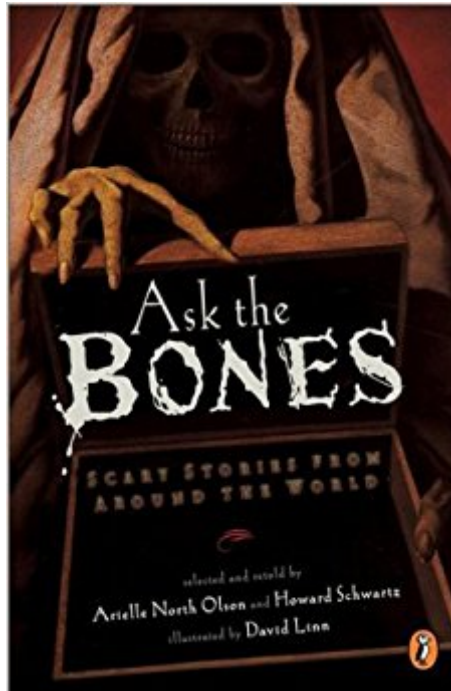




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Ask The Bones: Scary Stories From Around The World



Synopsis

What is real and what is imaginary? Do evil creatures lurk in the shadows? Do demons attack the helpless? Are there such things as invisible men? For generations, storytellers have given substance to our worst fears. In *Ask the Bones*, master storytellers Arielle North Olson and Howard Schwartz retell a varied selection of the world's most frightening folktales. Be warned-these stories could scare you to death! Illustrated by David Linn. "These twenty-two stories provide a wide variety of supernatural happenings that won't disappoint the young horror acolyte." (The Horn Book, starred review)

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Customer Reviews

Readers looking to be scared (but not too scared) will find chills aplenty in this collection of 22 smoothly told folktales from many cultures. The volume opens with several stories in which protagonists (almost always male) witness supernatural horrors?a Japanese student's drawings of cats save him from a ravaging goblin rat; a Charleston boy's employer is meted out gruesome but just deserts after imprisoning a mermaid in a bottle. The tone darkens as the volume progresses, with the innocent as well as the guilty coming to grisly ends. Picture book author Olson (*Hurry Home, Grandma!*) and folklorist Schwartz (*Next Year in Jerusalem*) don't exploit the blood and gore of the horror genre; their stories usually end just before the carnage begins, leaving readers with a thrill of horribly delicious anticipation. Rather than striving to impart the different flavors of their original sources, the authors favor a deceptively casual voice throughout, one that would lend itself to a storytelling session around a campfire or after lights out. Final artwork not seen by PW. Ages

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freaked a few students out and thoroughly entertained the rest. a job well done.

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The Story was short but scary. The writer has a really good imagination but the endings could have been clearer. I recommend this book to kids who are interested in paranormal stories.

My 8 yr old granddaughter loved it!

My nephew loves scary and spooky stories. A book like this is a great way to encourage him to read for fun.

This book and all the storys in it made me scare myself so now I dont go anywhere alone!!!!Thank you persons who wrote this book!!!! now fear things more then I should. Hope I can find more of your good books.

I like this book very much. Hardly any wear but the book took some time to get here. It wasn't a big deal but overall it was worth my time and money

These are fantastic stories from around the world. Most of them end with a question. All are entertaining and not so scary. My 8 year old loves this book.

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