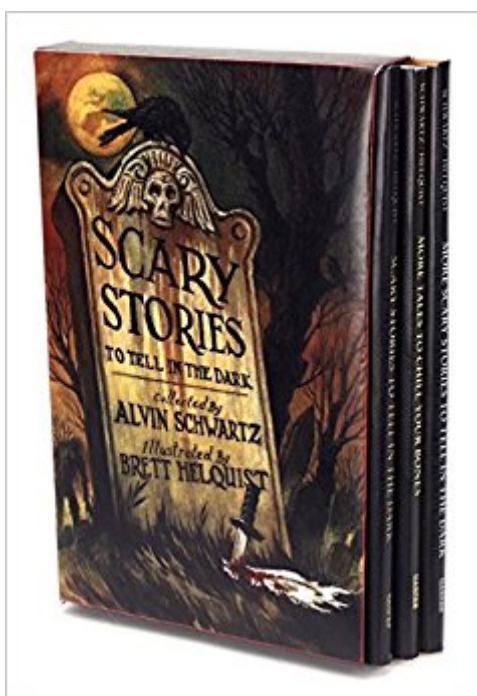


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# Scary Stories Box Set: Scary Stories, More Scary Stories, And Scary Stories 3



## Synopsis

Welcome to the macabre world of Scary Stories. Inside this three-book paperback box set, you'll find alarming tales of horror, dark revenge, and the supernatural, with spine-tingling illustrations by renowned artist Brett Helquist. Walking corpses, dancing bones, knife-wielding madmen, and narrow escapes from death—•they're all here in this chilling collection of ghost stories. Make sure you read these books with the light ON!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"A wonderful collection of tales that range from creepy to silly to haunting. ...Gammell's drawings add just the right touch..." -- John Scieszka, *Entertainment Weekly* "Guaranteed to make your teeth chatter and your spine tingle." -- *School Library Journal* "Read these if you dare." -- *The New York Times* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Walking corpses, dancing bones, knife-wielding madmen, and narrow escapes from death—•they're all here in this chilling collection of ghost stories.

I am furious. I have just found out that this COWARDLY publishing company has taken what was, for many of us, a classic work of spooky children's literature and swapped out the Stephen Gammell

illustrations for saccharine sweet, homogenized, overly sweet, not-even-remotely-spooky illustrations by Brett Helquist. Many of us grew up with the Scary stories to tell in the Dark collection by Alvin Schwartz and were haunted by the gorgeous and creepy artwork of Stephen Gammell. Stephen's artwork is part of what made these books so haunting, so notorious. And now they have brutally altered these books beyond reprieve. Not only did the cowards quietly change the artwork, after standing by the artistic integrity of this collection for thirty years, but they do it for the thirtieth anniversary edition onward! To change this is like changing the original Dr. Seuss Illustrations or the original Alice in Wonderland illustrations. It's just not right. This was a shameful move by a cowardly company giving in to long standing pressure that the pictures were "too scary." Brett Helquist is not a bad artist. But he was used here as a pawn for an overly politically correct move to make a collection of scary stories "tamer" and "more acceptable." A move that would have insulted the likes of Ray Bradbury. If there is any integrity left at all they will restore the Stephen Gammell illustrations.

If I had seen that the art had been changed I wouldn't have even purchased this. I'm very disappointed. The original books had such great, creepy artwork. This version has really generic, cartoony pictures.

I was very disappointed to find that the art in this set is completely different from what they used to have. All of the artwork has been replaced with super generic art that you could find anywhere, instead of the wonderful illustrations that were more chilling than the stories themselves! I have no idea why they would do such a thing.

Same stories but different illustrations I grew up with. Kinda disappointed.

I bought this series because I remembered reading the books as a child. The illustrations in the book I read as a child were amazingly eerie. The illustrator, Stephen Gammell, made the books the legend they are today. Unfortunately the publisher decided to take out the original illustrations and replaced them with more kid friendly ones to sell more books. This is a travesty because it completely ruined the only thing frightening about the books. I would have given this a zero if possible.

Was having a BBQ with friends last week and I mentioned these books and some of the stories and no one knew what I was talking about! So I told a couple of the stories from what I had remembered reading them as a kid. Everyone laughed at me but, oh well. I then got on my handy app and

ordered them to have for my own trips down memory lane.

Bought this set for my son. I was really excited to get it for him. The stories are the same, however the artist changed. I was a bit disappointed with that because i thought the original art was much more creepy than the new artist. But it is about the stories so I'm happy with the purchase.

I was very disappointed when I opened these books and saw that the original illustrations were not in there.

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