

# The Power of Story

Diverse Books for All Readers

## Spine-Tingling Tales: Reclaiming the Supernatural

Resources recommended by panel participants **Claribel A. Ortega** (Author, *Ghost Squad*), **Daka Hermon** (Author, *Hide & Seeker*), **India Hill Brown** (Author, *The Forgotten Girl*), and **Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas**, Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

### Middle Grade Books

- *City of Ghosts* by V.E. Schwab
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- *The Forgotten Girl* by India Hill Brown
- *The Girl & The Ghost* by Hanna Alkaf
- *Ghost Squad* by Claribel A. Ortega
- Goosebumps series by R.L. Stine
- *Hide & Seeker* by Daka Hermon
- *Hoodoo* by Ronald L Smith
- *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste
- *Just South of Home* by Karen Strong
- *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden
- *Spirit Hunters* by Ellen Oh

### Teen Books

- *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *The Stitchers* by Lorien Lawrence

### Adult and Academic Books

- *The Dark Fantastic: Race and the Imagination from Harry Potter to the Hunger Games* by Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, PhD.
- *Horror Noire: Blacks in American Horror Films from the 1890s to Present* by Robin R. Means Coleman, PhD.
- *Sycorax's Daughters* ed. Kinitra Brooks, PhD., Linda D. Addison, and Susana Morris, PhD.
- Books by [Tananarive Due](#)

### Articles and Websites

- Ghost Squad Resources [claribelortega.com/educators-teachers](http://claribelortega.com/educators-teachers)
- Restoring Randolph Cemetery [thecolumbiastar.com/articles/restoring-randolph-cemetery](http://thecolumbiastar.com/articles/restoring-randolph-cemetery)
- The Historic Randolph Cemetery [historicrandolphcemetery.org/history](http://historicrandolphcemetery.org/history)

### Movies, TV, and Music

- Ghost Busters (1984, 2016)
- The Goonies (1985)
- Gremlins (1984)
- Hocus Pocus (1993)
- Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror (2019)
- It (1990, 2017)
- Monster House (2006)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
- Poltergeist (1982)
- Scooby Doo Mysteries (1984-85)
- Stand By Me (1986)
- Stranger Things (2016-present)
- [Wolf at Your Door](#) music video by Chloe X Halle

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