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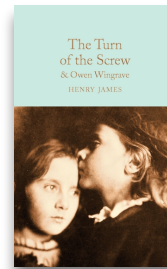
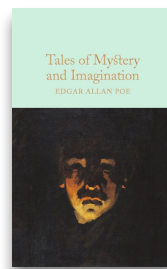
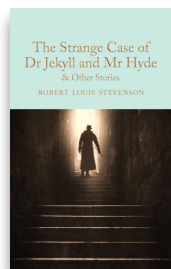
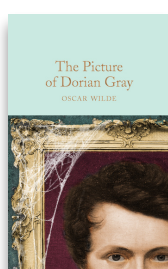
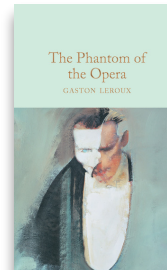
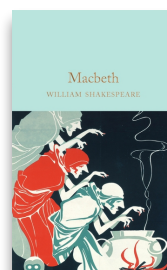
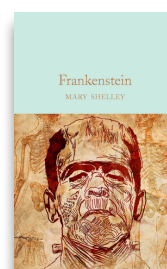
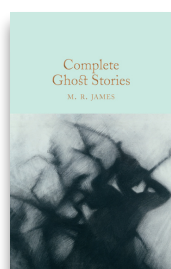
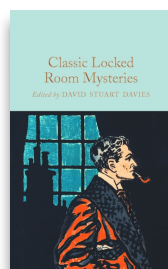
### Why Read the Classics in Your Book Club?

Throughout history, book clubs have served as a forum for great minds to come together to share and discuss literature, as well as current events and issues. The Socratic circles, Ben Franklin's Junto Club, Stratford-on-Odeon, The Algonquin Round Table, and Oprah's Book Club are just a few famous ones.

It doesn't matter if your book club is seriously academic, highly social, or anything in between, recommend reading a classic next time! Classic literature is filled with gorgeous writing, complex plots, unforgettable characters along-side social and political issues that are still relevant today, making them great options for both fun and meaningful discussions.

We're here to help your book club tackle the literary canon with our Macmillan Collectors Library Book Club Guides to the Classics.

### Classic Scary Stories & Novels



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# Scary Book Club Classics

Classic books filled with stories about ghosts, psychological terror, and mysterious beings have been around since the beginning of oral storytelling. Their ability to conjure up fear in readers, inspire unique conversations, and promote sharing emotions make them perfect for book club discussions because scary stories are better when they are shared with friends.

This guide contains everything you need to confidently bring a little fright to your book club chats, but don't forget to leave the lights ON when you discuss these terrifying tales!

## Discussion Points for Classic Scary Stories and Novels

After reading a scary story in your book club, use the following discussion points to create interesting, engaging, and frightful conversations and to have a spook-tastic time!

- What do you think the scariest part of the story was? Why?
- Describe one scene from the story that could possibly happen in real life.
- Describe one scene from the story that is completely unbelievable. Why do you believe it to be so improbable?
- How does this scary story compare to the books you normally read in your book group?
- Which character from the story do you identify with the most? Why?
- Besides scared, what other emotion did this story evoke from you?
- Describe the scary story you read in three words.
- Many scary stories have plot twists. Were there any in the story you read? If so, what were they, and did they stump you or did you figure them out beforehand?
- Did this story remind you of a different story (from another book, movie, or real life)? If so, which one and why?
- Would you recommend this book to someone else? Why or why not?
- If you were a scary story fan before reading this book, how did it hold up to other scary books you've read? If this is your first scary story—are you a fan of scary stories now? Why or why not?
- If you got the chance to ask the author of the book you read one question, what would it be?
- What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you or someone you know?
- Why do you think scary stories have continued to be popular over the years?
- What is something you've heard about that would make a good scary book?

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