



## Scary Reads

*This list was prepared for one of our teen patrons. She had worked her way through a lot of our more contemporary horror selections (including our asylum horror collection) and was wanting to read other scary things. Our suggestion was to broaden to categories outside of horror, which she was interested in doing but wanted some guidance on picking. Unlike some of our other lists, this one is broader and focused more on genre than authors because the intent was more to find potential new genres and then go from there in recommending more specific suggestions.*

- **True crime.** It can be every bit as scary as fiction—even more so at times since it is real—and has murders and crimes of all types.
- **Scandinavian murder mysteries.** These atmospheric mysteries tend to be quite bleak compared to the more well-known American and British ones. Jo Nesbø writes gritty, disturbing murder mysteries, as does Stieg Larrson. Equally scary but far more psychological and slower paced are Karin Fossum's mysteries.
- **Psychological suspense thrillers.** Ruth Rendell in particular can be quite effectively eerie, especially her non-series standalones.
- **Classic horror.** H.P. Lovecraft's work can seem a bit dated now, prose-wise, but his work is still considered classic horror for a reason.

