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### *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* documentary trailer reveals controversial history of Alvin Schwartz's horror books

By Clark Collis April 10, 2019 at 10:54 AM EDT

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What is scarier than Alvin Schwartz's *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* books? Not much, if you were one of the censorious folks in the '90s who were terrified at the effect Schwartz's tales might have on the youth of America and attempted to get them banned from school libraries and classrooms.

Ahead of the **Guillermo del Toro-produced big screen adaptation of the books** (out Aug. 9) a new documentary called <u>Scary Stories</u> explores the controversial history of Schwartz's spine-tingling tomes. Directed by Cody Meirick, the film features more than 40 interviews with everyone from relatives of the late Schwartz to follow children's book authors like R L Stine and O L. Bearco



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The cultural impact of the best-selling children's horror book series 'Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark' is explored in Cody Meirick's documentary.

I was born too late to have spent my childhood years being happily terrified by *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*, Alvin Schwartz's iconic children's book series that earned the dubious distinction of becoming the most banned book of the 1990s. The books have sold seven million copies and become a cultural touchstone for a generation, an accomplishment that Schwartz was unable to fully savor because of his death in 1992. Cody Meirick's documentary *Scary Stories* explores the books' enduring appeal in incisive and entertaining fashion, although why it's being released theatrically in advance of the upcoming film adaptation of the books produced by Guillermo del

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### Watch: 'Scary Stories' Documentary Arrives Ahead of the Live-Action Horror Movie This Summer

BY DAVE TRUMBORE (3 APRIL 10, 2019





Fans of Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (and Stephen Gammell's haunting, disturbing illustrations) have a few months to wait until André Øvredal's big-screen adaptation arrives on August 9th, but here's a little something to tide you over in the meantime: Cody Meirick's documentary, Scary Stories

The doc not only explores the history of the three-volume book series that scared kids (and some adults, apparently) silly in the 80s and 90s and includes interviews with kids horror authors like R.L. Stine and Q.L. Pearce, it also dips into the cultural impact that the tomes had. Scary Stories became one of the top-banned titles in the U.S., which no doubt added to the series' mystique, allure, and popularity. Well done, book-banners!

Watch the trailer for the Scary Stories documentary below.



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### The 'Scary Stories' Documentary Trailer Explores The True Tale Of Alvin Schwartz's Beloved Books — VIDEO

By SHANNON CARLIN | 3 weeks ago | f



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For those who grew up reading Alvin Schwartz's *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* in the '90s it might be hard to believe they could get any scarier. But the trailer for the documentary *Scary Stories* proves just how horrifying these short stories really were with help from Schwartz's family and other horror writers like R.L. Stine. This documentary, in theaters April 26, might leave you shaking in your boots, but it'll also help prepare you for Guillermo del Toro's upcoming *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* movie.

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### [Review] 'Scary Stories' Documentary is a Fascinating and Loving **Examination of the Iconic Book Series**



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Most of us have some connection to Alvin Schwartz's iconic book series Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark. These are the books that we would stay up at night reading under our blankets, the pages filling our minds with nightmarish images of ghouls, severed heads, and hideous monsters. To say these books are beloved is a severe understatement. The series served as a gateway to horror for many genre fans, and Schwartz was the usher. Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark and its sequels opened the imaginations (and quickened the pulses) of countless children, and gave many a life-long love of reading and learning.

Cody Meirick's highly anticipated documentary Scary Stories offers viewers a fascinating peek at the life of the man behind the books, the controversies surrounding the series, and gives insight to Schwartz's research process. While the documentary does embrace the nostalgia horror fans have for these stories, the film surprisingly focuses more on the history of the Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark books and the tales of folklore which inspired them.

Scary Stories is packed with eye-opening interviews with all sorts of people bearing a connection to the books, including Schwartz's family, fans of the series, other children's horror writers such as RL Stine, academics, people who tried to have the books banned, and librarians who fought against the conservative parents seeking censorship. Intercut with the interviews are animations reminiscent of Stephen Gammel's chilling yet alluring illustrations, which help to capture the spirit of the film's subject matter.

This documentary is not only a loving look at Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, but an examination of the culture surrounding the series and controversial books in general. Alvin Coherente's heady and an an an and in the the film the meat beared heady in the 1000s /s



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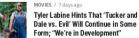


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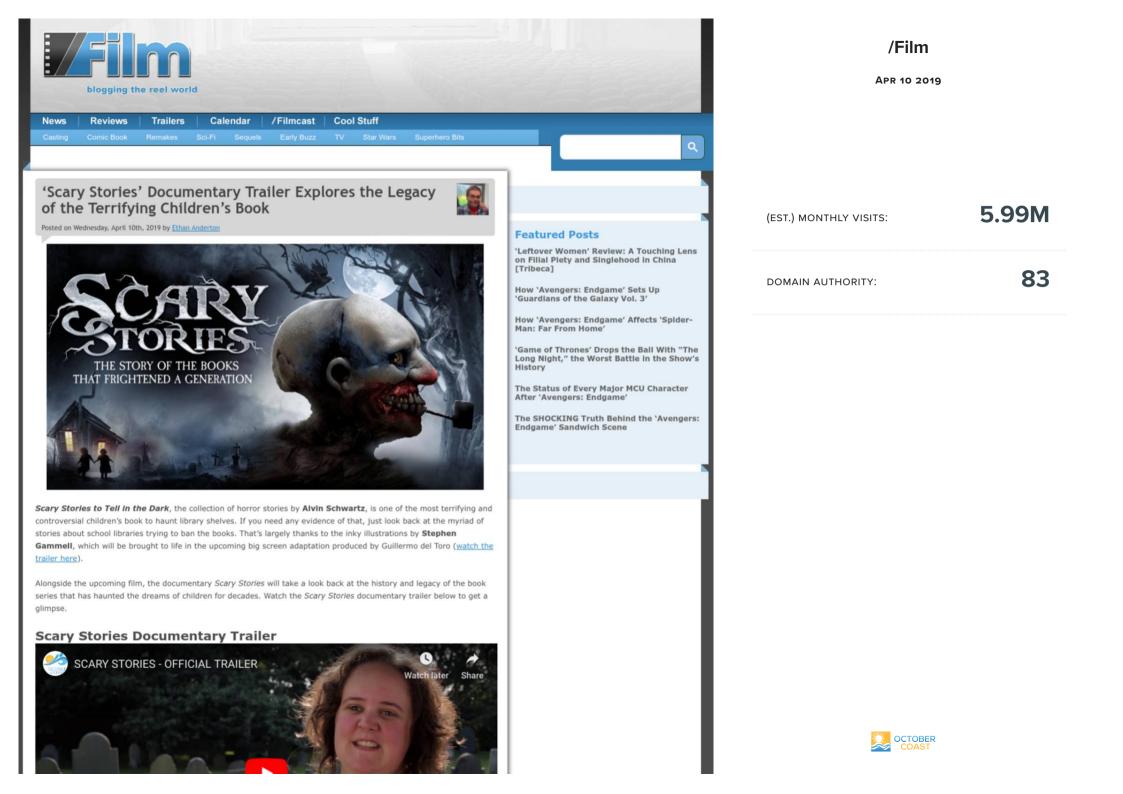


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### The Classic Horror Book Series SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK is Getting a Documentary

Movie Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark Cody Meirick Documentary 5 Months Ago by Joey Paur



Guillermo del Toro is currently writing and producing a feature film based on the classic horror book series *Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark*, but there's another film in development!

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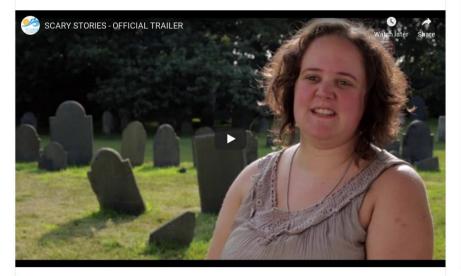
### SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK Documentary Trailer

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I hope you're as excited as I am for the upcoming film adaptation of <u>Scary</u> <u>Stories to Tell in the Dark</u>, but there's another film based around the popular book series and it's a documentary that looks into the history and controversy behind them. Titled *Scary Stories*, the film is directed by **Cody Meirick** and features over 40 interviews including author **Alvin Schwartz**'s family alongside his peers and fans.

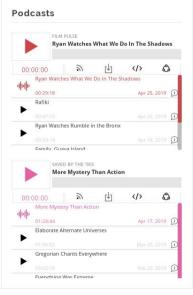
*Scary Stories* opens in limited release April 26th, and will be available on VOD platforms May 7th.





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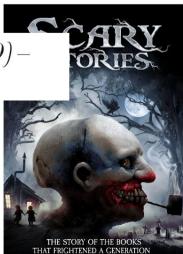
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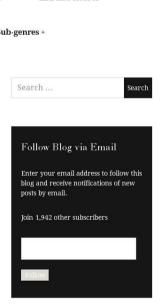
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With the upcoming *Scary Stories* to Tell in the Dark movie only a few months away from release, taking a look at a documentary that explores the controversy about the books and their author seemed pretty fitting.





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As the sun sets, Wendy (Karina Fontes) starts to worry about predators of all varieties in the movie "Body at Brighton Rock." (Magnet Releasing)	With John Singleton's brilliant 'Boyz N the Hood,' the filmmaker found his voice from the start		
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After contributing shorts to the horror anthologies "Southbound" and "XX," writer-director <u>Roxanne Benjamin</u> makes her feature filmmaking debut with "Body at Brighton Rock," an assured — if overlong — survivalist tale. Though Benjamin struggles to fill her running-time, the movie mostly reaffirms that	'Body at Brighton Rock' brings scares – and a bear – to startling life APR 29, 2019		
she's a talented genre director. The strongest move Benjamin makes with "Body at Brighton Rock" is to pull a bait-and-switch with the tone. The movie's opening 15 minutes play like a	John Singleton still on life- support, but family will end it today APR 29, 2019		
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### 'Scary Stories' Review: Examining a Generation's Collective Nightmares

This crowdfunded documentary looks back at the mostbanned books of the '90s: 'Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.'



typical adult could read the first volume of *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* in under a half hour. For the kids who discovered the uncanny, disturbing folk tales at a young age, the nightmares –along with the devilish glee that comes with retelling them to unsuspecting peers – could last decades.

It's good to be scared, most of the talking heads in the crowdfunded documentary *Scary Stories* will tell you, and in the 1990s renaissance of children's horror, no one scared us better than late author **Alvin Schwartz** and illustrator **Stephen Gammell**.

For the uninitiated, *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* is a series of three slim volumes of illustrated urban legends and folk tales, which thanks

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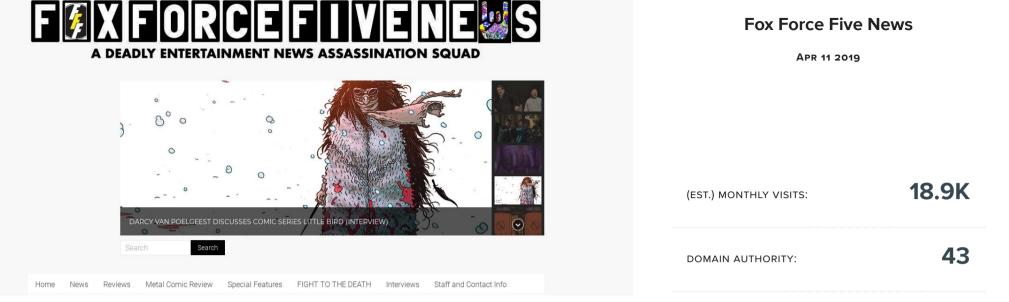


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### Scary Stories Dives Deep into Alvin Schwartz & Stephen Gammell's Legendary Novels (Review)

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Scary Stories is an upcoming documentary about the infamous cult classic 'kids' book series Scary Stories To Tell in The Dark from Alvin Schwartz and Stephen Gammell. The film hits select theaters April 26 via Wild Eye Releasing and VOD May 7th with a DVD release July 16th. Here is my review:

A documentary about children's horror classic Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark. It includes the author's family, scholars, folklorists, artists, and children's book authors such as R.L. Stine, Q.L. Pearce, and more.





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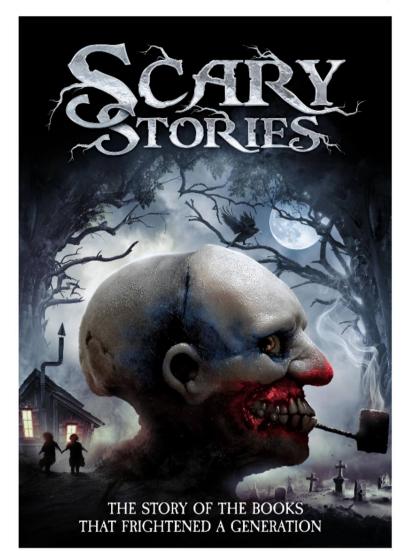
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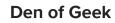
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## Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark Documentary Trailer Focuses on the Book's Controversy



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With the Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark arriving soon, a documentary will chronicle the controversy surrounding



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### MOVIES **REVIEW: 'Scary Stories' is a Loving Look at the** Children's Horror Classic

04/21/2019 - by Kate Sanchez - Leave a Comment

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Some kids loved Aesop's Fables, others loved Where the Sidewalk Ends, and others loved the children's horror stories of Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark. I was a kid who read all three but fell deeply in love with the latter. Growing up in a superstitious Mexican household meant that ghost stories and scary fables were some of the earliest stories I remember.

So naturally, I was drawn to the anthologies of folktales written by Alvin Schwartz and illustrated by Stephen Gammell, Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark, and its subsequent sequel. For me, those books hold a special place in my heart and a special place on my shelf. And hopefully, the new movie of the same name, directed by André Øvredal (the Autopsy of Jane Doe) and produced by Guillermo del Toro, will hold a place on my favorite horror movie list.

But with the new film and nostalgia around the original books, I never knew the controversies they bore, the process to getting them created, and the ways in which those stories impacted other people like me. In Scary Stories, a documentary directed by Cody Meirick, the creation, history, and enduring legacy of the fantastical and horrific children's classic is lovingly explored.

The film uses 40 interviews with the author's family members, fellow children's horror writers, folklorists, scholars, and fans to create the books historical narrative and prove its lasting impact on the lives of those who read it. Some of those interviewees include Schwartz's son Peter Schwartz, famed children's horror author R.L. Stine (Goosebumps), and Dr. Gary Alan Fine, a Northwestern University folklorist and sociologist



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### Movie Review: Scary Stories (2019)

by DanXIII on <u>April 27, 2019</u> in Documentaries, Horror, Indie, Movies, Review, Reviews

To be honest, I was too old for Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark series of books, but I was well aware of their existence thanks in no small part to the eye catching, nightmare enduing artwork contained within the tomes (courtesy of Stephen Gammell), but that doesn't mean I

wasn't into a devious doc detailing the series creation and what it has meant to generations of fright fans n' horror hounds!

First thing you have to realize is that Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark was the most banned book of the 1990's... and if that doesn't give that shit unlimited horror biz street cred, I have no idea what would! Of course, that tumultuous moment is detailed in Cody Meirick's documentary, but there is so much more ground that is covered!

We get the genesis of the series creation (featuring interviews with Schwartz's widow among other peers and family members) that paint a vivid picture of just how such grim material came to be, but also of the tortured (his estranged son is featured in conversation) life the man lead.

On the subject of the books banning we get to see both sides of the coin, as a particularly petulant spokeswoman for the PTA attempts to keep the terror tomes out of creepy kid's hands decades ago... and the valiant librarian that said "Fuck that noisel" (paraphrased) and battled to have the yarms stay snug as a beastly bug on the sinister shelves of arcane academies!

Also getting the love is Gammell's artwork as we are treated to homages in the form of tattoos, models, and even live action recreations of the man's wicked work over the film's hour and twenty-five minute runtime (and the actual lurid illos are featured as well 'natch).

Speaking of Gammell; this is where *Scary Stories* falls short, as the still among the living artist is not interviewed for the production. I have heard tale that the dude is reclusive, but I would have loved to hear him speak his mind on the subject at hand.

If you are a fan of Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark; this well-made doc should be a must see... but to be honest, neophytes to the series ((or those curious as to what the new Del Toro produced major motion picture adaptation of the series is all about) will be presented with an engaging and enlightening viewing experience as well





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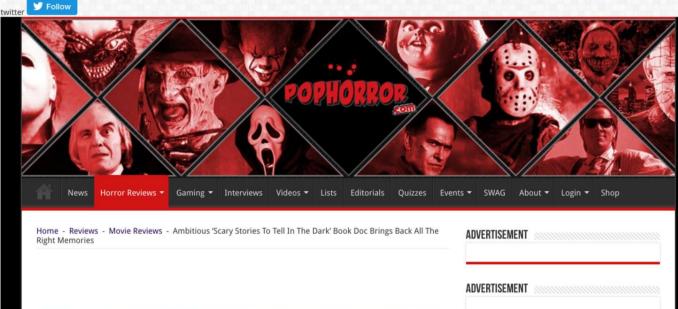
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### AMBITIOUS 'SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK' BOOK DOC BRINGS BACK All the right memories

🆀 Matthew L. Furman

Most children can't yet process the realities of death, evil, and change. However, the *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* book trilogy helped them bridge these gaps, and a new documentary on their legacy is lively, exhaustive, and dare I say, definitive. Director Cody Meirick's *Scary Stories* is smart and fact-filled – and perhaps, most importantly – respectful to the memory of an author who seemed to have difficulty connecting with those he should have been closest to.



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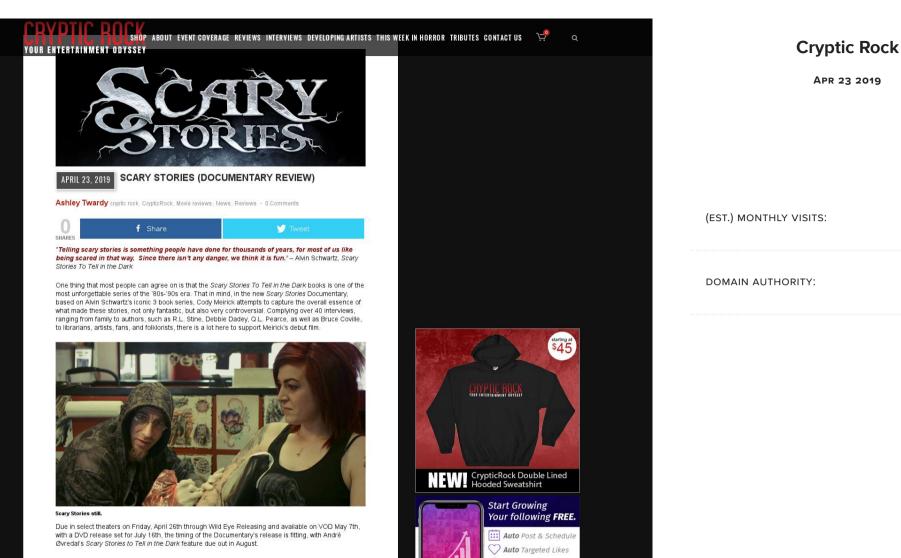
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Looking back briefly, most kids growing up in the '80s and '90s knew about the book series written by Alvin Schwartz and illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Adored by some and disliked by others, the illustrations were so creepy that they are completely synonymous with the stories themselves. In fact, these fascinating and creepy stories helped create an outlet for kids. The books were terrifying, fun to read, and were also a history lesson in their own right.

That all said, Schwartz did an amazing job researching the folklore behind these tales and added everything into the sources in the back of the book. Many kids read the sources and were then intrigued to read even more. Although, some of the publicity from the books were not so welcome. Case in point, Kirkland, Washington garnered media attention in a different light when former PTA President Sandy Vrabel worked hard to ban the books from the elementary school, citing that the books were too gruesome for kids aged 5-11.





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### 'Scary Stories' Documentary **Creeps Out This Month**

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You guys all know that André Øvredal's adaptation of Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark is set to arrive this August. But how about the documentary which explores the original books by Schwartz and some of the controversy which has surrounded them? Well, Wild Eye Releasing is set to unleash Cody Meirick's documentary Scary Stories this April 26th in select theatres. Below we have details pertaining to the documentary, so let us know if you'll be keeping an eye out for this one.

### From the Press Release:

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### Finding the Yin and Yang in **Scary Stories Documentary**



### By Ed Sum (The Vintage Tempest)

Everything fans wanted to know about Alvin Schwartz and Stephen Gammell's collaborative work gets beautifully and excellently explored in Cody Meirick's documentary Scary Stories. Both talents share equal credit in this exploration of the three-book series, Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Not only were Schwart'z family interviewed. but also a variety of talents (from uber fans to fellow authors) profess their love for this team. There's plenty of talkie moments to

narrate the life of these creators, and in what I particularly enjoyed is in how enduring these works are still today. Every generation has a series of books they adored. Whether that's with Conan the Barbarian, EC's Tales from the Crypt, The Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, The Vampire Lestat, Goosebumps and etc., the culture that's grown is explored in Meirick's work.

To see how Millineals are paying tribute is inspiring. Some have crafted threedimensional creations of Gammell's art. Equally haunting are the lenticular animated sequences by Shane Hunt. Sadly, Gammell did not live long enough (he passed away in '92 due to lymphoma) to see what his later works have become. With a feature film coming August 9th, I'm sure he's proud. To see his books form the basis of a movie to tie all the folk-tales together is straight out of Netflix' Stranger Things. And I'm sure the creators fully intend to honour the source material. To get up to speed in what the original series is about, this excellent documentary will play at select theatres this Spring (please check the main website for updates) and arrive on VOD May 7. The home video is set for July 16th release.

Schwartz is a humble man, a private man, and this film reveals a side of him not as well-known. He was a workaholic and despite not always being there for his children. Their point of view makes this documentary enduring because we get to see what makes Schwartz tick. I loved how we, as an audience, get to know the man than a monster. Yes, he was not around for his kids much, but they managed. He's a journalist first and foremost. As a father, that was his second job. From what I can gather in their discourse, they respected him.

Other artists and writers also admired Alvin. Author R. L. Stine of Goosebumps fame recounts his time meeting him and he felt honoured to be in his presence.

The fact Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark continues to inspire individuals at different levels says something. It's not just about reading literacy, but also in getting to know the world around them. Part of Meirick's documentary sweetly explores aspects of what makes a fan continue being a fan-and I can relate. In a time when the Internet was not publically available, to find material about the occult world of another city, state or country meant reading everything the local public library has. The books were adaptations of folklore from many regions

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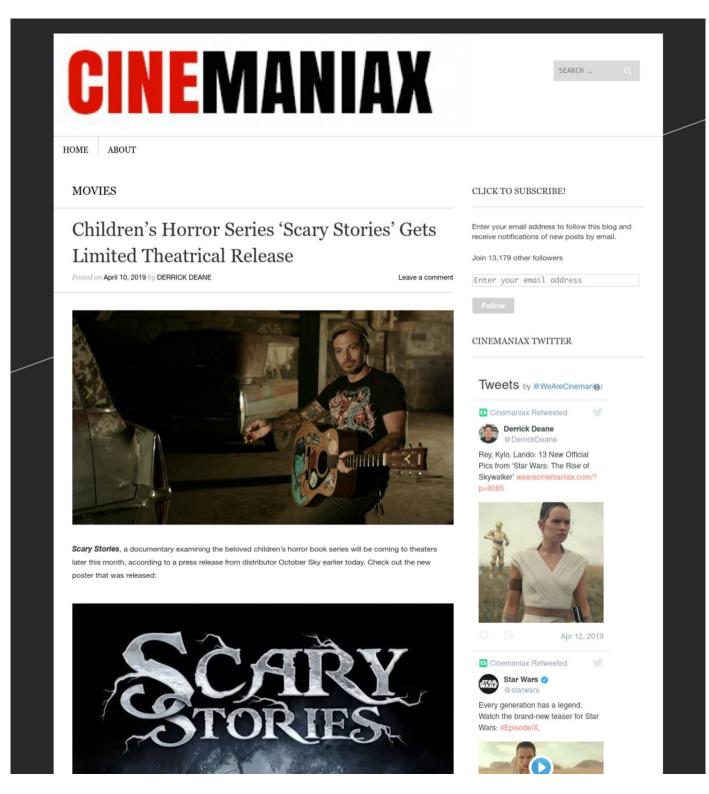
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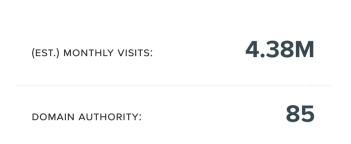
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With a *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* feature film (co-written and produced by Guillermo del Toro) on the way, there couldn't be a better time for a deep dive into the cultural impact of Alvin Schwartz and Stephen Gammell's haunting children's books. Director Cody Meirick provides just that with his new documentary *Scary Stories*, which has been given an April 26th theatrical release date from Wild Eye Releasing, and we have a look at the trailer and key art to give you an idea of what to expect from the documentary that includes over 40 interviews (including horror legend R.L. Stine).

Following its release in select theaters, *Scary Stories* will be unleashed on VOD on May 7th, followed by a DVD release on July 16th. We have the full press release below for more details, and you can also read our Q&A with director Cody Meirick and Salem Horror Fest review of the documentary.

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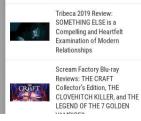


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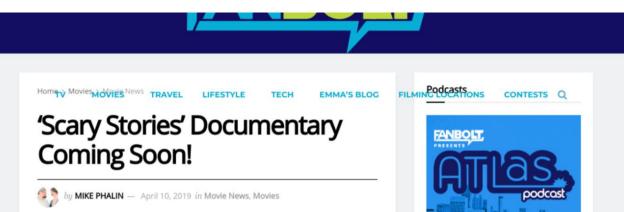
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In select theatres starting on April 26th, a documentary about the greatest series of horror tales for kids is coming! *Scary Stories* takes us through the creation, distribution, controversy, and the unending love that is synonymous with this creepy collection of folk tales from Alvin Schwartz, and beautifully illustrated by Stephen Gammell.

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Arriving just in time to coincide with Guillermo del Toro's adaptation of the trilogy, this documentary unearths the delights and fusses caused by the initial run of the books in the 1980s. Constantly checked out at my local library, I had to beg my parents to buy me the entire collection when rumors started to circulate that the local elementary and middle schools were going to ban Schwartz's work outright.

If you can't catch the doc's run in theatres, it will be available via VOD on May 7th and on DVD July 16th.

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A new trailer for Scary Stories has been released by October Coast. The movie is a documentary about writer Alvin Schwartz and illustrator Stephen Gammell's beloved children's horror book series Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.

You can find much more info on the Scary Stories documentary and give the new trailer a watch below.

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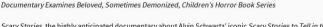


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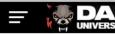
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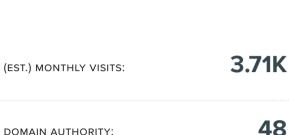
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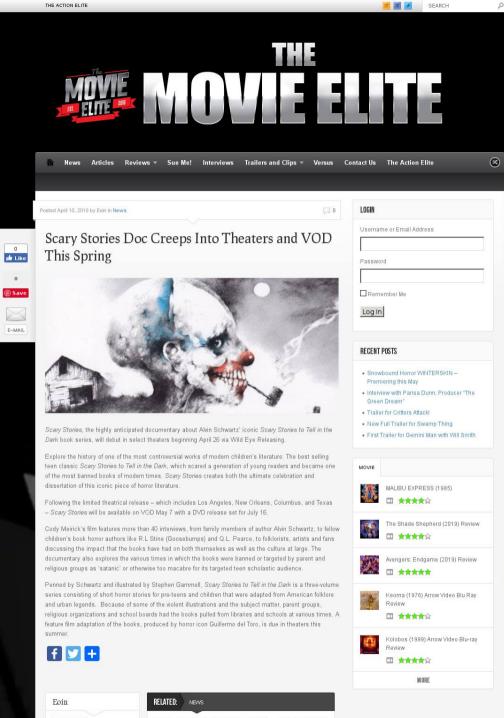
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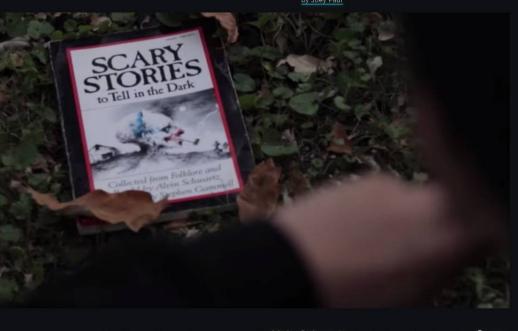


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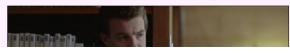
# SCARY STORIES

Filmmaker CODY MEIRICK, like so many, was weaned on the beloved horror stories of Alvin Schwartz, "Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark." To this day, he is a huge fan of the works. It's because of his own love of the books that Meirick became passionate about not only delving into the story behind the books but the decades since their release and how they have impacted the culture at large. And that brings us to his insightful, fascinating, and entertaining documentary, SCARY STORIES, a "must see" for the horror fan and fans of the "Scary Stories" books!



Are you a fan of "Scary Stories To Tell In the Dark" with those unforgettable illustrations by Stephen Gammell? Were you one of those teens (or adults) who combed libraries and bookstores for the series when the books were banned from some library shelves? Or were you one of those waiting in line at the bookstore on publication days? In spite of, or despite, efforts by many over the years to remove the three-volume book series from our culture (these are some of the most banned books of modern times), the books have not only survived, but thrived, impacting so many aspects of our lives be it in literature, film, art, pop culture, and above all, inspiring kids to read. But what is it that makes these books such a compelling part of the fabric of our lives?

Researched, developed, shot, animated, and edited over an approximate five-year time period, SCARV STORIES boasts more than 40 interviews, including those of Alvin Schwartz' family members, most notably his widow, his son Peter, his daughter and his grandson Daniel. We also hear from notable YA "horror" authors R.L. Stine of "Goosebumps" fame, as well as Q.L. Pearce. Adding historical context to the documentary, Meirick provides ample discussion on the origin of Schwartz' scary stories within American and urban follore as we hear from not only the family but folklorists who talk about the history of these "myths" which have imbued the fabric of mankind since before man could write.



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# **Scary Stories Review**

By David Duprey – On Apr 13, 2019

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#### MORE ON THAT MOMENT IN

Scary Stories is a 2019 documentary about children's horror classic Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.

Tales of terror have shaped the human experience since we were huddled around fires and painting in caves, from then till now crucial in our ability to face and deal with dangers, uncertainties, fears, and death. You can probably better account for the scariest moments in your life than those that made you happiest. Either way, the arts have been instrumental in delivering these stories, from stage plays, radio shows, movies, television, and books. And the most popular target to issue these frightful feasts to are children, who are meant to glean lessons from many. One of the most beloved book series about such things are the *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by **Alvin Schwartz**, published in the 80s and early 90s.

Now comes an official documentary to celebrate the late author's contribution, called appropriately enough, *Scary Stories*, featuring a number of interviews with those affected and influenced by these volumes, tracking the books' origins and how they continue to be meaningful to the children who grew up with them and the growing world of art and obsession that spawned from them.

It's a fascinating deep-focus look at the impact of this controversial series, which gained critical attention for their banning from school libraries, shining as much light on famed (and reclusive) illustrator **Stephen Gammell** as Schwartz himself. A large section in fact is dedicated to a slew of modern artists who toil to reproduce his work in other forms, from dioramas and models to drawings and photography. These are some very creative fans.

And that's the real takeaway from the film, how books like these are far better at inciting creativity and imagination than somehow causing harm or inducing some demented behavior. Stories that challenge young readers inspire questions and curiosity, something the *Scary Stories* books have proven to do, and it's compelling to watch how they came under fire and caused such a stir as a group of parents, propped

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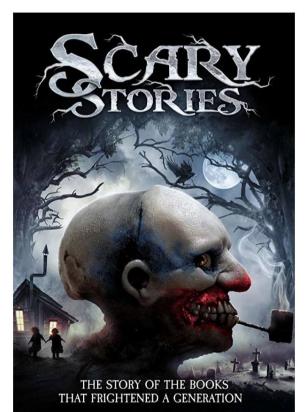


#### Movie Review - Scary Stories (2019)

APRIL 25, 2019 BY EAMMON JACOBS - 0 COMMENTS

#### Scary Stories, 2019.

Directed by Cody Meirick. Featuring R.L. Stine, Amelia Cotter, Bruce Coville and Q.L. Pearce.



#### SYNOPSIS:

A documentary examining the impact of the **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark** series of books. It looks at the influence it had on an entire generation of children as well as discussing the series with a number of authors and artists.



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'Scary Stories' Director Cody Meirick: The Horror News Network Interview

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2019 is shaping up to be quite a year for Alvin Schwartz and Stephen Gammell's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark book series. Not only is the much loved (and maligned) series from 1980's, being adapted into a major motion picture by producer Guillermo del Toro and director André Øvredal, but months before the adaptation's release (August 9), fans will be able to learn the real "story" through Cody Meirick's documentary, Scary Stories.

Horror News Network got a chance to speak to Meirick about his new film and his love of the source material in this exclusive interview.

#### Horror News Network: What was the genesis of the documentary and your interest in Scary Stories?

**Cody Meirick**. I had been producing a lot of web content professionally, primarily related to children's literature and education. I wanted to put together my first full-length documentary where literacy was the focal point. But I wanted it to be fun and interesting on a lot of fronts. When I thought of *Scary stories to Tell in the Dark*, I immediately knew there were a lot of avenues to go down. It's among the most challenged books of the last 40 years, so there was a censorship piece. It's all based on folklore and urban legends, so there was a lot to explore there. And generally it just had a large following of people who remember them fondly, both the stories and the original illustrations. So I thought there was a lot to tackle, which is of course what you want to do when focusing an entire documentary on one specific topic or title.

#### HNN: Why does Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark still capture generations of fans and detractors?

Meirick: I think there are a lot of reasons why it became and remains so popular. It was Alvin Schwartz's ability to compile the stories in a way that caught children's attention and made reading fun and alluring for kids that maybe didn't otherwise have much interest in reading. It was Stephen Gammell's artwork that paired so well with the stories and made them so memorable. It was during a time when I think the children's horror genre was on its rise and there were a lot of kids interested in exploring darker content.

As for detractor's, I think more than anything it was because the books were so popular. Yes it had some violence and content that could be questionable for certain ages. But parents wouldn't have noticed much if the kids themselves weren't interested in reading them.

#### HNN: The animation in your documentary echoes the classic Stephen Gammell artwork. Why was this such an important element to include in the film (and why are the illustrations so significant to the book series itself)?

Meirick: The illustrations are what many people remember from the books. Of course it was a unique melding of the illustrations and the stories that really cemented the books into the zeitgeist. Doing something new with the style, as in making it animated, while telling a unique story about the books themselves just seemed like a great way to pay tribute while also allowing a story about the controversy of the books to be told.

#### HNN: What surprised you the most about the series as you began to examine the legacy of the books?

Meirick: It was interesting to hear people have such attachment to certain stories, but there were a large number of stories that I heard over and over again. Everyone just assumed I would spend a lot of time on maybe just one or two stories that affected them immensely as a kid, but honestly there are probably over a dozen of those. It isn't just one or two stories. These stories as they were collected in these particular books became a part of the ethos in a unique way.

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HNN: Your first images in the film show a young child reading the book under the covers (with the help of a flashlight,

## Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark Documentary Trailer Arrives, Release Dates Announced

By BRIAN B. 🔰 💿 — April 10th, 2019 in MOVIE TRAILERS

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Scary Stories, the highly anticipated documentary about Alvin Schwartz' iconic
 "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" book series, will debut in select theaters beginning April 26 via Wild Eye Releasing.

Explore the history of one of the most controversial works of modern children's literature: The best selling teen classic "*Scary Stories* to Tell in the Dark," which scared a generation of young readers and became one of the most banned books of modern times. *Scary Stories* creates both the ultimate celebration and dissertation of this iconic piece of horror literature.

Following the limited theatrical release - which includes Los Angeles, New Orleans, Columbus, and Texas - *Scary Stories* will be available on VOD May 7 with a DVD release set for July 16.

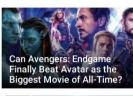
Cody Meirick's film features more than 40 interviews, from family members of author Alvin Schwartz, to fellow children's book horror authors like R.L Stine ("Goosebumps") and Q.L. Pearce, to folklorists, artists and fans discussing the impact that the books have had on both themselves as well as the culture at large. The documentary also explores the various times in which the books were banned or targeted by parent and religious groups as 'satanic' or otherwise too macabre for its targeted teen scholastic audience.

Penned by Schwartz and illustrated by Stephen Gammell, "*Scary Stories* to Tell in the Dark" is a three-volume series consisting of short horror stories for pre-teens and children that were adapted from American folklore and urban legends. Because of some of the violent illustrations and the subject matter, parent groups, religious organizations and school boards had the books pulled from libraries and schools at various times. A feature film adaptation of the *Scary Stories* to Tell in the Dark books, produced by horror icon Guillermo del Toro, is due in theaters this summer.

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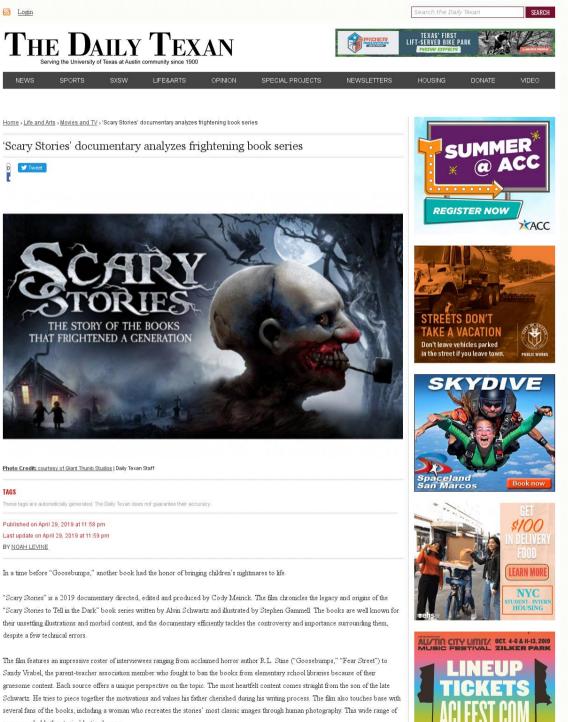


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"Scary Stories" is a 2019 documentary directed, edited and produced by Cody Meirick. The film chronicles the legacy and origins of the "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" book series written by Alvin Schwartz and illustrated by Stephen Gammell. The books are well known for their unsettling illustrations and morbid content, and the documentary efficiently tackles the controversy and importance surrounding them, despite a few technical errors.

gruesome content. Each source offers a unique perspective on the topic. The most heartfelt content comes straight from the son of the late Schwartz. He tries to piece together the motivations and values his father cherished during his writing process. The film also touches base with several fans of the books, including a woman who recreates the stories' most classic images through human photography. This wide range of sources upholds the stories' lasting legacy.





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