

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

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It's that time of year again. A time that beckons all things spooky and creepy, magical and strange.

Everything that makes this the most wonderful time of the year...spooky season is upon us!

In my opinion, October really is the best month of the year! For many reasons. 1. Halloween 2. Apple Orchards and Pumpkin Patches. 3. Horror movies. 4. Costumes 5. The entire overall vibe. And so on and so on. There is really so much fun to be had in October!

Once spooky season is upon us I like to switch over from my usual reads of sci-fi and fantasy to the more creepy and scary books that are on my TBR list to get into the spooky spirit. Some of the recent horror and true crime books I have read and recommend include:

I'll Be Gone in the dark by Michelle McNamara “—the masterpiece McNamara was writing at the time of her sudden death—offers an atmospheric snapshot of a moment in American history and a chilling account of a criminal mastermind and the wreckage he left behind. It is also a portrait of a woman's obsession and her unflagging pursuit of the truth.”-Book Jacket

American Predator by Maureen Callahan “—is the ambitious culmination of years of interviews with key figures in law enforcement and in Keyes's life, and research uncovered from classified FBI files. Callahan takes us on a journey into the chilling, nightmarish mind of a relentless killer, and to the limitations of traditional law enforcement.”-Book Jacket

Home Before Dark by Riley Sager

Cross Roads by Laurel Hightower “How far would you go to bring back someone you love? When Chris's son dies in a tragic car crash, her world is devastated. The walls of grief close in on Chris's life until, one day, a small cut on her finger changes everything. A drop of blood falls from Chris's hand onto her son's roadside memorial and, later that night, Chris thinks she sees his ghost outside her window. Only, is it really her son's ghost, or is it something else—something evil? Soon Chris is playing a dangerous game with forces beyond her control in a bid to see her son, Trey, alive once again.”-Book Jacket

Stolen Tongues by Felix Blackwell

The Winter People by Jennifer McMahon

PenPal by Dathan Auerbach “In an attempt to make sense of his own mysterious and unsettling childhood memories, a man begins to reconstruct his past. As the games and adventures of his youth become engulfed by a larger story, he finds that it forms a tapestry of unbelievable horror that he never could have expected. Each chapter completes a different piece of the puzzle for both you and the narrator, and by the end of it all, you will wish that you could forget what he never knew.”-Book Jacket

If you are into horror and/or true crime and getting your pants scared off, please read these books, they do not disappoint!

Whether you want a book or a movie, a small scare or a big one, the Kirkland Town Library has you covered this Halloween season!