

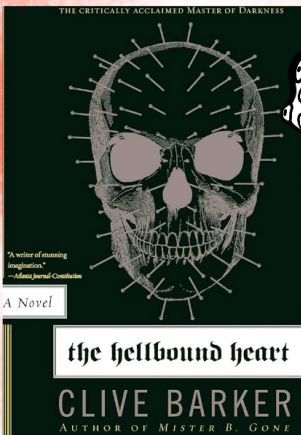
# Feeling spooky? Here are some short reads for Halloween

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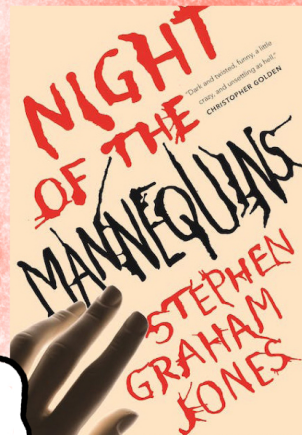
**STOLEN TONGUES**  
BY FELIX BLACKWELL

"Stolen Tongues" was originally a contest-winning story on reddit.com's horror story community NoSleep. The story follows a young couple on a romantic getaway in the middle of literally nowhere to celebrate their engagement. Everyone's surprise, the vacation at the cabin in the woods soon goes horribly wrong. Voices in the night, shapeshifters, and even scarier family secrets haunt every page. If you're into the genre of creepy woods vibes, this book has the whole sha-bang.



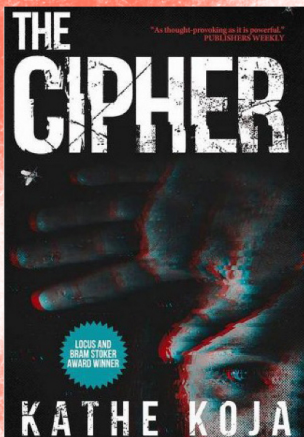
**THE HELLBOUND HEART**  
BY CLIVE BARKER

"The Hellbound Heart" marries themes of death and desire to craft a captivatingly disgusting story. When Frank Cotton solves an esoteric puzzle box, he is dragged into a realm of sadomasochistic horrors beyond human comprehension. Soon after, his brother's family moves into the house where Frank disappeared. Little do they know, Frank, or what is left of him, never left, and neither did the box. The iconic novella was the basis for the 1987 film Hellraiser and is sure to put readers into the depraved spirit of Halloween.



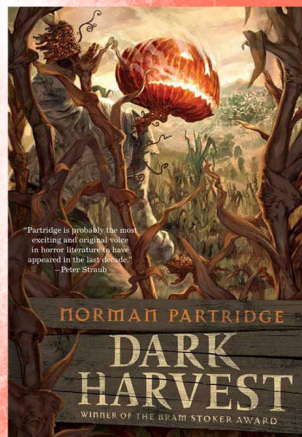
**NIGHT OF THE MANNEQUINS**  
BY STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES

"Night of the Mannequins" is a strange, gripping, novella that blends dark humor and horror to create a slash-tastic page-turner of psychotic proportions. The story follows of a group of high school friends who steal a mannequin for a prank, only for it to go terribly wrong. Jones's writing is sharp, witty, and filled with unexpected twists. Evoking the charm of 80s horror, readers will feel a strong sense of nostalgia for Halloweenes of the past.



**THE CIPHER**  
BY KATHE KOJA

Kathe Koja's "The Cipher" is a cult classic that pulls readers into a nightmarish exploration of human transformation and obsession. Set in a derelict apartment building, the strange Nicholas and Nakota discover a black void hidden away in a supply closet. The pair coin their new obsession the "Funhole." The discovery soon pushes their already bizarre and obsessive relationship to the breaking point. The atmosphere of this novel is thick with existential dread and isolation. Hey, love hurts.



**DARK HARVEST**  
NORMAN PARTRIDGE

"Dark Harvest" is all Halloween, inside and out. Every Halloween, a mythical killer rises from the cornfields of a small midwestern town, butcher knife in hand. The urban legend is known as the October Boy by the gangs of teenage boys who hunt him every year. One teenage boy, Pete McCormick, is willing to do anything to finally catch the October Boy, no matter what it takes. To say the least, things get out of hand. Reader beware, this Halloween tale comes with blood, guts and candy.