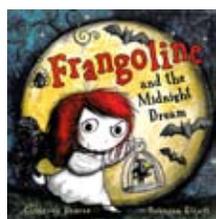


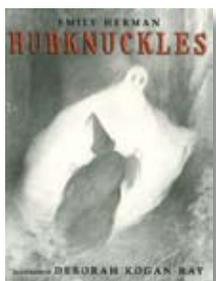
Have some fun with spooky tales

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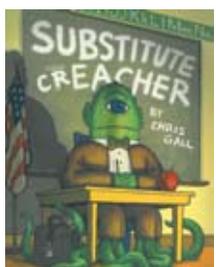
Fall's chill in the air sets the scene for cuddling up with your child to enjoy a haunted tale or two. Spook up story time with this month's selections, which also include a book written by a Cary teen and another written by an author who is donating a portion of her proceeds to the Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



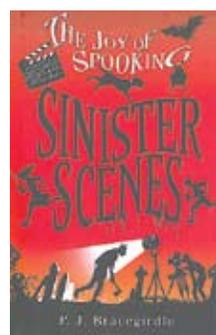
◀ *Frangoline and the Midnight Dream* (Chicken House, \$16.99) by Clemency Pearce reveals how Frangoline, a perfect angel during the day, turns into a red-haired terror at night donning a black cape. Frangoline embarks on a wild adventure, dancing by jack-o'-lanterns and awakening creatures of the night in her trail. Ages 3 and up. Hardcover.



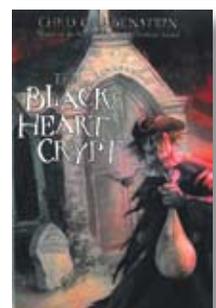
◀ *Hubknuckles* (Crown Books for Young Readers, \$14.99) by Emily Herman is back in print for the first time in 25 years with an updated design and illustrations by Deborah Kogan Ray. Every Halloween, Lee and her younger siblings peer through the window for their annual visit from Hubknuckles, a ghost. This year Lee steps outside, determined to face him. What she discovers will spook and delight young readers. Ages 5-8. Hardcover.



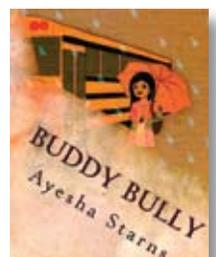
◀ *Substitute Creacher* (Little Brown and Company, \$16.99) by Chris Gall tells the ghoulish teacher tale of Mr. Creacher, who comes to school on a windy fall day to substitute teach. When the kids get rowdy, he tells them he has eyes in the back of his head — and he isn't kidding. Ages 6 to 10. Hardcover.



◀ In *The Joy of Spooking: Sinister Scenes* (Simon and Schuster, \$15.99) by P.J. Bracegirdle, Joy Wells is thrilled when her town, Spooking, is chosen as the location for a horror movie. But when the movie's young starlet goes missing, Joy steps in to co-star alongside rock icon Teddy Danger, who may just live up to his name. Ages 8-12. Hardcover.



◀ *The Black Heart Crypt* (Randomhouse, \$16.99) is the fourth volume of Chris Grabenstein's popular Haunted Mystery series for preteens. The hero, Zack, assisted by his three "crazy" aunts, must once again battle malevolent spirits to save his town from a 200-year-old threat. Ages 9-12. Hardcover.



◀ *Buddy Bully* (4 Kids Publisher, \$14.95) by 10-year-old Ayesha Starns of Cary, helps teens and tweens learn how to turn bullies into buddies. Ayesha addresses the different forms bullying can take, such as cyber-bullying, and offers anti-bullying advice on her blog at <http://buddybully.com/blog>. Learn more about Ayesha and her book at <http://buddybully.com> and at CarolinaParent.com (search for "Buddy Bully"). Ages 11-14. Paperback.



◀ *Mo Smells Pink: A Scentsational Journey* (Southern California Graphics, \$17.95) by Margaret Hyde follows a rescued dog named "Mo" as he discovers the beauty and wonder of colors through his nose. Illustrations by Amanda Giacomini invite readers to explore what Mo smells through a "press to smell" reading experience. The author's connection to breast cancer through her grandmother prompted her alignment with the Breast Cancer Foundation, to which she is donating 10 percent of all October proceeds from the book. Ages 4-7. Hardcover.

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