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Ten extraordinary authors spin hair-raising original tales collected by the anthologist of GOTHIC!

With scary stories by: M. T. Anderson, Holly Black, Libba Bray, Herbie Brennan, Nancy Etchemendy, Annette Curtis Klause, Kelly Link, Deborah Noyes, Marcus Sedgwick, and Chris Wooding

Enter the murky world of the undead. From a beyond-the-grave stalker to prankster devil worshippers, from a childish ghost of the future to a vampire lover with bloody ties to the past, the characters in these ten original stories will send shivers down your spine. Why do we fear the undead? Find out in this spooky companion volume to GOTHIC! TEN ORIGINAL DARK TAKES, and enjoy another graveyard walk in the company of ten contemporary masters of horror and suspense.

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Amber Hetchler (???????) says

Meh. The stories were either horrible or pretty good, there was no in between.

The Wrong Grave: 1/5 stars

The Houses and The Locket: 3/5 stars

Kissing Dead Boys: 2/5 stars

The Heart of Another: 3/5 stars

The Necromancers: 1/5 stars

No Visible Power: 3/5 stars

Bad Things: 3/5 stars

The Gray Boy's Work: 1/5 stars

The Poison Eaters: 3/5 stars

Honey in the Wound: 3/5 stars

Neal says

i picked this book up because it had a short story by one of my favorite writers (chris wooding). after i had read that story i read another just for fun. and i couldn't put it down. i read the whole thing in one day. all the stories in this book were awesome.

Jillian says

Kelly Link's 'The Wrong Grave' is a must read. Herbie Brennan's 'The Necromancers' was quite entertaining, and Nancy Etchemendy's 'Honey in the Wound' made my skin crawl.

Ashlyn Oglesby says

I just checked out this book, and i'm already added to it. I predict that diggin up bethany's grave, a curse would be broken and everyone who she knew would have a terrible death. I can't wait to read some more of this book.

Debbie says

A creepy collection about the dead who won't always remain dead to read with all the lights on. A few of the stories were excellent.

Highlights:

“The Wrong Grave” by Kelly Link (boy digs up a grave to retrieve his poetry)
“The Necromancers” by Herbie Brennan (two boys on a quest to bring their grandpa back from the dead)
“No Visible Power” by Deborah Noyes (a home is terrorized by an unquiet spirit)
“Bad Things” by Libba Bray (best story in the collection—kids traipsing through a graveyard looking for satanists find more than they bargained for)
“The Poison Eaters” by Holly Black (a dark fairytale)

LeeAnn Anna says

These "scary" stories are more silly than anything, but are totally appropriate for middle school readers.

Bhl Spectrum says

If you enjoy stories about a pack of bored teenagers hunting for supposed devil worshipers in the dark and foggy woods or a young boy digging up the grave of a one-time crush in order to retrieve his lost poetry, then this collection of short stories might be the book for you. Even though most of the stories fit a common formula, a character in some scary or lonely or boring place and then something creepy happens, the mood of each story is filled with enough suspense and creepiness to keep you flying through the pages. Another nice touch are the variety of endings: some stories end as you would expect, some end happily, and then there are the few that end badly (blood and guts and all that sadness).

Sometimes short story collections can be hit-or-miss. Luckily, Deborah Noyes, the book's editor, has a knack for picking great stories. A grouping of "supernatural" stories for young adults often run the risk of being cheesy or too much like a bad Goosebumps story. This time around, Noyes got it right. Even though the individual stories deal in different realms of the supernatural, all of the tales possess a common thematic element, the dead. More specifically, the restless dead. More importantly than shared themes, every story in this collection is unique, well-written, and very engrossing.

Bobby says

I think this book is good, in have a good picture make me imagine what just happen, but the story is not good that I think.

Amy says

I checked this out from the library and read the whole book in one day while I was sick. There were some very creative and well written stories in here. I thought that because it was in the juvenile section that the writing might be more simple, but the stories were complex and unpredictable. I'm guessing that it was in the young adult section because the language and sex in the stories was PG rated. Thank heavens! If that's why it merits a juvenile shelving, I'll check there more often. I think stories that require more suspense and less gore are a better sign of an author's skill, anyway. I had read another anthology, "Gothic" edited by Deborah Noyes and really enjoyed it too. I might need to look for more of her work.

Crowinator says

I've actually been reading this off and on at work on my breaks for a while, and I finally finished the last story.

Favorite stories: "Bad Things" by Libba Bray, "The Gray Boy's Work" by M.T. Anderson (the man really knows how to write intriguing horror stories), and "Honey in the Wound" by Nancy Etchemendy.

Orrin Grey says

Another re-read, of the sort of spiritual successor/sister book to Gothic!. This one has really strong stories by Holly Black, M. T. Anderson, and Kelly Link, among others. I didn't enjoy it quite as much as Gothic!, but it's still a favorite.

Rad says

The only short story I wasn't in the least bit crazy about was the first one. M.T. Anderson's and Chris Wooding's stories were my favorites, but they were all surprisingly good. (I've been wary of YA short story collections since Prom, which had mostly terrible stories.)

Janell says

The Restless Dead was a great book. It was basically 10 short stories in one book. I really liked it. My favorite story was "The Wrong Grave". This story was about a young boy going to visit his girlfriend's grave to get his poems. He somehow dug up the wrong grave but the right girl and became scared. It's an amazing story. I recommend this book to anyone.

Nora says

When we were in High School, my friend Danny wanted to be a botanist. He'd go to the Arboretum on weekends, and he met this guy there once who, despite having been to the arboretum every week for something like twenty years, had never made it all the way up to the top of this one particular hill. It wasn't that he'd never tried, it was just that every time he started to climb, he'd find something new and fascinating to examine on the way up. And next thing you knew it would be dusk, the park would be closing and that was that.

Danny thought this guy was the most amazing arborist ever.

I'm the same way with this anthology, so far. Kelly Link's "The Wrong Grave" (the first story in the book), is jsut so wonderful, so perfect, such a delight fo interlocking gears and whells adnd doodly bits, that I just can't

get past it. I could read it again forever.

Sara says

Even though designed for young adults I thought that the stories were fantastic :) I highly recommend reading this book :)
