

# Patron Picks from Open Book Hour

**October 2018: Leave the Lights On!** Scary stories can take many forms—suspense, true crime, ghost stories, and monster tales to name a few. We asked readers to tell us about the books that have kept them up at night. We ended up with a list of some great horror classics plus a couple of exciting graphic novels to check out.



## 19<sup>TH</sup> Century Horror Classics

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley – atmospheric, moody, thought-provoking  
*Dracula* by Bram Stoker – compelling, descriptive, menacing  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde – disturbing, witty

## Favorite Scary Stories from Stephen King: creepy, menacing, compelling

*It* = childhood trauma; small town horror  
*Salem's Lot* - small town horror; vampire menace  
*The Shining* = childhood trauma; trapped

## Graphic Novels

*Outcast* by Robert Kirkman & Paul Azaceta – brooding, fast-paced, violent  
*Infidel* by Pornsak Pichetshote & Aaron Campbell – mesmerizing, creepy

## Other Recommendations

*The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck – bleak, thought-provoking  
*A Little Book of Language* by David Crystal – engaging non-fiction

**September 2018: Bookish Best Friends.** We asked readers to tell us about best friends they'd met in books—fictional friends, real life friendships described on the page, or characters they'd like to have as friends.



## Fiction

*The Precipice* by Paul Doiron – intriguing, lush, sense of place  
*How Should a Person Be?* by Sheila Heti – character driven  
*White Tears* by Hari Kunzru – issue-oriented, descriptive  
*The Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill (Dr. Siri Paiboun series)- irreverent, engaging, strong sense of place



## Nonfiction

*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson – funny, engaging  
*When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago – lyrical, coming of age  
*Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-changing Friendship* by Michelle Kuo – inspiring, thought-provoking

**Food for Thought!** Join us at our next Open Book Hour on **Friday, November 9 at 2 PM** to talk about fiction and nonfiction related to food! Come tell us about cookbooks, memoirs, delectable novels, and any other books you care to share. Open Book Hour meets on the second Friday of the month in Room 67A.