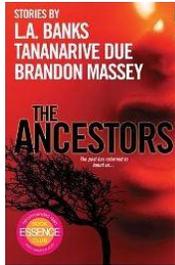


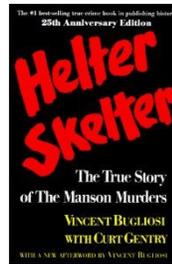
The Ancestors by L. Banks



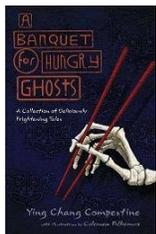
Three well-known thriller writers employ the novella to depict people learning more about their roots than any sane person would want to know. The undertone all three share is cautionary: listen to your elders before you try anything to the slightest degree dubious.

Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders by Vincent Bugliosi

Prosecuting attorney in the Manson trial, Vincent Bugliosi held a unique insider's position in one of the most baffling and horrifying cases of the twentieth century: the cold-blooded Tate-LaBianca murders carried out by Charles Manson and four of his followers.



A Banquet for Hungry Ghosts: A Collection of Deliciously Frightening Tales by Ying Chang Compestine



In this collection of gruesome ghost stories, Compestine takes readers through China's history, from the building of the Great Wall to the modern day.

The Best Horror of the Year by Ellen Datlow



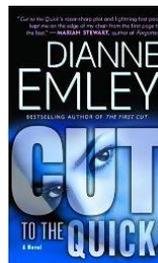
Prolific anthologist Datlow continues her fine showcase series (originally part of the long-running Year's Best Fantasy and Horror) with 17 scary stories published in 2009.

Balefires: Tales of the Weird and Fantastic by David Drake

Best known for his hard-hitting military SF, Drake (*Some Golden Harbor*) has also written some impressive fantasy and horror, as shown by this collection of 24 stories from all phases of his career.



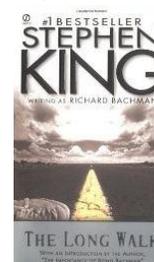
Cut to the Quick by Dianne Emley



Billboard tycoon Oliver Mercer has been brutally slain in his home in the Pasadena hills, joined in death by his long-legged trophy girlfriend—both of their bodies displayed in a chilling tableau.

The Long Walk by Stephen King

On the first day of May, one hundred teenage boys meet for an event known throughout the country as "The Long Walk." If you break the rules, you get three warnings, with the last resulting in...death.



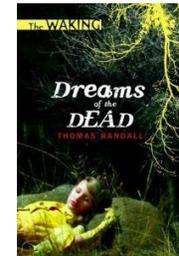
I Am Legend by Richard Matheson



Robert Neville has witnessed the end of the world, the only one to survive a vampire virus. Neville embarks on a series of projects to discover the source of the plague and hopefully put an end to the vampires.

Dreams of the Dead by Thomas Randall

Kara's new school is still reeling from the recent unsolved murder of a student, and as Kara settles in and makes new friends, she suffers from debilitating nightmares that preview tragedies to come.



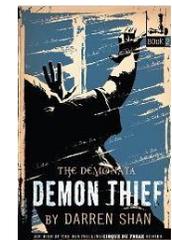
Cirque de Freak by Darren Shan



A boy sneaks out to an illicit freak show, and his life becomes entangled with a vampire spider-wrangler.

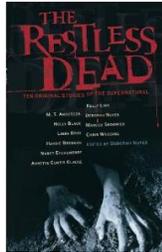
Demon Thief by Darren Shan

Kernel Fleck has always known he's weird. But it's not until a window opens into a demon world, with horrific consequences, that Kernel discovers his powers. As a Disciple, his mission is to hunt vicious, powerful demons to the death.

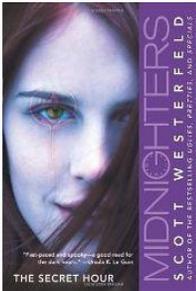


The Restless Dead: Ten Original Stories of the Supernatural by Various Authors

Whether motivated by shock, sorrow, self-preservation, or more subtle ambitions . . . the dead in this anthology are all restless, all awake when they shouldn't be, all conspiring to keep you up at night.



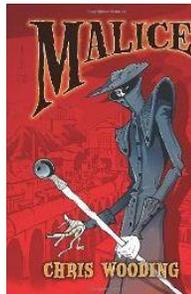
The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld



A few nights after Jessica Day arrives in Bixby, Oklahoma, she wakes up at midnight to find the entire world frozen, except for her and a few others who call themselves 'midnighters'. Dark things haunt this midnight hour – dark things with a mysterious interest in Jessica.

Malice by Chris Wooding

Three kids get trapped in the world of a deadly comic book in this thriller from Chris Wooding.



The Monstrumologist by Rick Yancey

Will Henry is the 12-year-old apprentice to Pellinore Warthrop, a brilliant and self-absorbed monstrumologist--a scientist who studies and kills monsters in late-1800s New England. The newest threat is the Anthropophagi, a pack of headless, shark-toothed bipeds, one of whom's corpse is delivered to Warthrop's lab courtesy of a grave robber.

