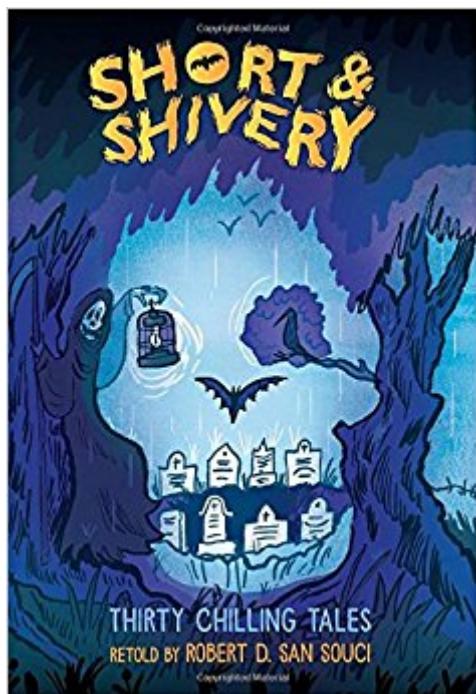


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# Short & Shivery



## Synopsis

A collection of ghost stories, spooky shorts, and frightening folktales from all over the world, perfect for scary sleepovers, staying up all night, or reading alone under the covers— if you dare! “No one travels these roads after dark. Those who are found the next day, if they are still alive, will have gone mad.” Chills and thrills to make your flesh crawl with fear! Turn the lights down low and grab your favorite reading chair. But first, you’d better check behind you. . . . Ghosts, monsters, murders, and madmen! These thirty stories have been collected for your reading displeasure from all over the globe, and represent the world’s best scary stories and frightening folktales, featuring famous authors such as Washington Irving and the Brothers Grimm. Welcome to a chilling world of hair-raising tales!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Grade 4 Up A collection of spooky stories, competently adapted and retold (sometimes quite freely) from world folklore, including Japan, Africa, and Latin America, as well as Europe and the U.S. Fairy tales are represented, from Grimm's The Robber Bridegroom to the modern urban folktale Lavender, a reworking of the phantom hitchhiker story. Some tales are familiar, appearing in one form or another in various collections, e.g., Tails, but many are not. Stories have also been

adapted from the work of Nathaniel Hawthorne, John Bunyan, and Washington Irving. The stories drawn from collections of regional American folklore are not only the freshest, but often the scariest. Sources are fully documented at the back of the book. The cover has just the right touch of gruesomeness to attract readers, with bats, rats, weird faces, and a skeleton arm escaping from the grave. Almost every story is illustrated with a full-page picture in pen-and-ink and wash. These are well crafted but, with some notable exceptions, don't always capture the true terror of the tales, and don't enhance the text in a spine-tingling manner. Many of the stories will be effective as read-alouds. There are some delicious shivers here, with plenty of fodder for an active imagination, as well as excitement. Annette Curtis Klause, Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries, Md. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"There are some delicious shivers here, with plenty of fodder for an active imagination." *School Library Journal* "Demons, vampires, skeletons, goblins, werewolves, witches, wizards, and ghosts aplenty inhabit these tales from various parts of the world." *Booklist*

I bought this title for my grandchildren, they love to hear scary stories, these stories are adapted from tale from around the world and they are not so gruesome but let the child imagine the scary part.

These stories are great for young ones. My 7 year old is a bit more afraid of things than most kids his age and can get a little frightened from these, but not so afraid that he complains. The stories are really fun for the whole family to read aloud on rainy nights or around the fire pit.

kids always sort of himm and haw at reading, but once started they not only can't put this book down, but are up to show me or tell me a part of the 'scary' story. They're a good length for my 6y and 9y old- they normally get in a couple while I cook dinner. My kids love all things horror, so these are far from being too scary for them. That said, they love the unexpected twists and endings. I'll be ordering more!

Good stories. You can finish this in just a day or two but that does not take away from the quality or enjoyment of the book.

My 4th graders love all things spooky and have really enjoyed this book!

I bought this for my daughter to read a few weeks before Halloween. She is eight years old and the book was just right for her reading level. We enjoyed reading several of the short stories, though there are so many stories that we did not have time to finish them all before Halloween, and are saving the rest for next October.

Bought this for my son and he really likes it a lot

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