

Halloween Haunts

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The Halloween decorations have been put up and the costumes are ready and waiting. Now all you need are some scary stories to set the mood for Halloween!

Stories of mysterious and unexplained things abound in Ruth D. Hein's two books *Ghostly Tales of Minnesota* and *Ghostly Tales of Southwest Minnesota*. You will look at familiar locations in Minnesota a little differently after reading these stories.

If you're up for a ghostly road trip, Minnesota has many haunted locations to visit. You may have heard the story of a haunted doll that watches over Janesville, MN. It's been said that the eyes follow you...is it alive? If you dare, *The Minnesota Road Guide to Haunted Locations* by Chad Lewis & Terry Fisk will take you on a spooky exploration throughout the state. Another haunted Minnesota guide is *Mysterious Minnesota: Digging up the Ghostly Past at 13 Haunted Sites* by Adrian Lee. "His chilling, firsthand investigation of thirteen famous locations-accompanied by rich historical details-will send shivers down your spine."

London, 1938 is the setting for *The Haunting of Alma Fielding: A True Ghost Story* by Kate Summerscale. Strange, unexplainable things begin happening to Alma Fielding. A ghost hunter from Hungary comes to investigate and what he finds is more sinister and terrifying than anything he could have imagined.

How about a scary movie for tonight? You could always check out the iconic *Halloween*, and watch as Laurie Strode finally confronts Michael Myers 40 years after he tried to kill her. That sounds fun!

On a lighter note, you could make some wonderfully scary cupcakes from *A Zombie Ate My Cupcake: 25 Deliciously Weird Cupcake Recipes for Halloween and Other Spooky Occasions*. Eerie Eyeballs or Blood-Stained Brains anyone?

Stop into the library to check out these and many more ghostly books to put you in Halloween mood.

The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Mondays to Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.