Gothic fiction (sometimes referred to as Gothic horror or Gothic romanticism) is a genre of literature that combines elements of both horror and romanticism. There is usually a mystery that needs to be solved. This can be anything with clue after clue being slowly revealed. This mystery is generally connected to a past crime or injustice that will need to come to light but all is not always as it seems. There is much fear and dread surrounding all of the characters. The settings are dark, haunting and sinister. The story generally ends in hopeful or even happy circumstances.

This is one of many lists. It has a wide range of writing styles, themes and reading levels.