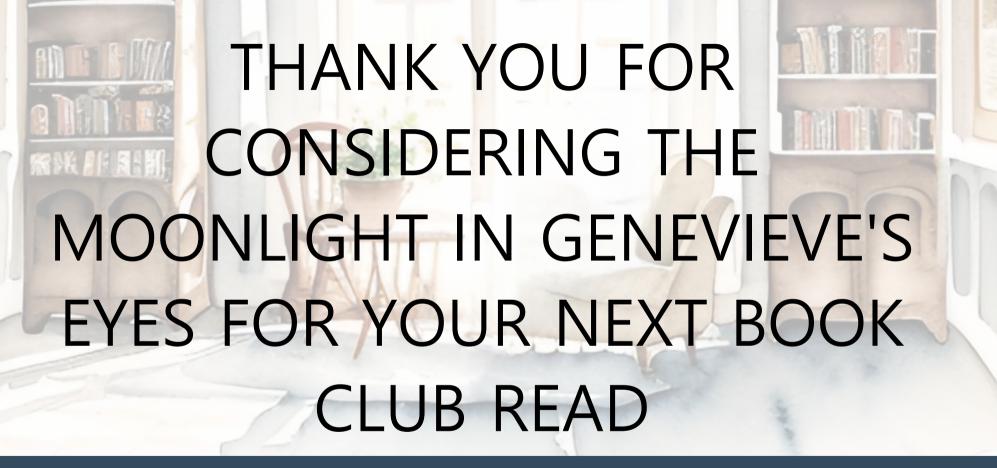




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HORROR



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Other Tales of Horror" by D. Krauss, a spine-chilling collection that will haunt your dreams. Ten tales of terror, each more unsettling than the last. From the sinister streets of October nights to the macabre gardens of Mr. Williams, Krauss weaves a tapestry of horror that will leave you breathless. With illustrations that capture the essence of each story, this book is a must-read for fans of the genre. Don't miss out on this journey into the dark corners of the human psyche.

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Theme: Haunted Halloween

- **Decorations**: Dim lighting, fake cobwebs, carved pumpkins, and eerie sound effects.
- **Activities**: Horror story readings, a spooky scavenger hunt, and a costume contest for the best horror character.
- Food & Drinks: Blood-red punch, finger-shaped cookies, and "eyeball" meatballs.

Theme: Vintage Horror Night

- **Decorations**: Vintage posters of classic horror movies, old-fashioned lanterns, and antique furniture.
- **Activities**: Screening of classic horror films, a trivia quiz on vintage horror, and a photo booth with vintage props.
- Food & Drinks: Retro snacks like popcorn, candy apples, and themed cocktails.

Theme: Moonlit Mystery

- **Decorations**: Moon and star decorations, dark drapes, and glowing eyes in corners.
- Activities: A murder mystery game, moonlit storytelling, and a "best scream" contest.
- Food & Drinks: Moon pies, dark chocolate treats, and "midnight" cocktails.

THEMED PARTY SUGGESTIONS

Appetizers

- **Spooky Stuffed Mushrooms**: Mushrooms stuffed with a mix of cream cheese, garlic, and herbs, resembling little eerie caps.
- Pumpkin Soup Shooters: Creamy pumpkin soup served in small glasses, perfect for a chilling start.

Main Course

- Blood-Red Beet Risotto: A rich and creamy risotto made with beets, giving it a deep red color.
- Garlic and Herb Roasted Chicken: A nod to the vampire tales, this dish is packed with garlic to keep the creatures at bay.

Desserts

- Moonlit Lemon Tarts: Mini lemon tarts with a dusting of powdered sugar to resemble the moonlight.
- Chocolate Coffin Cakes: Small chocolate cakes shaped like coffins, filled with a dark chocolate ganache.

Drinks

- **Genevieve's Moonlight Punch**: A sparkling punch made with lemonade, sparkling water, and a hint of lavender.
- Blood Orange Mocktails: Refreshing mocktails made with blood orange juice, perfect for a spooky evening.

THEMED PARTY MENU



Moonlit Horror Cocktail

Ingredients:

- 2 oz. dark rum
- 1 oz. blackcurrant liqueur
- 1 oz. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz. simple syrup
- A dash of Angostura bitters
- Edible glitter (optional, for a moonlit shimmer)
- Black sugar (for rimming the glass)
- Ice

Instructions:

- Prepare the Glass: Rim a chilled glass with black sugar.
- Mix the Drink: In a shaker, combine dark rum, blackcurrant liqueur, lime juice, simple syrup, and a dash of Angostura bitters. Add ice and shake well.
- Strain and Serve: Strain the mixture into the prepared glass over fresh ice.
- Add the Moonlit Touch: Sprinkle a pinch of edible glitter on top for a shimmering effect.
- Garnish: Add a lime wheel or a twist of lime peel for garnish.

SIGNATURE DRINK

Clair de Lune by Claude Debussy Lux Aeterna by Clint Mansell The Host of Seraphim by Dead Can Dance In the House - In a Heartbeat by John Murphy Lux Aeterna by György Ligeti Requiem for a Dream by Clint Mansell The Night King by Ramin Djawadi Moonlight Sonata by Ludwig van Beethoven The Haunting of Hill House by The Newton Brothers Cistern by Mark Korven The Fog by John Carpenter Suspiria by Goblin Tubular Bells by Mike Oldfield Halloween Theme by John Carpenter Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saëns



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

- **Themes of Horror**: How does the author use everyday settings to create a sense of horror and suspense in the stories?
- Character Development: Which character did you find most compelling and why?
- Symbolism: What role does the moon play in the title story, "The Moonlight in Genevieve's Eyes"?
- Narrative Style: How does the author's writing style contribute to the overall atmosphere of the book?
- Moral Ambiguity: Are there any characters whose actions you found morally ambiguous? How did this affect your perception of the story?
- **Emotional Impact**: Which story had the most emotional impact on you and why?
- **Imagery and Descriptions**: How effective are the author's descriptions in creating vivid imagery? Can you recall a particularly striking scene?
- **Comparative Analysis**: How do the stories in this collection compare to other horror stories you've read?
- Author's Intent: What do you think the author is trying to convey through these tales of horror?
- **Personal Reflection**: Did any of the stories remind you of personal experiences or fears? How did this influence your reading experience?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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