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The Summoning

Everything is about to changeWhen Ross Lowry moves into his cousin's guest house in the small community of Magdalena, Arizona, he expects nothing more than breathing room and a brief respite from his economic woes.But something is not right in the desert.After a raucous party on New Year's Eve, the luck of the attendees undergoes an immediate U-turn. The rich and successful suddenly find themselves facing catastrophic failure while the less well-off are unexpectedly flush with good fortune.This is only the beginningSoon the citizens of Magdalena are experiencing unnatural desires.Next their children begin to disappear and freakish creatures emerge from the surrounding wilderness.The community is unraveling at a frightening pace.But these are merely

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the early warning signs of a showdown with a powerful force of darkness that could obliterate the world forever, and only Ross Lowry sees the danger that lurks ahead

The Deep

In this thought-provoking and playful short story collection, David Foster Wallace nudges at the boundaries of fiction with inimitable wit and seductive intelligence. Wallace's stories present a world where the bizarre and the banal are interwoven and where hideous men appear in many guises. Among the stories are 'The Depressed Person,' a dazzling and blackly humorous portrayal of a woman's mental state; 'Adult World,' which reveals a woman's agonized consideration of her confusing sexual relationship with her husband; and 'Brief Interviews with Hideous Men,' a dark, hilarious series of imagined interviews with men on the subject of their relations with women. Wallace delights in leftfield observation, mining the absurd, the surprising, and the illuminating from every situation. This collection will enthrall DFW fans, and provides a perfect introduction for new readers.

The Policy

Daniel Martin has never forgotten his childhood encounters with Frank Watkins, the man who built his family a summer home out of cardboard and plywood. Frank's gaze was oddly confusing, as if he was attempting to discern the proper way to behave

because he didn't know how to respond in a human manner. Since Frank obviously wasn't an alien, young Daniel thought maybe the man was crazy. In the end, Daniel would learn the terrifying truth about Frank Watkins. And as an adult, Daniel is about to discover there are more of THEM out there

The Association

CompWare is in serious trouble after a promised merger falls through, so they do what other businesses have done to bolster their public image: they hire a consulting firm to review and streamline their business practices. But there's something strange about the firm they hire--more specifically, the quirky gentleman who arrives to supervise the project: Mr. Patoff, tall and thin and wearing a bow tie, and with an odd smile that never quite reaches his eyes. In his first interactions, the consultant asks a few inappropriate questions, and generally seems a nuisance. Over time, Patoff gains more power, to the point where he seems to be running the whole company. He enacts arbitrary and invasive changes to office protocol. He places cameras all over the building, making workers paranoid; he calls employees at all hours of the night, visits some of their homes and menaces their families. People who defy the consultant get fired or worse. They soon realize they're not just fighting for their jobs: They're fighting for their lives. The Consultant is a biting workplace satire, with the horrific touches only Bentley Little could provide.

Four Dark Nights

Dandelion Wine

"With Ruthless, Shane McKenzie has proved yet again that politesse is overrated, that it's not necessary to be smooth and restrained, that sometimes horror needs to be rough and messy this is the real deal. Hardcore, kick-ass, take-no-prisoners horror. It's gross, it's disgusting, it's rough, it's raw."-Bram Stoker award-winner Bentley Little This shocking short story collection includes sick and twisted tales by the following disturbed authors: John McNee, Daniel Fabiani, Lucas Pederson, Danny Hill, Jessy Marie Roberts, Shane McKenzie, Jared Donald Blair, Lesley Conner, David Bernstein, AJ Brown, Tom Olbert, Nate Burleigh, John "Jam" Arthur Miller, Thornton Austen, Aaron J. French, Eric Stoveken, Alec Cizak, D. Krauss and Airika Sneve. With introduction by Bentley Little

The Blumhouse Book of Nightmares

From the acclaimed and award-winning author of The Hunger comes an eerie, psychological twist on one of the world's most renowned tragedies, the sinking of the Titanic and the ill-fated sail of its sister ship, the Britannic. Someone, or something, is haunting the ship. Between mysterious disappearances and sudden deaths, the guests of the Titanic have found themselves suspended in an eerie, unsettling twilight zone from the moment they set sail. Several of them, including maid Annie Hebley, guest Mark Fletcher,

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and millionaires Madeleine Astor and Benjamin Guggenheim, are convinced there's something sinister--almost otherworldly--afoot. But before they can locate the source of the danger, as the world knows, disaster strikes. Years later, Annie, having survived that fateful night, has attempted to put her life back together. Working as a nurse on the sixth voyage of the Titanic's sister ship, the Britannic, newly refitted as a hospital ship, she happens across an unconscious Mark, now a soldier fighting in World War I. At first, Annie is thrilled and relieved to learn that he too survived the sinking, but soon, Mark's presence awakens deep-buried feelings and secrets, forcing her to reckon with the demons of her past--as they both discover that the terror may not yet be over. Brilliantly combining the supernatural with the height of historical disaster, *The Deep* is an exploration of love and destiny, desire and innocence, and, above all, a quest to understand how our choices can lead us inexorably toward our doom.

Little Big

A collection of 10 nightmarish short stories. A surreal family celebration in *Happy Birthday Dear Tama* from its opening line "Puppies were so nice when they were dead Tama thought" to its horrific conclusion and *Gingerbread* in which a family gift of bringing dough to life takes a dark turn. *Valet Parking* and *The Black Ladies* rely heavily on dream-logic. The collection spanning more than two decades contains Little's trademark visceral descriptives and Southwest settings.

Brief Interviews with Hideous Men

The Walking

From the mind of the man Stephen King calls "a master of the macabre" comes a brilliant new collection of no-punches-pulled horror stories, some never-before-collected and many originals that have never been published anywhere before. In "Sticky Note," Gary finds a note with two simple words on it in the gutter: Kill her. Was it part of someone's to-do list? Bentley Little tells us where this yellow square piece of paper takes Gary in a way that only he can. A bad confrontation with a maid at a fancy resort leads a couple on a chilling journey they never dreamed would happen. "The Maid" may make you think twice about asking the front desk for extra towels or complaining about anything ever again. You'll never think of small-town rodeos the same way after reading "The Last Rodeo on the Circuit," and neither will Rob and Teena after they decide to take in the local bizarre entertainment in an unscheduled stop along their road trip to Vegas. Would you anonymously write your negative thoughts about your friends in a slam book? What if the words you wrote changed things? "Slam Dance" shows you what the consequences of that might be. Sometimes, a "Palm Reader" knows more than they're willing to reveal to their customers, chilling things that their clients don't really want to know. Would you tell them anyway? Snowmen aren't scary, right? Hal and April Katz are out on a wintery drive when they see a

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snowman on the side of the road. Then another that looks almost the same a few miles later. And then, hundreds of snowmen around the next bend. You might think snowmen aren't scary, but "Snow" will prove you dead wrong. Bentley Little can take the innocuous, twist it around, and write a story that will change your way of thinking. Walking Alone: Short Stories is a shining example of his talent to scare you, creep you out, and make you shudder. Table of Contents: Milk Ranch Point Snow Children's Hospital Palm Reader Slam Dance Last Rodeo on the Circuit The Car Wash The Feeb The Mall Hunting The Piano Player has no Fingers The Man Who Watched Cartoons Apt Punishment Black Friday MoNA Retrospective, Los Angeles Jorgensen's Fence The Silence of Trees Sticky Note The Smell of Overripe Loquats The Maid Schoolgirls Under Midwest Skies Pictures of Huxley My College Admission Essay Pool, Air Conditioning, Free HBO The Train A Random Thought from God's Day

Necro Files: Two Decades of Extreme Horror

Once, the southern California campus was praised for its high honors and distinguished tradition. But this semester, the esteemed institution is going through a change. This semester, UC Brea is really coming alive. In a dark campus parking lot, a female student senses a presence, but it's too late to scream. An unnatural appetite possesses a school janitor who lingers in the stairwells, waiting. And after nightfall, the sixth-floor library is strictly forbidden. Anyone who's gone there

knows why Because something at UC Brea wants to teach the students a lesson

The Store

"A stunning collection of original, terrifying fiction from a unique cast of master storytellers. Jason Blum invited an impressive group of authors, filmmakers, and screenwriters to envision a city of their choosing, and to let their demons run wild. Taken together, the provocative stories in *The Blumhouse Book of Nightmares: The Haunted City* create the unforgettable cityscape of a new world of horror. Disturbing, suspenseful, devious, and entertaining, each tale showcases an innovative voice featured in a definitive collection that could only come from Jason Blum"--

Winesburg, Ohio

"We know who you are! Can your current bank say that? We pride ourselves on providing unparalleled service to all of our customers. We're looking forward to banking with YOU!"In the small town of Montgomery, Arizona, Kyle Decker's book shop is barely breaking even. When a bank opens in the empty storefront next door, he hopes the new establishment will bring in more foot traffic. Trouble is, nobody has ever heard of The First People's Bank, and the local branch has appeared mysteriously overnight. Their incentives for new customers seem reasonable at first. But is it a coincidence when Kyle's wife has her identity stolen, and his son receives

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emails that seem to know his private thoughts? Or when the manager of a competing financial institution dies a gruesome death? Soon, if people in Montgomery, Arizona, want to buy a new car or home, or if they need a small business loan, they have no choice but to work with The First People's Bank. As The Bank makes increasingly bizarre demands on its customers, it becomes clear the town may be in too deep and the penalty for an early withdrawal is too terrifying to imagine. With his latest original novel, Bentley Little's dark, razor-sharp satire takes on the worst practices of our banking industry, and you'll never look at your loan officer the same way again.

The Resort

His Father's Son

With a good job and a pretty girlfriend, Bob Jones's one complaint in life is that he is ignored--until he is inducted into a secret society of the nondescript and dejected planning a horrifying revenge. Original.

The Burning

The iconic anthology series of horror tales that's now a feature film! More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark is a timeless collection of chillingly scary tales and legends. Folklorist Alvin Schwartz offers up some of the most alarming tales of horror, dark revenge, and supernatural events of all time. Available for the first time as an ebook, Stephen Gammell's artwork from

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the original More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark appears in all its spooky glory. Read if you dare! And don't miss Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark and Scary Stories 3!

The Academy

Spanning over twenty years, 20 masters and modern authors of hardcore horror share their most bad-ass stories in this special edition from Comet Press. Many hard to find and out of print, some that were banned, Necro Files covers every imaginable mode of mayhem including serial killers, necrophilia, cannibals, werewolves, zombies, sex fetishes, psychopaths, snuff, occult, and more stories that dial into the dark side of human nature. TABLE OF CONTENTS George R.R. Martin — "Meathouse Man" Joe R. Lansdale — "Night They Missed the Horror Show" Ronald Kelly — "Diary" Elizabeth Massie — "Abed" Randy Chandler & t. Winter-Damon — "I am He that Liveth and was Dead & Have the Keys of Hell & Death" Edward Lee — "Xipe" Ray Garton — "Bait" Gerard Houarner — "Painfreak" Wayne Allen Sallee — "Lover Doll" Charlee Jacob — "The Spirit Wolves" Brian Hodge — "Godflesh" John Everson — "Every Last Drop" Mehitobel Wilson — "Blind in the House of the Headsman" Monica J. O'Rourke — "An Experiment in Human Nature" Graham Masterton — "The Burgers of Calais" Nancy Kilpatrick — "Ecstasy" Bentley Little — "Pop Star in the Ugly Bar" Wrath James White — "The Sooner They Learn" JF Gonzalez — "Addict"

The Haunted

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The inhabitants of William Tell Circle find themselves in an unsettling nightmare when they pay visits to the shrine of a witch who grants them their wishes, but at a steep price.

The Circle

There's only one thing that can follow the success of Bentley Little's acclaimed *The Association*, *The Walking*, and *The Revelation*. And that's Bentley Little's return.

The Vanishing

Welcome to McGuane, Arizona. Population: 200 . . . 199 . . . 198 . . . 197. . . . Gregory Tomasov has returned with his family to the quaint Arizona community of his youth. In McGuane, the air is clean, the land is unspoiled. Nothing much has changed. Except now, no one goes out after dark. And no one told Gregory that he shouldn't have moved into the old abandoned farm on the edge of town. Once upon a time something bad happened there. Something that's not buried is in its walls. Something now reborn in the nightmares of Gregory's young son. Something about to be unleashed.

The Disappearance

Five strangers from across America are about to open the door to an unspeakable evil in this horror novel from "master of the macabre!"* Bentley Little. They share a dark bond. A haunted childhood. A shocking

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secret. A memory of the houses they lived in—each one eerily identical to the next. From the remote foothills of the west to the green lawns of suburbia, they are returning—to the past, to the unspeakable events they long to forget to the house. Now, their journeys are about to converge in a terrifying challenge to confront their nightmares—or be trapped inside them forever. *Stephen King

Walking Alone

When the teachers of Tyler High start an independent charter school, evil stalks the halls of this newly formed institution, possessing the principal, frightening the students, and bringing about strange occurrences on school grounds. Original.

Driven to Distraction

An emergency meeting of the Mortimer Square Garden Committee has been convened to discuss a most alarming matter: Someone has been digging in the garden and making off with buckets of dirt. Miss Angela Chesney is sure that a gang of boys from run-down Catford Street is to blame. But Angela's sister, Olivia, isn't so sure. Olivia has always wondered why the neighborhood children—the "sparrows" she sometimes watches from the window of her house—are kept out of the private garden. Don't they have a right to enjoy the place, too? But neither Angela nor Olivia has any idea what sent the neighborhood waif Lovejoy Mason and her few friends in search of good, rich earth. Still less do they imagine

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where their investigation of the incident will lead them—to a struggling restaurant, a bombed-out church, and at the heart of it all, a hidden garden.

The Ignored

Steve Nye's quiet life takes an unexpected turn when he receives a call from his mother. His father attacked her and has been committed to an asylum. The doctor says he's suffering from dementia. But Steve's father seems so calm, clear-eyed, and lucid when he whispers, "I killed her?". Is it simply symptom of his father's delusion and madness? If only Steve were so lucky?

The Bank

The Killer Book of Serial Killers is the ultimate resource (and gift) for any true crime fan and student of the bizarre world of serial killers. Filled with stories, trivia, quizzes, quotes, photos, and odd facts about the world's most notorious murderers, this is the perfect bathroom reader for anyone fascinated with serial killers. The stories and trivia cover such killers as: John Wayne Gacy Ted Bundy The BTK Killer Jack the Ripper The Green River Killer Serial killers around the world And many more Bathroom readers have enjoyed considerable success as a format, selling millions of copies. The Killer Book series brings this format to the rabid true crime audience. Including more than 40 black & white photos, this is a must for true crime fans.

Night School

The Killer Book of Serial Killers

Barry and Maureen found the house of their dreams in Utah's beautiful Bonita Vista. It didn't bother them that they had to join a homeowner's association. They just never realized the Association would invade every aspect of their lives and that the penalty for bending the rules could be the death of them

The Return

"For the town of Randall, Arizona, the terror starts quietly, oddly -- a senile woman in her eighties becomes pregnant; a massacre of farmers and their livestock; a town smelling of death. A stranger arrives, an itinerant preacher with mad eyes and an elemental presence named Brother Elias. He seeks out three men: the sheriff, tough, no nonsense Jim Weldon; the new minister, a gentle God-fearing soul named Father Andrews; and Gordon Lewis, a young newlywed whose pregnant wife Marina is the unknowing center of the coming fury. Together, these people must face an implacable force of evil as old as the world and as relentless as the desert sun"--Cover page [4].

The Town

Darkness is descending on the small town of Rio Verde, Arizona. An evil older than time is rising from

the desert, waiting for night to fall and a reign of terror to begin Brad Woods had performed a lot of autopsies, but never one like this. The body was purged of all blood. And something told Brad this was only the beginning of a nightmare. Fear made Sue Wing run from the darkened school that night, fear she could only name in the Cantonese of her grandmother: Cup-hu-girngsicorsope-who-drinks-blood Vampires. The Devil, incarnate, stalking the streets of Rio Verde. Small-town reporters like Rich Carter didn't believe in such things. But he would come to believe with a faith borne of horror after horror

More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

A haunting tale of a missing girl that could only have come from the mind of Bram Stoker Award-winning author Bentley Little. The festival was intended as a getaway from UCLA for Gary, his girlfriend, Joan, and their friends. But soon after they arrive, Joan vanishes. Calls to her parents' home yield only dead air. Her school records are gone. And there's no evidence that Joan, or even her roommate, ever existed. Most disturbing of all is what they do find. Among Joan's belongings is a prayer written on a small scroll. It's a safeguard—and a warning—from something called The Outsiders. For Gary and his friends it's the only clue. Now, if they want to find out exactly what happened to Joan, they must follow it. But they may not like what they find.

University

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Four strangers--a young college student, a single mother, a park ranger, and a cross-country traveler--are drawn together when a train carrying an unimaginable evil preys on their darkest fears.

The Revelation

“If there’s a better horror novelist than Bentley Little working today, I don’t know who it is. The Store is frightening. The perfect summer read.”—Los Angeles Times Juniper, Arizona, is an off-the-map desert town the retail giant called The Store has chosen for its new location. Now everything you could possibly want is under one roof, at unbelievable prices. But you’d better be careful what you wish for. This place demands something of its customers that goes beyond brand loyalty. At The Store, one-stop shopping has become last-stop shopping. Bill Davis is the only one in town who senses the evil lurking within The Store. But he can’t stop his two teenage daughters from taking jobs there and falling under the frightening influence of its sadistic manager. When Bill finally takes a stand, he will get much more than he bargained for.

Dispatch

Jeremy Clarkson is once more Driven to Distraction. Brace yourself. Clarkson's back. And he'd like to tell you what he thinks about some of the most awe-inspiring, earth-shatteringly fast and jaw-droppingly cool cars in the world (oh, and a few irredeemable disasters). Or he would if he could just get one or two

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things off his chest first. Matters such as: * The prospect of having Terry Wogan as president * Why you'll never see a woman driving a Lexus * The unforeseen consequences of inadequate birth control * Why everyone should spend a weekend with a digger Driven to Distraction is Jeremy Clarkson at full throttle. So buckle up, sit tight and enjoy the ride. You're in for a hell of a lot of laughs. Praise for Jeremy Clarkson: 'Brilliant . . . laugh-out-loud' Daily Telegraph 'Outrageously funny . . . will have you in stitches' Time Out 'Very funny . . . I cracked up laughing on the tube' Evening Standard

The Influence

A young man's life and character are examined through a series of interconnected stories about the residents of the small town of Winesburg, Ohio. Through his childhood, to his coming of age, to his decision to leave the town in which he was born, George Willard finds his life indelibly marked by the shared experiences of his friends and neighbours. Believed to be based on author Sherwood Anderson's own experiences growing up in a small town, Winesburg, Ohio is today recognized as one of the first works of modernist literature. Be it mystery, romance, drama, comedy, politics, or history, great literature stands the test of time. ClassicJoe proudly brings literary classics to today's digital readers, connecting those who love to read with authors whose work continues to get people talking. Look for other fiction and non-fiction classics from ClassicJoe.

The Consultant

Finally finding an insurance company that will cover high-risk people like himself, Hunt Jackson, unemployed and divorced, soon discovers the deadly price he has to pay for coverage after he signs the contract. Original.

The House

“Bentley Little keeps the high-tension jolts coming.”—Stephen King “Bentley Little is a master of horror on par with Koontz and King.”—Midwest Book Review “Bentley Little...hasn’t lost his terrifying touch.”—Publishers Weekly And now Bentley Little is back with an irresistible invitation. . . . Welcome to The Resort. The Reata is an exclusive spa isolated in the Arizona desert—a perfect getaway from the city for people like Lowell Thurman and his family, booked for a relaxing five-day retreat. But what unfolds is anything but tranquil . . . unnerving encounters with strange employees, wild parties in empty rooms, something unspeakable in the pool. Then one by one, guests begin disappearing. The Thurmans are afraid—because out in the middle of nowhere, with no escape, and no one to hear them scream, they’re left with only one terrifying choice: unlock the dark secrets of The Reata themselves before the real carnage begins.

The Handyman

With his novels, “Bentley Little has created nothing

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less than a nightmarishly brilliant tour de force of modern life in America.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) In Beverly Hills, a wealthy CEO goes on a bloody rampage and videotapes the slaughter. He leaves behind a chilling cryptic message “This is where it begins.” Miles away, an alarmed mother receives an unsettling letter from her estranged husband, stained with bloody fingerprints. And all across California, children are becoming affected by a monstrous change—and their parents, by a mounting fear. Social worker Carrie Daniels and reporter Brian Howells are determined to find the link between these baffling crimes. But they shouldn’t look too deeply into the lives of the victims. It’s quite dark there. And God help them, they won’t like what they find.

An Episode of Sparrows

In the unusual world of Green Town, Illinois, a twelve-year-old discovers the wonders of reality and the power of imagination during the summer of 1928

Indignities of the Flesh

Four original novellas, each taking place during one night, by four modern masters of the horror genre.

Ruthless

With his "ability to disgust (and delight) even the most seasoned horror enthusiast" (Publishers Weekly), Bentley Little conjures up your greatest fears as he dares you to spend a night with the

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haunted. Julie and Claire Perry and their two children, Megan and James, have made the move to a bigger, nicer home in their city's historic district. But something isn't right. The neighbors seem reluctant to visit. Claire can't shake the feeling that someone is watching her. Megan receives increasingly menacing and obscene texts. And James is having terrible dreams. No wonder, considering what he's seen in the corner of the basement, staring at him and shuffling closer ever so slowly. Pity no one warned the family about the house. Now it's too late. Because the darkness at the bottom of the stairs is rising.

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