

Resources for Finding and Creating Ghost Stories

Digging Into History

Various Resources for discovering historical information and other sources that lend themselves to creating original ghost stories

- State Historical Magazines
- Local newspaper archives
- Historical societies
- Museums and Archives
- Interview with older relatives
- Older siblings
- Libraries
- 398.2 section of the library

Urban Legends

These snippets and stories are passed along as if they were true but there is little to no supporting evidence and no one is entirely sure where they originated. They often contain humorous or supernatural elements and can be moral tales.

Thrillist's Collection of Urban Legends from each state

<https://www.thrillist.com/travel/nation/creepiest-urban-legend-in-every-state-american-folklore>

Collection of Urban Legends from each state

<https://www.insider.com/urban-legends-us-2018-1>

Another list of each states creepiest urban legends— not all of them the same as the Thrillist version

Wikipedia's Collection of Commonly Told Urban Legends

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_urban_legends

Wikipedia's Urban Legend page lists a bunch of legends, most of which have a link to a page of their own for more information.

Ghost Story Audio

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BitesizedAudioClassics/playlists>

Longer form stories originating from written pieces— classic ghost story genre

Priscilla Howe— The Ghost with the One Black Eye

www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nHz0Ztdrw

Oral Ghost Story Performances

Some of today's top oral storytellers (and some who have passed to the other side of the veil) sharing scary/spooky/supernatural/ghost stories

Donna Washington telling stories at Charleston Ghost Story Concert www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkttKZ-WFaA



Charlotte Blake Alston telling the *Conjure Woman* at the 2016 Kansas City Storytelling Celebration
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QAKu7SeSv4



Tim Tingle telling *The Choctaw Alligator Man* at the 2016 Kansas City Storytelling Celebration
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hGA4hcq63g



Priscilla Howe—The Ghost with the One Black Eye (audio only version) www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nHz0Ztdrw



Jackie Torrence telling *The Golden Arm*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJJajXPZV8



Anne Shimojima telling *The Deveil and Wicked John*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2i_jZSxro1c



Eth-Noh-Tec performing *Heaven and Hell*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldRchdCH8CY



Three tellers telling the story of *Mr. Fox*: **Lyn Ford, Anne Shimojima, and Jeff Gere**, www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2HL6ELxJ7E

