



Can we read? Books for Halloween (2023)

Titles reviewed in the Can we read? 2023 Special edition on Halloween

- *Looking for a Jumbie* by Tracey Baptiste
- *Ten Little Mummies* by Philip Yates
- *Witch & Wombat* by Ashley Belote
- *Too Many Pumpkins* by Linda White
- *Trick Arr Treat: A Pirate Halloween* by Leslie Kimmelman
- *Skeleanor the Decomposer* by Emily Ettlinger
- *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich* by Adam Rex

Also highly recommended

- *Humbug Witch* by Lorna Balian
- *Bony Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *Bonaparte Falls Apart* by Margery Cuyler
- *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson
- *Gustavo, the Shy Ghost* by Flavia Z. Drago
- *The Ninja Club Sleepover* by Laura Gehl
- *Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever!* based on the character created by Don Freeman
- *Bones: Skeletons and How They Work* by Steve Jenkins (nonfiction)
- *We're Off to Find the Witch's House* by Richard Krieb (poetry)
- *Grandma Chickenlegs* by Geraldine McCaughrean
- *The Monsters' Monster* by Patrick McDonnell

- *Los Gatos Black on Halloween* by Marisa Montes (poetry)
- *Zip! Zoom! On a Broom: A Halloween Counting Book* by Teri Sloat
- *By the Light of the Halloween Moon* by Caroline Stutson
- *Lots of Cats* by E. Dee Taylor
- *The Widow's Broom* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *How to Help a Pumpkin Grow* by Ashley Wolff
- *The Flying Witch* by Jane Yolen

Poetry

- *Hallowilloween: Nefarious Silliness* from Calef Brown
- *Who Said Boo? Halloween Poems for the Very Young* by Nancy White Carlstrom
- *Monster School* by Kate Coombs
- *hist whist* by e.e. cummings
- *The Pomegranate Witch* by Denise Doyen
- *Mother Ghost: Nursery Rhymes for Little Monsters* by Rachel Kolar
- *Making Friends With Frankenstein: A Book of Monstrous Poems and Pictures* by Colin McNaughton
- *Monster Goose* by Judy Sierra
- *Skeleton Bones & Goblin Groans: Poems for Halloween* by Amy E. Skalansky
- *Ghost Poems* by Daisy Wallace

Especially for babies and toddlers

- *Eek! Halloween!* by Sandra Boynton
- *Spooky Pookie* by Sandra Boynton
- *In the Haunted House* by Eve Bunting
- *Boo to You!* by Lois Ehlert
- *Corduroy's Trick or Treat* by Don Freeman and Lisa McCue

- *Peek-a Boo!* by Nina Laden
- *Sweets and Treats* by Toni Trent Parker
- *Two Little Witches: A Halloween Counting Story* by Harriet Ziefert

For older readers, or read-alouds

- *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken
- *Little Witch* by Anna Elizabeth Bennett
- *Lola Levine and the Halloween Scream* by Monica Brown
- *The Wednesday Witch* by Ruth Chew (first in a series)
- *Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Don't Read This Book Before Bed: Thrills, Chills, and Hauntingly True Stories (Nat Geo Kids)* by Anna Claybourne
- *Witches of Brooklyn* by Sophie Escabasse (graphic novel; first in a series)
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- *Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue* by Paula Harrison
- *The Random House Book of Ghost Stories* edited by Susan Hill
- *Bunnicula* by Deborah and James Howe
- *The Power of Poppy Pendle* by Natasha Lowe
- *A Book of Witches* by Ruth Manning-Sanders
- *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy
- *Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories* by Dan SaSuWeh Jones
- *Nate the Great and the Halloween Hunt* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Everything else

- *A Woggle of Witches* by Adrienne Adams
- *The Curious Little Witch* by Lieve Baeton
- *Mr. Pumpkin's Tea Party* by Erin Barker

- *Dem Bones* by Bob Barner
- *Leo: A Ghost Story* by Mac Barnett
- *The Frightful Ride of Michael McMichael* by Bonny Becker
- *Skeleton Hiccups* by Margery Cuyler
- *Merlina and the Magic Spell* by Daniela Drescher
- *The Tailypo: A Ghost Story* by Joanna Galdone
- *Angelina's Halloween* by Katharine Holabird
- *The Vanishing Pumpkin* by Tony Johnston
- *The Hungry Ghosts* by Julius Lester
- *Catmagic* by Loris Lesynski
- *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* adapted by Freya Littledale from the story by Washington Irving
- *Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave* by Marianna Mayer
- *The Witches' Supermarket* by Susan Meddaugh
- *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt* by Riel Nason
- *Samurai Scarecrow: A Very Ninja Halloween* by Rubin Pingk
- *Bone Soup: A Spooky, Tasty Tale* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- *Clever Little Witch* by Muon Thi Van
- *Pick a Pumpkin* by Patricia Toht
- *Pumpkin Cat* by Ann Turner
- *Good Night, Baddies* by Deborah Underwood
- *Boo Stew* by Donna L. Washington
- *Can You See What I See? On a Scary Scary Night* by Walter Wick
- *I Spy: Spooky Night* by Walter Wick
- *The Teeny Tiny Ghost* by Kay Winters