

NIGHTMARE ON MARSHA AVE BOOK CLUB



October 2025 (1/2): The Cemeterians (Graphic Novel) by Daniel Kraus

After human bones begin growing inside inanimate objects all across the globe, a renegade scientist and brilliant theologian delve into the cemeteries where the bones originated, discovering an otherworldly force tired of being buried in darkness.

October 2025 (2/2): Gavon's Eve (Short Story) by E.F. Benson

A gothic short story about two aristocratic anglers who investigate their ghillie Sandy's sudden, sinister superstition surrounding a remote river spot. This investigation, taking place on Halloween (Gavon's Eve), uncovers a connection to devil worship and witchcraft, leading to a horrifying discovery in the pool. The story intertwines a tale of lost love and suspicion with occult horror, as the ghillie's girlfriend returns, and tragedy strikes.

November 2025: I am Legend by Richard Matheson

Robert Neville is the last living man on Earth... but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire, and they are hungry for Neville's blood.

By day he is the hunter, stalking the undead through the ruins of civilization. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn.

How long can one man survive like this?

December 2025: The Last House on Needless Street by Catriona Ward

This is the story of a serial killer. A stolen child. Revenge. Death. And an ordinary house at the end of an ordinary street. *All these things are true. And yet they are all lies...*

You think you know what's inside the last house on Needless Street. You think you've read this story before.

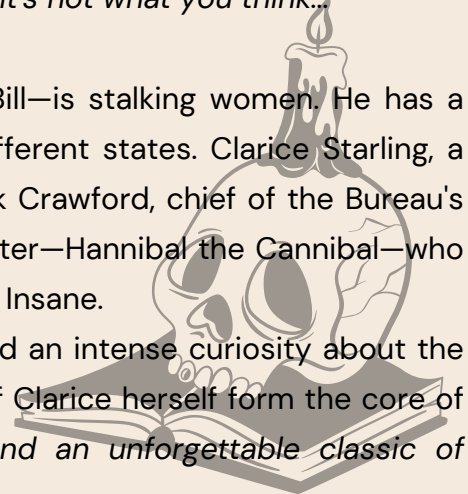
That's where you're wrong.

In the dark forest at the end of Needless Street, lies something buried. *But it's not what you think...*

January 2026: The Silence of the Lambs by Thomas Harris

A serial murderer known only by a grotesquely apt nickname—Buffalo Bill—is stalking women. He has a purpose, but no one can fathom it, for the bodies are discovered in different states. Clarice Starling, a young trainee at the FBI Academy, is surprised to be summoned by Jack Crawford, chief of the Bureau's Behavioral Science section. Her assignment: to interview Dr. Hannibal Lecter—Hannibal the Cannibal—who is kept under close watch in the Baltimore State Hospital for the Criminally Insane.

Dr. Lecter is a former psychiatrist with a grisly history, unusual tastes, and an intense curiosity about the darker corners of the mind. His intimate understanding of the killer and of Clarice herself form the core of "The Silence of the Lambs"—*an ingenious, masterfully written book and an unforgettable classic of suspense fiction.*



February 2026 (1/2): Wellington (Graphic Novel) by Aaron Mahnke

Meet the Duke of Wellington—one of England's most decorated military heroes and, unknown to most, her most daring monster hunter. Wellington features an amazing cast of characters and calls upon centuries of supernatural myths, folktales, and, well, lore to tell the secret history of this illustrious figure.

February 2026 (2/2): Dreams in the Witch House (Short Story) by H.P. Lovecraft

Walter Gilman, a mathematics student who rents an attic room in a house formerly occupied by the 17th-century witch Keziah Mason, only to find himself experiencing shared dreams with her through the house's unnatural geometry. These dreams allow him to travel to alien dimensions and learn forbidden lore, eventually leading him to encounter Mason and her spawn, Brown Jenkin, before his sanity and life are consumed by their cosmic horrors.

March 2026: The Paleontologist by Luke Dumas

Curator of paleontology Dr. Simon Nealy never expected to return to his Pennsylvania hometown, let alone the Hawthorne Museum of Natural History. He was just a boy when his six-year-old sister, Morgan, was abducted from the museum under his watch, and the guilt has haunted Simon ever since. After a recent break-up and the death of the aunt who raised him, Simon feels drawn back to the place where Morgan vanished, in search of the bones they never found.

But from the moment he arrives, things aren't what he expected. The Hawthorne is a crumbling ruin, still closed amid the ongoing pandemic, and plummeting toward financial catastrophe. Worse, Simon begins seeing and hearing things he can't explain. Strange animal sounds. Bloody footprints that no living creature could have left. A prehistoric killer looming in the shadows of the museum. Terrified he's losing his grasp on reality, Simon turns to the handwritten research diaries of his predecessor and uncovers a blood-soaked mystery 150 million years in the making that could be the answer to everything.

Are these the ravings of a madman? Or is there something supernatural at play? And what does this have to do with Morgan's disappearance?

April 2026: The Silent Companions Laura Purcell

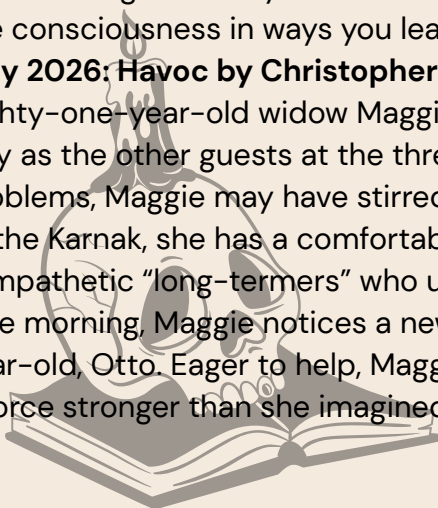
When Elsie married handsome young heir Rupert Bainbridge, she believed she was destined for a life of luxury. But with her husband dead just weeks after their marriage, her new servants resentful, and the local villagers actively hostile, Elsie has only her husband's awkward cousin for company. Or so she thinks. Inside her new home lies a locked door, beyond which is a painted wooden figure—a silent companion—that bears a striking resemblance to Elsie herself. The residents of The Bridge are terrified of the figure, but Elsie tries to shrug this off as simple superstition—that is, until she notices the figure's eyes following her.

A Victorian ghost story that evokes a most unsettling kind of fear, this is a tale that creeps its way through the consciousness in ways you least expect—much like the silent companions themselves.

May 2026: Havoc by Christopher Bollen

Eighty-one-year-old widow Maggie Burkhardt came to the Royal Karnak to escape—but not in the same way as the other guests at the threadbare luxury hotel on the Nile. A compulsive fixer of other people's problems, Maggie may have stirred up trouble at her last stop in Switzerland and needed a quick exit. Now at the Karnak, she has a comfortable suite, a loyal confidante in the hotel manager, Ahmed, and a circle of sympathetic "long-termers" who understand her grief for her late husband, Peter.

One morning, Maggie notices a new arrival: a mournful young mother named Tess and her impish eight-year-old, Otto. Eager to help, Maggie draws them into her world—only to discover that she may have let in a force stronger than she imagined. In scrawny, homely Otto, Maggie Burkhardt has finally met her match.



June 2026: The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide.

Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. Barbara isn't just any thirteen-year-old: she's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. And this isn't the first time a Van Laar child has disappeared. Barbara's older brother similarly vanished fourteen years ago, never to be found.

July 2026: Disappearance at Devil's Rock by Paul Tremblay

Late one summer night, Elizabeth Sanderson receives the devastating news that every mother fears: her fourteen-year-old son, Tommy, has vanished without a trace in the woods of a local park.

The search isn't yielding any answers, and Elizabeth and her young daughter, Kate, struggle to comprehend his disappearance. Feeling helpless and alone, their sorrow is compounded by anger and frustration. The local and state police haven't uncovered any leads. Josh and Luis, the friends who were with Tommy last, may not be telling the whole truth about that night in Borderland State Park, when they were supposedly hanging out at a landmark the local teens have renamed Devil's Rock—rumored to be cursed.

Living in an all-too-real nightmare, riddled with worry, pain, and guilt, Elizabeth is wholly unprepared for the strange series of events that follow. She believes a ghostly shadow of Tommy materializes in her bedroom, while Kate and other local residents claim to see a shadow peering through their own windows in the dead of night. Then, random pages torn from Tommy's journal begin to mysteriously appear—entries that reveal an introverted teenager obsessed with the phantasmagoric; the loss of his father, killed in a drunk-driving accident a decade earlier; a folktale involving the devil and the woods of Borderland; and a horrific incident that Tommy believed connected them all and changes everything.

As the search grows more desperate, and the implications of what happened becomes more haunting and sinister, no one is prepared for the shocking truth about that night and Tommy's disappearance at Devil's Rock.

August 2026: Hunted by Darcy Coates

She only went off the trail for a moment...

22-year-old Eileen goes missing while hiking in the remote Ashlough Forest. Five days later, her camera is discovered washed downriver, containing bizarre photos taken after her disappearance.

Chris wants to believe Eileen is still alive. When the police search is abandoned, he and four of his friends create their own search party to scour the mountain range. As they stray further from the hiking trails and the unsettling discoveries mount, they begin to believe they're not alone in the forest... and that Eileen's disappearance wasn't an accident.

By that point, it's too late to escape.

September 2026: The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells

This masterpiece of science fiction is the fascinating story of Griffin, a scientist who creates a serum to render himself invisible, and his descent into madness that follows.



MEETS ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2PM. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.