw a special Halloween party to which she invites all of the people whom she suspects of framing her husband for embezzlement and precipitating his suicide three years before.
2. Jerry and Sam Collins, high school students who live in an apartment with their parents at the back of Collins Mortuary, had never thought much about ghosts until the young victim of a serial killer is brought in for embalming and burial.
3. A carnival fortune teller predicts a crazy sequence of events in the life of a skeptical teenager who is mystified when the prophesies start coming true.
4. A curious teen picks up a fruit bat that he sees flopping around on the ground at dusk on Halloween, and after the bat bites him on the hand, the boy develops a taste for blood just in time for the annual carnival at the local high school.
5. During a tour of the infamous Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, California, two adventurous teens get separated from the group and find themselves locked in the house overnight.
6. A high school girl who has been socially ostracized when her father is convicted of drug trafficking finds a dusty book of spells and incantations in the back of the county library where she works.
7. A group of ninth grade girls at a slumber party unwittingly conjure a demon who refuses to leave until each girl gives up something precious to her.
8. Karen Baker, a typical high school student, believes that the world is basically safe and sane until a strange woman moves in next door.
9. While riding their four-wheelers through a familiar stretch of woods, three boys discover a large black obelisk to which they are strangely attracted.
10. When a traveling magician offers to do a free show at the local high school, the principal feels uncomfortable but reluctantly agrees without understanding why.
11. On a dare, a friendless boy tries to prove himself to a group of classmates by spending the night in a Civil War cemetery where a series of ghosts give him advice.
12. An amateur sleuth who is the student editor of the high school newspaper decides to investigate a series of fatal car wrecks that have all happened on the same lonely stretch of highway at midnight during the full moon.
13. As she examined the remains of another of her father=s Hereford cows that had been

ritualistically slaughtered, a cold chill ran up Marian's spine, and she wondered why there was no blood.

14. For the first six nights after the Quinn family moved into the old house, Amanda had heard strange sounds coming from beneath the staircase outside her bedroom, but she had not had the courage to investigate until the seventh night.
15. As he sharpened the blade on his scythe, Shane heard a familiar voice coming from inside his own head, telling him to go to the Halloween costume ball and dress as the Grim Reaper.
16. Since the pre-season team retreat at Lake Lupine with the new coach, the captain of the football team has been having a recurring nightmare in which he runs through the woods with a pack of wolves.
17. After losing her boyfriend in a terrible car crash on his sixteenth birthday, Melinda Olsen began finding little gifts on her window sill, just like Richard used to leave there.
18. When Luke finds out that his girlfriend is a vampire, he decides to free her from the curse by hunting down and destroying the ancient fiend who infected her.
19. Mrs. Bradford, a high school counselor, finds evidence that a coven has formed at Salem High School and enlists the aid of a new student to help her identify the 13 girls who are members.
20. A pre-cognitive boy foresees a series of murders in his small hometown and comes under suspicion as the culprit.
21. A teenager who sustains a severe brain injury in a motorcycle accident begins channeling an evil spirit from his hospital bed, predicting in a rare South American Indian dialect the imminent end of the world.
22. While visiting Charleston, South Carolina, a skeptical Arkansas teenager takes a tour of three historic Ahaunted houses@ as the basis for her senior research project and finds to her horror that one of the spirits returns home with her.
23. Jack Riley, a popular jock at Danby High, buys an odd-looking necklace from a street-vendor and finds out to his amazement (and horror) that when he wears it he can read minds.
24. When a semi crashes into a viaduct on the interstate, its cargo of Mayan artifacts which are on their way to a museum in Dallas is strewn up and down the access road where two young deer hunters find an ancient gold jewel case with a strange inscription.
25. When Sarah has to be rushed to the hospital with symptoms of appendicitis, her mother notices a strange tattoo on her sixteen-year-old daughter's abdomen and finds out that she has been leading a secret life in a Satanic cult.