



# SPOOKY STORIES

## What Happened to Marion Lambert?

One winter morning in 1916, on Feb. 10, an eighteen year old girl went missing. She was last seen the previous day when she left for Deerfield High School. Her body was found, frozen on Sheridan road in Lake Forest—which is now near the closed Barat College. It was said that the girl's body was poisoned, but what exactly happened to her was never revealed. Her name was Marion Lambert.

On Feb. 9, Marion and her friend Josephine walked to the Sacred Heart Station where they would get on a train to go to school. However Marion decided she wanted to send a letter to her Sunday school teacher and made her way through the woods to the post office. When she didn't appear at school, police went looking for the 18 year old girl. They found her body in the snow, with only her green jacket peeking out. Her letter was still in her pocket and her school books were under her arm. Her right hand was ungloved. In that hand, residue of an acidic poison was found. The police also saw two sets of footprints—hers and a man's.

Suspicions were that Marion's ex-lover murdered her, but he was never indicted for the crimes. After the trial ended and he was deemed innocent, he disappeared. It is believed that he changed his name to W.H Dawson and killed another 19 year old girl. But still, he was never caught.

Today, many stories are posited as to what happened during that night in the forest. Many still believe that he was the one who had killed her after he learned that she was pregnant. But some wonder if she committed suicide while he watched. Today it is believed that since she never received justice for her murder, that she now stalks Sheridan Road, haunting others for revenge. Around the anniversary of her death, people have reported to have seen her body in a blue dress with a burned smile from the acidic poison she consumed.

## The Mystery of Rosehill Cemetery

A short distance outside the New Trier Township is Rosehill Cemetery, located in Chicago. This place is known as a hotspot for ghosts, and is famous for having public figures and celebrities buried there, such as Aaron Montgomery Ward and Richard Sears. This cemetery was founded in 1861, and consists of 350 acres. There are many stories from this site, but the story of Charles Hopkinson is one of the spookiest. Charles Hopkinson was a real estate tycoon from the 1800's, who wanted his grave site to be a large, Cathedral-esque mausoleum to reflect and honor his family. Shortly into construction, the family that lived behind the Hopkinson site took the family to court because they believed that the cathedral was blocking their view of the rest of the graveyard. The Illinois Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Hopkinson's, and construction resumed. Ever since then, on the night of the anniversary of Hopkinson's death, it is said you can hear rattling chains and a loud, awful moaning sound outside of his grave site.

Another haunting story is the story of the floating woman. One night, a groundskeeper was making his way around the cemetery, making sure everyone had gone home and everything was secure. In the distance, he saw a woman leaning against a tree closest to Peterson Avenue. Immediately, he started to drive over to tell her the cemetery was closed and that she had to leave. Upon getting closer, he realized that she wasn't standing, but floating. Carefully coming closer, she disappeared into a cloud of mist. He rushed to the main office to report what he saw.

The next morning, a lady from Des Plaines called into the office requesting a title be put on her aunt's headstone. The woman explained that her aunt had come to her in a dream demanding a title on her headstone. So the worker got in his truck and drove to the site of the burial. There, next to the empty headstone in the family's plot, was the tree where the floating lady had been seen the night before.



# SPOOKY MOVIES

## Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn

by Joe Borushek

The sequel to the indie cult classic "The Evil Dead," "Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn" ditches the traditional "alone in the woods" horror movie formula by having a bunch of teenagers in a cabin and instead tells two intertwining stories. One focuses on Ash Williams, as he tries to enjoy a weekend away with his girlfriend, Linda.

However, their romantic getaway is cut short when they find the Necronomicon, a book that has the power to raise the dead. The two accidentally raise the dead. Linda is soon killed and her corpse haunts Ash throughout the movie.

The other storyline revolves around Ashley Knowby and her research partner, Ed Gently, who are both on their way to the cabin that Ash is in to continue her father's research on the Necronomicon.

Bruce Campbell returns as Ash Williams under similar circumstances as the first "Evil Dead" but different enough to make it feel fresh. While this movie looks super dated, the practical effects in this movie are refreshing and are well done. Where this movie lacks in scares it makes up for in its slapstick-y humor and the fun that is had by watching Ash (Campbell) be tormented.

It doesn't take itself seriously like the first one, and doesn't go completely off the rails like the third one. It has a nice balance of humor and horror to make your Halloween night more fun.

## Hocus Pocus

by Tia Rotolo

The cult classic, "Hocus Pocus," comes back to television screens for the Halloween season. As a once-a-year delicacy, the movie brings nostalgia and slight fear for children and adults alike.

The movie follows Max after his move to Salem, Massachusetts from Los Angeles, California. Max, annoyed and bitter because of his move, lacks interest in Halloween. Forced to take his little sister, Dani, trick or treating and interested in his new classmate, Allison, Max decides to explore the "haunted" cottage of the small town.

While there, Max accidentally summons three witches who were put to death for their witchcraft during the Salem Witch Trials back in 1693. Resurrected and ready for more, the witches yearn to suck the souls out of every child in Salem before sunrise and their immediate disintegration. The first victim in their deadly path: Dani. Luckily, the kids make a swift escape, taking the witches' spellbook with them. What unfolds is a wild goose chase with mythological spells and Halloween hijinks and tricks!

More than twenty years after it came out, the movie remains a classic. With a star-filled cast of Bette Midler in her heyday and Sarah Jessica Parker pre-Carrie Bradshaw, the movie is still fun to watch now. Diving into the suspense of young kids trying to save the world from soul-sucking witches will always prove to be a favorite past time for the autumn season.