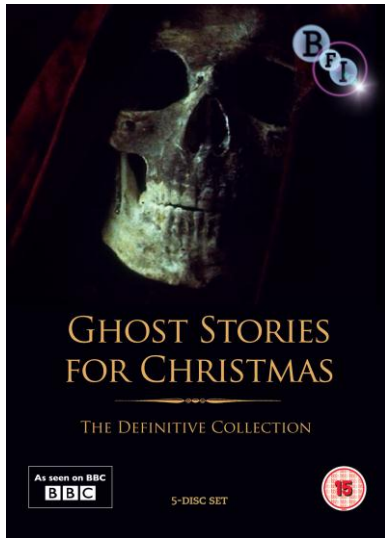


DVD press release



Ghost Stories for Christmas The Definitive Collection (5-disc set)

Broadcast in the dying hours of Christmas Eve, *A Ghost Story for Christmas* was a much-loved fixture in the BBC's seasonal schedule during the 1970s. Terrified viewers awaited each sinister instalment with excitement and its enduring appeal gave rise to a revival in the 2000s, when three more episodes were produced.

Released on 29 October, this definitive collection finally brings all of the *A Ghost Story for Christmas* episodes together, along with a number of essential extra features, in a lavish 5-disc BFI box set which will, of course, make the perfect Christmas present.

Amongst the 12 films in the collection are nine adaptations of tales by MR James – the acknowledged master of the modern English ghost story – including Jonathan Miller's *Whistle and I'll Come to You* and Lawrence Gordon Clark's *A Warning to the Curious*. Other films include Clark's superb adaptation of Charles Dickens' *The Signalman* and two original stories: *Stigma* and *The Ice House*.

These adaptations are accompanied by a selection of special features, including three previously unreleased episodes of the BBC's *Ghost Stories for Christmas with Christopher Lee* series, and newly filmed introductions with director Lawrence Gordon Clarke (*Harry's Game*).

BOX SET CONTENTS

Disc One

- *Whistle and I'll Come to You* (1968 & 2010 versions)
- Jonathan Miller and Christopher Frayling discuss the 1968 version (2012, 3 mins)
- Introduction to the 1968 version by horror writer Ramsey Campbell (2001, 16 mins)
- MR James' original story read by Neil Brand (2001, 42 mins)
- Ramsey Campbell reads his own MR James inspired story 'The Guide' (2001, 27 mins)

Disc Two

- *The Stalls of Barchester* (1971) and *A Warning to the Curious* (1972)
- Filmed introductions with director Lawrence Gordon Clark (2012)
- *Ghost Stories for Christmas with Christopher Lee* – 'The Stalls of Barchester by MR James' and 'A Warning to the Curious by MR James' (Eleanor Yule, 2000, 2 x 30 mins)

Disc Three

- *Lost Hearts* (1973), *The Treasure of Abbot Thomas* (1974) and *The Ash Tree* (1975)
- Filmed introductions with director Lawrence Gordon Clark (2012)

Disc Four

- *The Signalman* (1976), *Stigma* (1977) and *The Ice House* (1978)
- Filmed introductions to *The Signalman* and *Stigma* with director Lawrence Gordon Clark (2012)

Disc Five

- *A View From a Hill* (2005) and *Number 13* (2006)
- *Ghost Stories for Christmas with Christopher Lee* – 'Number 13 by MR James' (Eleanor Yule, 2000, 30 minutes)

The BFI's TV consultant and programmer Dick Fiddy is available to talk about the BBC's *A Ghost Story for Christmas* series.

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Product details

RRP: £49.99 / cat. no. BFIVD964 / 15

UK / 1968–2010 / black & white and colour / English language, with optional hard-of-hearing subtitles / 477 minutes + extras / 5 x DVD9 / various original aspect ratios / Dolby Digital mono audio (320kbps)

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- Investing in creative, distinctive and entertaining work
- Promoting British film and talent to the world
- Growing the next generation of film makers and audiences

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