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# Five Little Pumpkins (Harper Growing Tree)



## Synopsis

Come roll with the pumpkins and their friends as they get into some spirited fun!

## Book Information

Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Series: Harper Growing Tree

Board book: 16 pages

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## Customer Reviews

Personally, I'm glad to see that board books are finally coming into their own and receiving professional, editorial reviews! Too often, board books play a very distant 2nd fiddle to their larger (and longer) kin, the picture books. I've read a good deal of board books in my time, and have found that while there are vast numbers of them, some are just plain poorly written or illustrated-I fancy because people feel that they're only being given to very young children, so what's the big deal? It IS a big deal, and Mr. Yaccarino does an excellent job with this work. Based on a popular fingerplay (hold up 5 fingers and sing/say the rhyme), the book is likely to already be familiar to most infants & toddlers, especially around Halloween time. The illustrations are bold, very bright oils that capture the playful spirit of the fingerplay and the text is a big, bold, easy-to-read non-serif font that fully compliment the story (all too often, the text in board books is difficult to read or distinguish different letter shapes & patterns). Our five little pumpkins, each with a different expression that stays constant throughout the book, begin by sitting on a gate as an impish ghost floats out of a chimney on a house in the background. The sun is setting, and it's time for some fun! The pumpkins see witches in the air, talk with each other, and even get juggled by the ghost, who seems to be having

the most fun. Children can practice mastery at color identification-"what color is the grass? "-and emotions-"can you find the sad pumpkin? "-as well as simply gain fine motor skills by handling the toddler-sized book and turning the thick pages. I work for a literacy outreach program, and highly recommend this book for both our program and for parents/caregivers who are scouting about for quality board books.

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate. The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late!" The second one said, "There are witches in the air." The third one said, "But we don't care." The fourth one said, "Let's run, let's run!" The fifth one said, "Isn't Halloween fun?" Then Woooooo went the wind And OUT went the lights. And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight. My 2 1/2 year old just loves Halloween. It's only June as I write this and he's already asking if Halloween is coming soon almost on a daily basis. So when I saw this book at a yard sale I just had to pick it up. This delightful verse that has been around so long is accompanied by cute and spooky illustrations of pumpkins, ghosts, witches, and black cats. Just a delightful and sturdy little board book. Perfect for your little goblin.

This is the sweetest little book to introduce toddlers to the magic of Halloween. It is a lovely board book and the simple little verse brings any small child so much joy and laughter. Every time I read this to my favorite little boy, he just says the same thing to me, "Again!" So we re-read this treasure until he is ready to nap and dream of his own five little pumpkins!

This was the first Halloween story book I bought for my son when he was just a little over a year old. He's 8 now and it's still a favorite. We don't read it 5 - 10 times a day anymore, but it's a book that he loved so much as a toddler and has wonderful, un-scary rhymes so it's still in the October bedtime story rotation for now. Wonderful memories will always be associated with this book. =D

I bought these books for our Halloween party rather than giving a candy treat to the toddlers. As a former first grade teacher, I was very familiar with the story and new how much the children loved this book. A lot of the moms commented how much their toddlers loved the book and wanted it read to them over and over again. It is sturdy and well made.

I loved the Five Little Pumpkins song when I was elementary school! I was so excited to learn there was a board book I could get for my 8 month old since Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. The song/story is just as I remembered it. Very cute and bright illustrations to keep baby

entertained.

I bought this book just a few days before Halloween and wish I'd purchased it sooner. My 1yo baby loves it! The first time I read it to her, I wound up reading it seven times before she moved on to something else. The vivid drawings really hold her interest. She likes to point to things on the page (where are the pumpkins? where is the kitty cat?) and she enjoys it when I ad-lib what the cat and ghost say. The text is the classic counting rhyme. I'm sure we'll enjoy this book next Halloween, too.

I love this story/song and use it every year in my Head Start classroom. All my students love this story and we act it out often using wooden pumpkin shaped masks. I am frequently repurchasing this small board book as it is so well loved and used in my room that it/they need to be replaced every year or two.

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