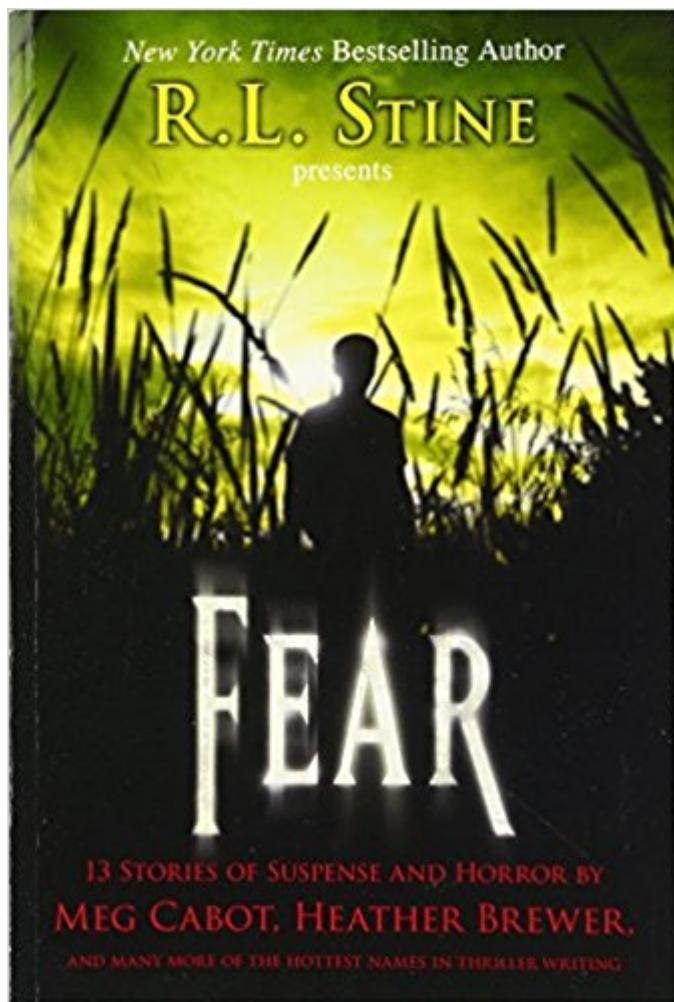


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# Fear: 13 Stories Of Suspense And Horror



## Synopsis

13 haunting tales perfect for fans of the bestselling author, R. L. Stine, of the Goosebumps series. Turn the pages if you dare. . . . In this collection of thirteen fabulously chilling stories from thirteen true masters of suspense, including five New York Times bestsellers and a number of Edgar Award nominees, all edited by none other than R. L. Stine, nothing is what it seems. From cannibalistic children, to an unwitting date with a vampire, to a crush on a boy who just might be a werewolf, no scary stone is left unturned. A must-have for all fans of the genre!

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Gr 6-10  A great line-up of authors including Alane Ferguson, Heather Brewer, and Peg Kehret contribute tales that are sure to amuse readers, but not necessarily scare them. The selections include vampires, werewolves, weird little children, jokes gone wrong, and a cannibalistic family who like to prey on new babysitters. The stories are entertaining, but most of them are pretty tame. One standout is Meg Cabot's "The Night Hunter," a tale about a girl kidnapped by a bank robber wearing a clown mask who ultimately hopes to be rescued by the folk hero The Night Hunter, immortalized in a pop song. Jennifer Allison's "The Perfects" is the one tale in the bunch that is actually creepy and will leave readers with an uneasy feeling at the end. All of the stories are perfect for reading around a campfire or at a slumber party without causing too many sleepless moments. They're a good length and have that "Aha!" moment at the end.  Traci Glass, Eugene Public Library, OR  (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Stine's name on the spine may promise things that go bump in the night, but scary stories are only part of what this schizophrenic collection offers: mystery, thriller, sci-fi, light paranormal, humor, and even superhero sagas all take their turns. There are more uninspired entries here than one would like (do we really need another vampire-versus-werewolf battle?), but this collection does one thing very well: it keeps the reading level consistent, which makes it a good entry point for reluctant readers moving on from Stine's own oeuvre. By far the best story is Walter Sorrells' "Tuition," a surprise-after-surprise roller-coaster ride in which a teen safecracker celebrates a very unusual birthday. Also worthy of note is "Suckers," by Suzanne Weyn, which features an ending Rod Serling would've died for, and "Piney Power," about a family of backwoods misfits who enact their own special brand of justice. These three tales are plenty good enough to propel readers past slower patches. Grades 7-10. --Daniel Kraus --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was a little uneasy, buying this book. Some of Stine's post-Goosebumps (original series) books have disappointed me, but I love good ghost stories so I gave this a try. I'm very happy with "Fear." The stories feature a lot of variety, and everything from "good scares" to "gotcha" endings that made me laugh out loud. In general, this book didn't skimp on the "eeeeuuuuwww!" factor, but it didn't make my stomach lurch, either. So, for me, it was a Goldilocks book ("just right!"). If you want a fun book to read at night when the moon is full and the wind makes the house creak, this is a good choice.

Wonderful book. My daughter loves it!

I loved R.L. Stine growing up! So as an adult I decided to travel down memory lane and read one of his books again!! Very good book!! Each story was different!! Some made me want to look in the closet and under the bed!

Have you ever picked up a book of Horror Short Stories only to find that you don't understand the archaic language, or the story plots? This collection is not at all like that! Every story is exactly what the Horror fan is seeking! I highly recommend this book and know you will enjoy it!

I read books to my kids at night. This book had a lot of good stories. Some were scary, some were

just thinkers. Two of the stories they made me read one more than five times. Two of the stories they had me read again, because they just did not understand them. There was only ONE R.L Stine story.... If the kids were happy, they I'm happy with the book.

My daughter loves this book! It came quickly.

I should have made the connection. RL Stine writes children's horror, so of course this book was for kids. Probably great for youngsters, but not for me.

kids loved it for christmas

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