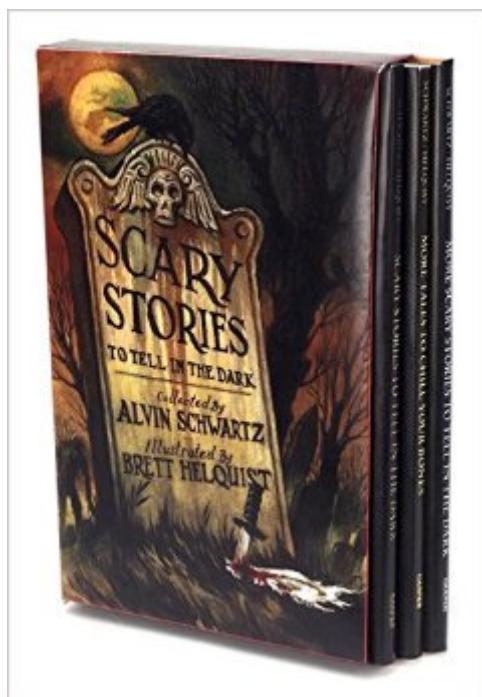


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Synopsis

Walking corpses, dancing bones, knife-wielding madmen, and narrow escapes from deathâ "they're all here in this chilling collection of ghost stories.

Book Information

Series: Scary Stories

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Customer Reviews

As the title says, Stephen Gammell's disturbing art style was the key ingredient for the terror inspired by these stories. The new art style is bland and lacks the unique flavor of Gammell's talent. Stay away from this set and find a copy of the originals!

Stephen Gammell's original art was a large reason why these books were forever ingrained in the memories of readers. Replacing them with Brett Helquist's milquetoast revisions is yet another sad instance of tactless PC whiners tromping all over someone else's hard work. Don't waste a penny on this useless re-release.

Someone made a very bad call when reissuing these books. No personal slight to Mr. Helquist who, I'm sure, does fine illustrations for many other books...but this series is meant to be illustrated by Stephen Gammell. It's a team effort. Schwartz and Gammell, Gammell and Schwartz. It's an iconic pairing and it shouldn't have been changed. So, if you can find an older version of this series, or can

wait a few years for the publisher to realize their mistake and reissue the books with the original illustrations. Do that instead.

Who's wretched idea was it to remove the beautiful, terrifying artwork by Stephen Gammell and replace it with this bland, cutesy nonsense? Way to ruin the entire series. I grew up on these books, and Gammell's art literally MADE the tales. Even as an adult, there's no comparison between the original illustrations and Brett Helquist's dreadful new replacements. Gammell's work was and is terrifying, inhabited as it is by strange beings, sinister shadows, and weird tree roots. Helquist's work, on the other hand, looks like something off a cheap Halloween card. Go out of your way to buy the real, authentic "Scary Stories" with Gammell's classic illustrations, and avoid this horrible update like the plague. Maybe if enough people voice their displeasure the publishers will bring back the classic "Scary Stories" and quit trying to ruin a classic with their needless tampering.

These series of books have a classic collection of horror folk and urban legend stories and have been around for over a decade. I have fond memories from reading these stories as a child. But what put these books over the top was the original disturbing artwork by Steven Gammell, which is sadly no longer present in these new editions and needs to be brought back. Replacing the classic illustrations was a very dumb move on the part of the publisher. If you can, track down the older editions with Gammell's illustrations they are well worth it and vastly superior. They are no longer in print, but copies are still plentiful and not too hard to come by.

The whole creepy factor WAS the illustrations in the originals. Did they finally cave in to the moral guardians of the world? Why did they have to pull this on the 30th Anniversary Edition and not just co-release with a set with the original drawings? Not cool.

This reprint of what should be Schwartz's masterpieces are utterly worthless without the original artwork. The point of Schwartz's work was the true terror it inspired - if you want to emotionally coddle your children with "less scary" art, then why are you reading them horror stories to begin with?

I read these stories when I was a boy and was permanently disturbed by them. Just kidding. I never forgot them and now that my children are old enough (ages 11, 9, 7, 4) I wanted to read something with them that would be fun. They stayed in rapt attention for hours as we read by flashlight laying

on the trampoline with blankets looking up at the stars of the Nevada summer sky. As a father, you can't trade those times for anything. I'm grateful to risk-taking authors like this one who have freedom of speech to upset all the self-righteous do-gooders. I'm a dad and I'll expose my children to healthy doses of fear and mystery from within the safety of my arms. Later.p.s. I need to add that my review is of the Treasury with the original artwork. I had no idea that a newer edition had the weak-sauce art added. When I saw those new drawings it was clear they have ruined the book. My family has the trilogy with all the original, heart stopping, nightmare inducing drawings that scarred me for life as a boy. Two thumbs way up for the original artist! If you get this book, get the original art! How will you tell? You'll know because you'll be nauseous.

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