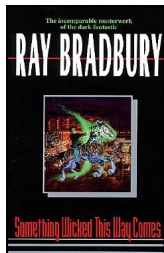




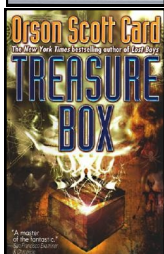
If You Like Stephen King...

"No one writes 'just like' Stephen King. His books transcend genre writing and offer us compelling, page-turning stories. Any description or attempt to classify his writing diminishes him and his power over our imagination. Those who dismiss King as a 'genre' writer are missing one of the greatest storytellers of our time, who skillfully combines appealing heroes and terrible villains with fast-paced stories drawn from our innermost nightmares and set in evocative landscapes." (Courtesy of Novelist) Also try books by King's pseudonym, [Richard Bachman](#).



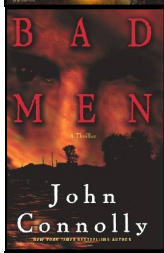
SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES BY RAY BRADBURY

A carnival comes to a small Illinois town in the dead of night, as Halloween approaches. But this is no ordinary carnival; Cooger & Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town and will destroy the life of everyone who enters this strange and sinister show. Jim and Will are two friends, one adventurous and one reserved, on the cusp of becoming men, who must try to stop Mr. Dark and Mr. Cooger from luring everyone to succumb to the call of promised dreams and recaptured youth. Also try [The October Country](#).



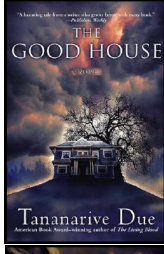
TREASURE BOX BY ORSON SCOTT CARD ADULT FICTION

Recluse millionaire Quentin Fears was scarred as a child and is unable to cope with the world and its citizens. Now he has experienced the unexpected: love at first sight. But a whirlwind courtship and marriage to Madeleine, beautiful, witty, and equally ill-at-ease with reality, is bringing Quentin something other than the bliss he anticipated, now he must meet his new wife's family. A bizarre, dysfunctional collection of characters, they are guarding a shocking and terrifying secret. And suddenly Quentin Fears must prevent his dream woman from unleashing an ageless malevolence intent on ruling the world. Also try [Lost Boys](#).



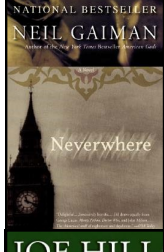
BAD MEN BY JOHN CONNOLLY ADULT FICTION

On the Maine island once known as Sanctuary, policeman Joe Dupree is the guardian of its secrets, keeper of its memories. He knows that Sanctuary had been steeped in carnage once, centuries ago, when its settlers were betrayed to their enemies and slaughtered. Now, a strange, otherworldly evil is about to descend again....With rookie officer Sharon Macy, Joe stands guard against a bloodthirsty band of men set on murder, robbery, and retribution. Also try [The Killing Kind](#).



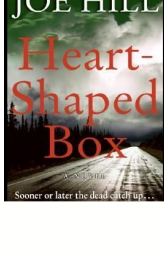
THE GOOD HOUSE BY TANANARIVE DUE

After her 15-year-old son Corey's suicide, Angela Toussaint spent several months in a mental hospital. Now, divorced and focused on her work, she receives word of potential buyers of her grandmother's house in Sacajawea, Washington, in which Corey died. Realizing that she must put the tragedy to rest, Angela decides to go to the house to try to understand exactly what happened. Sacajawea is, however, a town beset by evil, in which stomachaches lead to suicide in apparently healthy, well-balanced persons. Also try [My Soul to Keep](#).



NEVERWHERE BY NEIL GAIMAN

Richard Mayhew, a plain man with a good heart. Unhappy in love and in life, Richard is thrust into a dark and evil world when he stops to help a young girl he finds bleeding in the street. Now Richard has much more than work and girlfriend dilemmas on his mind -- now he's wanted by two very evil, powerful, and nasty mercenaries who like to think that they are, in fact, rather gentlemanly. Also try Gaiman's Hugo Award Winning novel [American Gods](#).

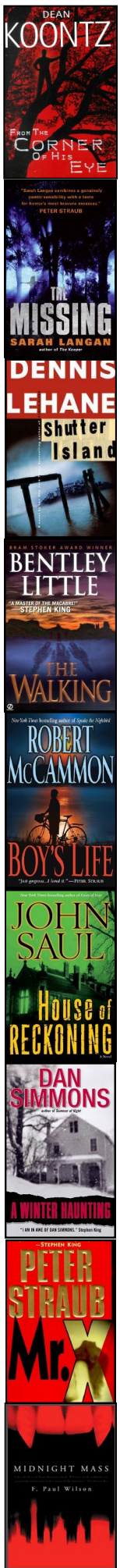


HEART SHAPED BOX BY JOE HILL ADULT FICTION

This first novel by Hill, Stephen King's son, provides the kind of chilling Horror that has readers checking behind doors and in closets before they go to bed. The complex plot can be simply stated: retired heavy metal star and collector of the macabre Judas Coyne buys a haunted suit online. The ghost turns out to be the angry stepfather of an ex-groupie/lover of Coyne's who killed herself after he sent her away. The relentless ghost is there to kill Judas and anyone who tries to help him. Also try [20th Century Ghosts](#) and [Horns](#), in the Horror section.

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FROM THE CORNER OF HIS EYE BY DEAN KOONTZ

This spellbinder chronicles the lives of three unique individuals. Bartholomew Lampion, born under miraculous yet tragic circumstances, has the most unusual and mesmerizing eyes. Angel, born in another city at the same time as Bartholomew, demonstrates the ability to see the world as it really exists as she grows. At the time of their births, ruthless and cunning Junior dreams that someone named Bartholomew will lead to his downfall. While attempting to find the nemesis he knows only by name, Junior is pursued by a police detective. The three lives intertwine as this saga barrels along toward their inevitable confrontation. Also try Koontz's **Frankenstein series**.

THE MISSING BY SARAH LANGAN

Corpus Christi, a remote and affluent Maine community, was untouched by the environmental catastrophe that destroyed the neighboring blue-collar town of Bedford. But all that will change in a heartbeat. The nightmare is awakened when third-grade schoolteacher Lois Larkin takes the children on a field trip to Bedford. There in the abandoned woods, a small, cruel boy unearths an ancient horror—a contagious plague that transforms its victims into something violent, hungry . . . and inhuman.

SHUTTER ISLAND BY DENNIS LEHANE ADULT FICTION

In 1954 U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels and his partner, Chuck Aule, come to Ashcliffe Hospital on a small island off the coast of Massachusetts in search of an escaped mental patient, but uncover true wickedness as Ashcliffe's mysterious patient treatments propel them to the brink of insanity. Also try **Mystic River**.

THE WALKING BY BENTLEY LITTLE

The dead are getting restless... Across the country, they have risen. And they seem to have a mission... The walking has begun... No one knows why they are walking. No one knows where they are going. And no one can stop them... They are here. Miles Huerdeen's father dies of a stroke and becomes one of the Walkers, dead humans compelled by some inexplicable homing instinct to travel to a rendezvous in the canyon country of the Southwest. Little evokes an uncanny sense of horror in his macabre tale of ancient evils loose in the modern world. Also try **The Burning** and **The Vanishing**.

BOY'S LIFE BY ROBERT MCCAMMON

Zephyr, Alabama, is an idyllic hometown for eleven-year-old Cory Mackenson — a place where monsters swim the river deep and friends are forever. Then, one cold spring morning, Cory and his father witness a car plunge into a lake — and a desperate rescue attempt brings his father face-to-face with a terrible vision of death that will haunt him forever. As Cory struggles to understand his father's pain, his eyes are slowly opened to the forces of good and evil that are manifested in Zephyr. McCammon is a multiple Bram Stoker Award winner. Also try **Swan Song** and **Speaks the Nightbird**.

HOUSE OF RECKONING BY JOHN SAUL

Outcast by an injury sustained from her father, foster child Sara Crane befriends a former mental patient and her art teacher and soon creates paintings of long-ago violent crimes committed by the inmates of a local asylum. Also try **The Devil's Labyrinth**.

A WINTER HAUNTING BY DAN SIMMONS ADULT FICTION

Returning to the small Illinois town of his childhood to pick up the pieces of his shattered life, and regain his confidence as a writer, Professor Dale Stewart leases an empty farmhouse of a long-dead friend, who had been murdered in the summer of 1960, but instead of finding peace and quiet, he finds that the house is haunted. Simmons is also known for being able to write across genres, often combining elements of Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Mystery. Also try **Song of Kali** or **The Terror**.

MR X BY PETER STRAUB

Every year on his birthday, Ned Dunstan experiences a seizure in which he is forced to witness scenes of ruthless slaughter perpetrated by a mysterious and malevolent figure in black whom Ned calls Mr. X. This year Ned learns from his mother, who is on her death bed, the name of his long-absent father and other disturbing information about his own identity and that of his fantastic family. Also try **The Hellfire Club**.

MIDNIGHT MASS BY F PAUL WILSON

In Wilson's creepy, terrifying thriller, vampires are rapidly taking over the planet. They've got Europe, and now they're encroaching on the East Coast of the U.S. A small group of determined humans embark on a plan of resistance that includes the destruction of the vampire king of New York. The undead might have every advantage, but the likable, compelling mortals in this gripping read aren't giving up easily. Readers who enjoy fast paced action thrillers may also like Wilson's *Repairman Jack* series, beginning with **The Tomb**.