

## Children's Books about or inspired-by Poe

*Edgar Gets Ready for Bed* by Jennifer Adams

Age Range: 1 and up

ISBN #978-1423635284

Meet the plucky toddler Edgar the Raven! He's mischievous, disobedient, and contrary. Dinnertime, cleanup-time, and bedtime are all met with one word: NEVERMORE! But as the evening winds to a close, Edgar's mom knows just what to do to get her son into bed—a bedtime story.

*Edgar and the Tattle-Tale Heart* by Jennifer Adams

Age Range: 1 and up

ISBN #978-1423637660

The plucky, mischievous toddler Edgar the Raven is at it again in this spirited story with some important lessons. What will Edgar do when he accidentally breaks a statue sitting on a dresser? Will his sister, Lenore, tattle on him? Will Edgar tell his mother the truth? Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart," little lit lovers will delight in this new adventure with characters illustrated in a most "poe-etic" way

*Edgar, Allan, and Poe and the Tell-Tale Beets* by Natalie Rompella

Age Range: 4 - 7 years

ISBN #978-1897550175

Mother has one unbreakable rule: "No dessert until you finish your dinner." But how can Edgar, Allan, and Poe possibly clear their plates when there are Brussels sprouts to be swallowed, liver to be chewed and, worst of all, beets to be bitten? There must be a way to get rid of dinner without having to gobble up this foul food. Perhaps the loose floorboard under Poe's chair is the answer! This clever twist on Edgar Allan Poe's *The Beating of the Tell-Tale Heart* will resonate with anyone who has ever wished that certain foods could just disappear.

*Edgar Allan Poe's Pie* by J. Patrick Lewis

Age Range: 6 - 9 years

ISBN #978-0547513386

Is this poetry? Math? A brainteaser? Yes! It's all that and more. The poet J. Patrick Lewis has reimagined classic poems—such as Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" and Langston Hughes's "April Rain Song"—and added a dash of math. Between the silly parodies and the wonderfully wacky art, kids will have so much fun figuring out the puzzles, they won't guess they're learning! Answers appear unobtrusively on each page, and engaging information about the original poets is included. Math games and concepts, poetry and poet biographies—it's all so cleverly put together. This funny book is a treat for fans of words and numbers alike.

*Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation Notebook* by Mary Amato

Age Range: 7 and up

ISBN #978-0823423866

First Slurpy is fishnapped, then other things from Mrs. Blackwell's room start to disappear. Odder still, whoever is committing these crimes leaves a note written in poetry. Edgar has it all covered in his "crime investigation notebook"—but so does Patrick Chen, who has copied Edgar and is trying to solve the case first. Yet as Edgar keenly observes his surroundings, he notices many interesting things about his classmates. The more closely he watches two "suspects," the more he begins to think they might make pretty good friends. This warm and humorous story puts writing, friendship, and mystery into a short, accessible chapter book

*The Man Who Was Poe* by Avi

Age Range: 8-12

Lexile Measure: 600L

ISBN #978-0545505239

It is night and Edmund is all alone. His mother is gone. His sister has disappeared. Edmund has no one, except for a dark and mysterious stranger who follows him through the cold and shadowy city with offers of help. But who is this stranger who gives Edmund refuge? He has a mission of his own and he needs Edmund, but he tells him nothing of his purpose. Yet the stranger is Edmund's only hope of discovering the dark secrets that surround the disappearance of his family...

*The Tell-Tale Start: The Misadventures of Edgar & Allan Poe, Book One* by Gordon McAlpine

Age Range: 9-12

ISBN #978-0385368063

Meet Edgar and Allan Poe -- twelve-year-old identical twins, the great-great-great-great-grandnephews of Edgar Allan Poe. They look and act so much alike that they're almost one mischievous, prank-playing boy in two bodies. When their beloved black cat, Roderick Usher, is kidnapped and transported to the Midwest, Edgar and Allan convince their guardians that it's time for a road trip. Along the way, mayhem and mystery ensue, as well as deeper questions: What is the boys' telepathic connection? Is Edgar Allan Poe himself reaching out to them from the Great Beyond? And why has a mad scientist been spying on the Poe family for years?

With a mix of literary humor, mystery, and a little quantum physics, this series opener is a perfect choice for smart, funny tweens who love the Time Warp Trio, Roald Dahl, and Lemony Snicket.

*Nevermore* by Kelly Creagh

Age Range: 12 and up

ISBN #978-1442402010

At once an homage to one of America's greatest writers and a page-turning psychological mystery that is equal parts horror, humor, and romance, NEVERMORE is the story of Varen -- a Poe-fan and goth -- and Isobel -- a cheerleader and unlikely heroine. When a Lit. project pairs the two together, Isobel finds herself steadily swept into Varen's world, one that he has created in his notebook and in his mind, one where the terrifying stories of Edgar Allan Poe come to life. Isobel slowly learns that dreams can be much more powerful than she'd ever expected, and that pain and despair come in all shades. As labels of "goth" and "cheerleader" fade away, she sees more in Varen than a tall, pale outcast, and a consuming romance is braced against the ever-clearer horror that the most terrifying realities are those within our own minds.

When Isobel has a single chance to rescue Varen from the shadows of his own nightmares, will she be able to save him -- and herself?

*Ashes on the Waves* by Mary Lindsey

Age Range: 12 and up

ISBN #978-0399159398

Liam MacGregor is cursed. Haunted by the wails of fantastical Bean Sidhes and labeled a demon by the villagers of Dòchas, Liam has accepted that things will never get better for him--until a wealthy heiress named Annabel Leighton arrives on the island and Liam's fate is changed forever.

With Anna, Liam finally finds the happiness he has always been denied, but the violent, mythical Otherworlders, who inhabit the island and the sea around it, have other plans. They make a wager on the couple's love, testing its strength through a series of cruel obstacles. But the tragedies draw Liam and Anna even closer. Frustrated, the creatures put the couple through one last trial--and this time it's not only their love that's in danger of being destroyed.

Based on Edgar Allan Poe's chilling poem *Annabel Lee*, with references to many of his other poems including *The Raven*, Mary Lindsey creates a frighteningly beautiful gothic novel that glorifies the power of true love.

*The Surreal Adventures of Edgar Allan Poe* by Dwight L. MacPherson and Thomas Boatwright

Age Range: All Ages

ISBN #978-1582408163

Edgar Allen Poe just lost everything. His dead wife is haunting him in his dreams, his latest book has bombed and the imagination that fueled his stories has become a curse. His prayer to never dream again is answered one evening as he falls asleep in an outhouse. His discarded creativity takes the form of his dream child, Edgar Allen Poo, who must now undergo a strange odyssey through the poet's troubled mind. This August, Shadowline presents a twisted glimpse into the dreamlife of America's greatest fantasist in Dwight L. MacPherson & Thomas Boatwright's unusual epic, *The Surreal Adventures of Edgar Allen Poo!*

*The Dead of Winter* by Chris Priestley

Age Range: 12-17

ISBN #978-1599907451

Michael is invited to spend Christmas with a guardian in a desolate house. As Michael wanders the halls of the desolate home he learns that lonely doesn't always mean alone and even houses have secrets. An homage to *The Fall of the House of Usher* by Edgar Allan Poe

## About Poe

*Nevermore: A Photobiography of Edgar Allan Poe* by Karen Lange

Age Range: 10+

Lexile Measure: 1110L

ISBN #978-1426303982

*Nevermore* brings one of America's most enigmatic writers to the attention of a new generation of children. This intriguing photobiography examines the life and times of the author and poet who would have a huge influence on future generations of writers, poets, artists, and even songwriters.

*Edgar Allan Poe (Just the Facts Biographies)* by Thomas Streissguth

Age range: 10 and up

ISBN #978-0822568004

Presents the life of the nineteenth-century American author famous for his detective stories, horror stories, and poetry.

## Handsome Poe Collections

*Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness*

Age Range: 11 - 14 years

ISBN #978-0689848377

A sweet little cat drives a man to insanity and murder....

The grim death known as the plague roams a masquerade ball dressed in red....

A dwarf seeks his final revenge on his captors....

A sister calls to her beloved twin from beyond the grave....

Prepare yourself. You are about to enter a world where you will be shocked, terrified, and, though you'll be too scared to admit it at first, secretly thrilled. Here are four tales -- *The Black Cat*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *Hop-Frog*, and *The Fall of the House of Usher* -- by the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe. The original tales have been ever so slightly dismembered -- but, of course, Poe understood dismemberment very well. And he would shriek in ghoulish delight at Gris Grimly's

gruesomely delectable illustrations that adorn every page. So prepare yourself. And keep the lights on.

*The Illustrated Edgar Allan Poe*

Age Range: High School

ISBN #978-1607108962

Edgar Allan Poe is no stranger to the strange. His tales of mystery and macabre have provoked many a nightmare. If you've been wondering how the editors of Canterbury Classics could create a new twist, wait no more! Your very own telltale hearts will tick-tick-tick oh-so-fast as you read the four terrifying tales presented here. And just when you think you're safe, something spooky will pop-up. Go ahead and turn the page . . . if you dare.

*The Illustrated Edgar Allan Poe* contains four unabridged tales from the master of the macabre, complete with hair-raising pop-ups.

*The Complete Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*

Age Range: High School

ISBN #978-1937994433

*The Complete Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* is the next edition in the Knickerbocker Classic series, featuring works from the famous gothic American writer. His works span from 1827 to his death in 1849. His often macabre and dark works included "The Raven," "The Black Cat," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "Annabelle Lee." For Poe fans worldwide, this stunning gift edition has a full cloth binding, foil blocking on the spine, ribbon marker, and is packaged neatly in an elegant slipcase. *The Complete Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* contains every known Poe tale ever written, this deluxe edition boasts the entire Poe catalogue.

### **Affordable Poe Collections**

*Poetry for Young People: Edgar Allan Poe*

Age Range: 8+

ISBN #978-1402754722

If you think that poetry has to be sweet and romantic, or at least serene, think again. Step into the dark world of Edgar Allan Poe. Well known for his spine-tingling, spooky stories that are even more chilling than today's horror films, Poe also wrote poems that expressed the shadowy regions of his mind. More than 20 of his poems and selections from his stories are accompanied by mood-setting, full-colour drawings and notes that make his work easier to understand.

*The Complete Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe*

Age Range: High School

ISBN #978-0451531051

From the exquisite lyric “*To Helen*,” to the immortal masterpieces “*Annabel Lee*,” “*The Bells*,” and “*The Raven*,” *The Complete Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe* demonstrates the author’s gift for the form.

*Edgar Allan Poe: Complete Tales and Poems*

Age Range: High School

ISBN #978-0785814535

The life of American writer Edgar Allan Poe was characterized by a dramatic series of successes and failures, breakdowns and recoveries, personal gains and hopes dashed through, despite which he created some of the finest literature the world has ever known. Over time his works have influenced such major creative forces as the French poets Charles Baudelaire and Andre Gide, filmmaker D.W. Griffith and modern literary legend Allen Ginsberg. Best known for his poems and short fiction, Poe perfected the psychological thriller, invented the detective story, and rarely missed transporting the reader to his own supernatural realm. He has also been hailed posthumously as one of the finest literary critics of the nineteenth century. In *Edgar Allan Poe: Complete Tales and Poems* fans may indulge in all of Poe's most imaginative short-stories, including *The Fall of the House of Usber*, *The Murders in Rue Morgue*, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *Ligeia* and *Ms. In a Bottle*. His complete early and miscellaneous poetic masterpieces are here also, including *The Raven*, *Ulalume*, *Annabel Lee*, *Tamerlane*, as well as select reviews and narratives.

### Links about Poe

Project Gutenberg: Downloadable versions of many Poe stories, poems, and collections.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/481>

Online Biographies

<http://www.biography.com/people/edgar-allan-poe-9443160>

<https://www.poemuseum.org/life.php>

<http://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poet/edgar-allan-poe>