



DANGERS FOR WOMEN IN THE DARK



For many years it has been unsafe for women to do regular things like walking alone at night or even leaving their drink unattended at a party. The murder and rape of Sarah Everard has made woman more conscious of this issue.

Sarah Everard was a 33 year old woman who was brought to a place near Dover and murdered by police

officer Wayne Couzens, after walking late at night.

20% of women and 4% of men have experienced some type of sexual assault since the age of 16

equivalent to 3.4 million female and 631,000 male victims. 83 woman are suspected to have been murdered since the start of the year. This case has brought attention to a very important issue and is worrying more people as it getting darker earlier .

By Sophia Souli

Halloween can be an enjoyable time for everyone, so I have collected some different views and experiences from Lenzie Academy pupils. However, remember that Halloween isn't a celebration that everybody celebrates so please be respectful of everybody's views and religion during this period!

Interviewer: What was your favourite Halloween costume, or a costume that you would like to dress up as in the future?

Mary Tompkins (2FL): I would love to dress up as Mavis from Hotel Transylvania because she's iconic and it used to be my favourite movie.

Interviewer: What is your go-to classic Halloween film?

Grace Morrison (2IG1): I think probably the Corpse Bride or Hotel Transylvania.

Mary: I'd probably say The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Interviewer: Have you ever experienced any paranormal activities during Halloween?

Mary: The fairy lights in my room keep on flickering even when they're turned off and they have never done that before.

Grace: Well, no I don't think so, but I have heard some strange sounds that really make you wonder, you never really know.



By Eva Rancon 2MK1

My Halloween Movie Recommendations

One of my favourite things about Halloween, is definitely watching a spooky movie with my friends and family! So, here are some of my favourites.

- **Corpse Bride** {2005, starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter}

This famous Tim Burton movie is set in the Victorian times, about Victor, a newly engaged fiancé, and Emily, a hopelessly romantic corpse who mistakes Victor's complaining for him proclaiming his love to her.

- **The Purge** {2013, starring Ethan Hawke and Lena Hadley}

In the near future, every year in America, they have a purge day, where for 12 hours, everything is legal. A day to let out all of your internalised anger on your fellow neighbours. So when Leo Barnes' house gets broken into by purgers, it's either him and his family, or them.

- **IT** {2017, starring Jaeden Martell and Sophia Lillis}

In the summer of 1989, when Ben Denbrough and his group of loser friends start a war with a shape-shifting clown that can only hurt you when you're scared of it, they have to band together to defeat this monster, while also exploring their new teenage experience.

- **The Sixth Sense** {1999, starring Bruce Willis}

This supernatural thriller is super spooky, about Cole Sear, and his newly discovered ability to see ghosts.



How to stay safe on Halloween

by Grace Morrison

As a big sister I am personally always wondering if my brothers are going to be safe on Halloween, so here are some top tips on how you can stay safe!

After researching this topic, I have found the best possible options.

Number 1:

Firstly you can use your prior knowledge of street safety and always cross after looking both ways, listening for traffic, and waiting if you think there may be some coming- remember to stay off your phones when crossing! Try to avoid very busy roads and always make sure you stay where streetlights are because at this time of year it gets dark really quickly.

Number 2:

Another tip that could help you is by planning your route, going to houses with decorations and neighbours your parents know and have met before, and never going into houses.

Number 3:

Next is to always check your sweets/ food before eating. Here are some questions you should ask yourself before eating them to make sure they will be safe:

- Has it been previously opened?
- Does it smell different?
- Have you tried them before?
- Does it have any ingredients you are allergic to?



Thank you for reading my article, I hope you have a great time and make sure to stay safe!

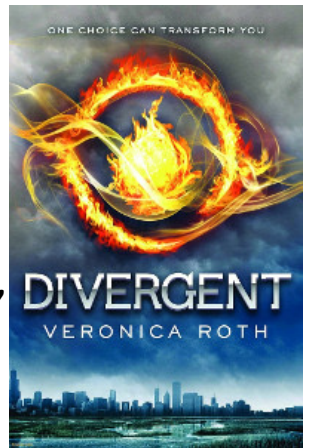
Eva Rancon interviewed Zara on how she felt about this topic after reading this article.

Zara Dunn: it makes me feel more confident and safe to go out on Halloween.

October Reads!

This month's must-read book is 'Divergent' by Veronica Roth, the story revolves around a girl named Beatrice, who lives in a dystopian town, that's divided into five factions. These factions are Abnegation, for the selfless, Candor, for the honest, Erudite, for the clever, Amity, for the peaceful, and Dauntless, for the brave. When the towns people turn sixteen, they are placed within their chosen faction. But each of the factions comes with pros and cons. Beatrice chooses Dauntless, a ruthless faction, where she learns how to fight, shoot, and kill. Has Beatrice chosen the right faction, or has she made a mistake?

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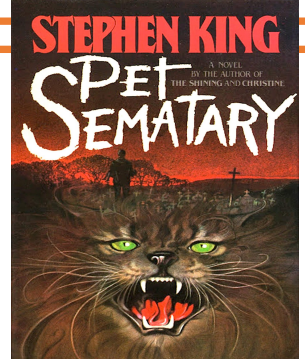


“Pet Sematary”- Stephen King

Rating- 4 ½ stars

Genre- Supernatural horror

Age- 13+



“Pet Sematary” is a haunting novel by esteemed author Stephen King. The story follows the main character Lois Creed, his wife, Rachel, their children Ellie, and Gage as well as their cat, Winston Churchill. The Creed family has just moved to the outskirts of Ludlow, a quiet town in Maine, USA. Just after their arrival their elderly neighbour, Jud Crandall, tells them of “The Pet Sematary”, a graveyard where families have buried their pets for decades but just beyond the titular “Pet Sematary” there is a second graveyard, a mystical burial ground that has the power to revive the dead.

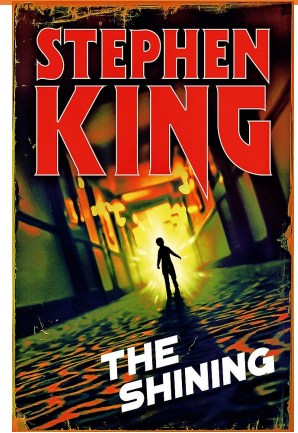
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“The Shining”- Stephen King

Rating- 3 ½ stars

Genre- supernatural horror

Age- 13+



“The Shining” is a classic by the author Stephen King. The book follows Jack Torrance when he gets a new job as the caretaker of The Overlook hotel which has a mysterious past.

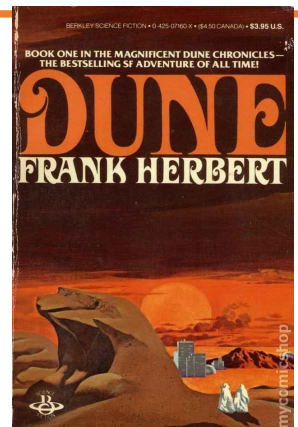
He, his wife Wendy and their son Danny are watching over The Overlook over the winter period, but Danny has been receiving psychic images of The Overlook telling him that its bad news, putting he and his family in danger.

Dune- Frank Herbert

Rating- 4 stars

Genre- sci-fi, fantasy

Age- 14+



Frank Herbert wrote this classic novel and defined the sci-fi genre for decades. Before Star Wars there was Dune.

Dune is an epic novel that's not for those looking for an easy read. It has little plot and more focuses on world building that blows you away due to its scale. Although I sing its praises I have a warning before you go into this book, it's very hard to read. When you read you'll have to give it your full attention, but if that's something you enjoy then read on!

By Megan 1 2ig1

HALLOWE'EN



Costumes

As Halloween is approaching and we are all beginning to hang up our decorations and carve our pumpkins, we are all trying to decide what to go as. There's the classic vampire, or

Frankenstein, or even your favourite superhero, Thor! But, there are some does and don'ts about Halloween costumes. Here's come advice!

DO

- Go as your favourite fictional character.
- Go as an inside joke that would make your friends and family laugh.

DON'T

- Go as an ethnicity or race.
- Go as something that would offend people.

Sometimes costumes are based on stereotypes of different cultures, like the Mexican costume that has been popular for a while. Costumes like these push stereotypes and prevent us from learning about different cultures. Cultural appropriation happens a lot around Halloween, but it is important to remember that culture isn't a costume, and can be hurtful to trivialise this.



But finally.... (most importantly)

Enjoy your Hallowe'en!



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