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At The Old Haunted House



Synopsis

At the old haunted house
In a room with no sun
Lived a warty green witch
And her wee witchy one.
There are all kinds of creatures in the house:
a big Ma monster and her wee monsters two,
a scrawny black cat and her wee kittens three,
a green Pa goblin and his wee goblins four,
and more!
Count along as the creatures prepare for the Halloween Fright.
The text, written in the pattern of the popular poem "Over in the Meadow," makes reading aloud fun, while the cinematic illustrations set the scene for an unforgettable romp through the old haunted house. Trick or treat!

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Customer Reviews

This is a very nice Halloween themed children's book. It is a rhyming book that progresses from "wee witchy one" to "wee monsters two" all the way to "wee spiders ten." After the read is introduced to the monsters, the children bravely enter the house and discover a party. The illustrations are wonderful. They are colorful and interesting. The text is straightforward, and perfect for read aloud. Some of the words could be a little difficult for early readers, at least until they are familiar with the book from having it read to them. The rhythm for "bitty bats seven" is a little

awkward, otherwise the text flows well. A leisurely read takes between 6 and 8 minutes. You could rush through it for a "one more book" request in 2 minutes. I think this would be appropriate for ages 3-7, with the older children being able to read it themselves. The book has a nice size for group reading, approximately 11 by 9 inches. There are 14 double page spreads of text and pictures with a single ending page. The printing is on high quality semi-gloss paper with excellent reinforced binding. It is hard bound with a colorful cover and a matching dust jacket. The theme is monsters, but the tone is silly more than spooky.

It is back to school; and in encouraging my kids to spend a little more time reading, I usually find that books that relate to the upcoming seasons, usually do the trick! Halloween is always a favorite and books get even better, when, like this one, the words are accompanied by great illustrations! This is a fun rhyming book that parents will enjoy reading to younger kids while those kids that are 6 and 7 will enjoy reading independently! The book features all kinds of Halloween favorites from Witches and Monsters, to Goblins and Werewolves; each with their own wonderfully whimsical illustrations that are more on the cute and funny side than scary, so younger readers should enjoy this! The illustrations are very detailed and really add to the enjoyment of this book! I should also add that we read this via the Kindle and it translates very well into a digital format! This book incorporates a little counting lesson within the story, which all wraps up in a fun Halloween party with all the characters featured!! It is a fun, easy read, that kids and parents alike should enjoy! My 6 year old has read this several times over and still comes back for more which is always a good sign!

Really amazing book! I bought a few more Halloween books for my 2 young boys, for their collection. Took a chance on this one because all of the positive reviews. First, the quality is solid, very thick stock paper, great illustrations and my boys love the story. We have read it almost every night for the last 2 weeks. A must add for your kids book collection.

This is a perfectly nice Halloween story about a party given by ghoulish characters...it has a perfectly decent rhyme to go with it, but really my 3 year old likes seeing fun pictures of monsters. The monsters are not threatening or scary...at least to us. The illustrations are nice - I like the panoramic shots of the neighborhood and the house. Very nice.

What's good about it is good people live in the good Wolffe house. What's bad about it is if spiders

ghosts and mummies and Wolfies come in the house and scare us. Monsters were also scary. This review was written by Harrison. Three years old.

Nate Wragg's illustrations in this book (rendered in mixed media by combining digital painting and scanned textures) are awesome. My 4 year old grandson, who's taken to use the word "awesome" a lot, agrees, as does my 6 year old granddaughter. (Reading a Halloween picture book to them in early September as I've done, has resulted in them constantly asking, "When's Halloween?") My granddaughter went through and may still be in a phase where just about any kind of creepy imagery seriously creeped her out, but the illustrations in *At the Old Haunted House* of monsters and ghosts, etc., are lighthearted enough in tone that they don't seem to bother her. The text has a focus on counting to ten (2 witches, 3 monsters, 4 black cats, etc.) which will be of benefit to kids who are just learning to count. (One way I try to make repeat readings of children's picture books fun is by asking my grandson to count specific objects in illustrations and/or to simply locate specific details in illustrations.) And the text rhymes, e.g., "The ghosts floated as the music played. Black cats scratched, and werewolves bayed." And the story is fun, whimsical, and silly. Wragg (again, the illustrator), was one of the primary character designers on the animated film, *Toy Story 3*, produced by Pixar Studios. I was not familiar with his work until seeing this book and as an artist and illustrator myself, I'm really impressed with it and really love it (and as someone who was a child in the fifties, I find it kind of nostalgic). By my own measurements, the *Old Haunted House* is about 9" x 11 1/4", which is good, because the artwork is very detailed.

I can't get them to read anything else, not santa, snowman, Ponies, or Transformers. My 2yr and 4yr want to read this book every night. They enjoy counting the objects on each page, especially the spiders. I enjoy reading it as well, fun read.

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