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When his father starts a new job at Minerva Hall as gardener, twelve-year-old Jim discovers an ancient curse that needs to be unraveled before disaster happens. 273 pages

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Lost Boy
After Matt moves to Hay-on-Wye in Wales, a boy his age who bears the same initials and was killed in a car accident many years earlier, appears to Matt. 194 pages

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The Stone Child
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Priestley, Chris J
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Shearer, Alex J
Canned
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The Terrible Plop
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- Eeckhout, Emmanuelle E
There's No Such Thing as Ghosts!
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- Kohara, Kazuno E
Ghosts in the House
Tired of living in a haunted house, a young witch captures, washes and turns her pesky ghosts into curtains and a tablecloth.
- MacDonald, Margaret Read J398.209729
The Squeaky Door
When Little Boy is frightened by a squeaky bedroom door, his grandmother brings in various animals to help him feel secure enough to sleep.
- Pulver, Robin E
Never Say Boo!
When Gordon, a ghost, moves to a new school, everyone is afraid of him until they learn that he is not as scary as they thought he was.
- Schertle, Alice E
The Skeleton in the Closet
A scary/funny skeleton frightens a boy in his bedroom while it searches his closet for clothes to wear.
- Thiesing, Lisa E
The Viper
Peggy the pig receives a mysterious call from the "Viper" warning that he is coming in one year, with repeated calls which count down the dwindling time until his arrival. 32 pages

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The Seer of Shadows
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After being taken captive by a band of treasure seekers, thirteen-year-old Paul and his Abenaki grandfather must face a legendary Native American monster at the top of Mount Washington. 194 pages
- Collier, James Lincoln J
The Dreadful Revenge of Ernest Gallen
When Eugene starts hearing a voice inside his head telling him to do awful things, it leads him to look into his small town's past before the Depression, and to discover long-hidden secrets about his neighbors and his town. 232 pages
- DeFelice, Cynthia J
Ghost of Poplar Point
When a ghost makes its presence known at the town's first pageant, a portrayal of the relationship between the town's early settlers and local Seneca Indians, Allie Nichols' summer vacation is put on hold as she tries to figure out what the ghost wants and why it has chosen this particular event to let it be known. 183 pages
- Gaiman, Neil J/Y
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When eleven-year-old Zack Jennings moves to Connecticut with his father and new stepmother, they must deal with the ghosts left behind by a terrible accident, as well as another kind of ghost from Zack's past. 325 pages
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The Ghost Sitter
When she realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace. 131 pages
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- Kehret, Peg J
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