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The book of the Halloween season that's sure to become a year-round classic.

One witch, on a hill, had an empty pot to fill. So what does that one witch do? She goes around to visit all her fiendish friends, naturally; two cats, three scarecrows, four goblins, five vampires, six mummies, seven owls, eight ghosts, nine skeletons, and ten werewolves.

At every stop they contribute ghoulishly tasty ingredients until the witch has enough to make a properly gruesome stew for her party. Then, of course, she must send out her invitations; to the ten werewolves, nine skeletons, eight ghosts, seven owls, six mummies...

Count up and count down again as one witch gets ready for a fun-filled monster bash. Come along, they've got a special surprise waiting just...FOR...YOU!

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jacky says

What a fun counting book for Halloween! A witch gathers ingredients from groups of scary creatures (vampires, werewolves, mummies, ghosts) and then throws a party for them to share it. Clear rhythm and rhyming. Nice illustrations that aren't too scary, but not babyish either. And its far more fun than the type of book that just labels groups of things with numbers.

Kelly says

Wonderful Halloween book! Skeletons, weresolves, vampires, bats, and all things Halloween related are in this counting book, but none of them are scary. There is enough levity to these characters that they come across as non-threatening, but still very Halloweenie.

Kathryn says

A very fun rhyming counting book--it reminds me a little of a Halloween take on "stone soup" where the witch goes around asking her ghoulish friends for things to add to her stew. The rhymes work well and Ooooh! very spooky illustrations! (A little too spooky for some children, I think--depending on what scares them, you've got skeletons coming out of graves, werewolves cooking stew, mummies, ghosts, etc...) I am usually more of a cozy-Halloween type person so all the creepy stuff isn't my thing but it's done so well here and there is nothing scary that they do--it's just the illustrations. Definitely recommended to children who like deliciously spooky Halloween books!

kaitlyn says

This was a fun little book, and the kindergartners really enjoyed yelling out EEEW every time the witch got some new gross ingredient from her friends. I appreciated that the kids recognized that even though the witch's stew was gross, it was really nice that all of her friends shared with her and she shared with them.

I had to point out the counting pattern to them—this particular class is having a hard time with their numbers, so it was nice to review with them. They also practiced recognizing the first letter of the author's last name so they know what order to put the books away in, and they were surprisingly good at it.

Lee says

Spooky illustrations but very good!

Meredith says

Using illustrations with derivative hint of Edward Gorey, one witch counts to ten and then back to one as she gathers ingredients for her revolting witch's stew and sends out invitations to her Halloween party at which it is served.

Cyndi says

My granddaughter and I read this aloud together. Here is Aniyah's opinion: Favorite part gathering the stew ingredients. Really liked the end where the last bowl was saved for ...YOU.

All in all a good read that even Papa enjoyed listening to!

Mariah Christensen says

Favorite Halloween counting book so far

Mariah says

I read this book to my math class because it is counting up to and down from 9.

"One witch, on a hill, had an empty pot to fill. So what does that one witch do? She goes around to visit all her fiendish friends, naturally; two cats, three scarecrows, four goblins, five vampires, six mummies, seven owls, eight ghosts, nine skeletons, and ten werewolves."

The witch needs ingredients for stew for her party.

Rochelle says

I adored this picture book! The book helps teach kids how to count, but in a clever and entertaining way. I loved that Laura Leuck did not 'dumb' the book down for a younger audience but instead was clever with the rhyming. The illustrations were my favorite though, border lining on possibly being a little bit too scary for the little ones. I strongly recommend this as a counting or Halloween book!

JustOneMoreBook.com says

A ghastly cast of grinning graveyard neighbours pool revolting resources to concoct (and consume) an oozing, gurgling, gruesome stew in this superbly illustrated Hallowe'en counting rhyme.

You can listen in on our chat about this book on our Just One More Book! Children's Book Podcast.

Egallagher2016gmail.Com says

I like that tons of monsters are in it.

Melissa says

My son and I love this book!

Lisa Vegan says

Great counting book 1 to 10 then 10 to 1. Works as a Halloween book, so well in fact that it's not for the squeamish or the easily scared. Ultimately though, this is an enjoyable book and it's a terrific read aloud.

I hated the way the cats were depicted and the rest of the illustrations were a bit too ghoulish for me, but they were interesting. I simultaneously wanted to turn away and look in fascination. I appreciated their inventiveness and how well they complemented the story, but I can't say I loved them.

The rhyming story (yes, there is a story!) was good and actually quite amusing, and it had a fun (though predictable) last line.

Paula says

Wonderful illustrations but could be kind of scary for a younger crowd
A witch goes around to her fiendish friends--from two cats to ten werewolves--to gather the ingredients to make gruesome stew for her party.
