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Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate. The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late." Get ready for some wicked fun as these five pumpkins run and roll! Toddlers will want to chant along with this popular rhyme again and again. Dan Yaccarino's vibrant and bold illustrations bring these pumpkins to life with personality and style. Toddlers are sure to laugh out loud as these pumpkins roll out of sight!

Five Little Pumpkins Details

Date : Published 1998 by HarperFestival
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Author : Dan Yaccarino
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Genre : Holiday, Halloween, Childrens, Picture Books

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From Reader Review Five Little Pumpkins for online ebook

Sammie Mays says

Great, cute little board book to read to the little ones around Halloween.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Great book that will make a great game - how many pumpkins can we count as we T/or/T?

David says

Five Little Pumpkins by Dan Yaccarino is a board book format retelling of the popular rhyme, song and fingerplay.

Yaccarino's colorful illustrations are bright and highlight the jack-o-lanterns and a ghost. I love the juggling picture. My favorite images are cover, gate, witches, don't care, light's out, and rolling.

I used this rhyme regularly for stoeetimes in the fall. This version is nicely accessible for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. a bit of personality is shown by the pumpkins and the ghost. The large font makes this a good choice for beginning readers. Recommended for preschool and public library collections.

For ages 2 to 6, pumpkins, Halloween, ghosts, and fans of Dan Yaccarino.

Heather says

Great little counting book perfect for Halloween. My son had tons of fun with this and had it memorized in no time.

Lisa says

This is a great Halloween book for babies and toddlers. It is not at all scary, but it has pumpkins, witches and ghosts. A classic rhyming text with fun pictures. My 2 year old really enjoys pointing out the different facial expressions on the pumpkins.

Abigail says

Picture-book author/artist Dan Yaccarino takes the classic Halloween song as his text in this delightfully spooky board-book, providing wonderfully colorful artwork as an accompaniment. *"Five little pumpkins / sitting on a gate. / The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."* So it goes, until the pumpkins eventually take

off rolling, adventure-bound...

There really isn't much to Five Little Pumpkins - it's a simple, brief little rhyming song, that features a counting element - but Yaccarino's presentation here is lots of fun. I enjoyed his artwork, and think that the youngest children will find this an entertaining (if brief) read-aloud. I had meant to get to this one by Halloween (it is now mid-November), but it is so popular that I had to wait in a very long hold-line in the NYPL system. If that isn't an endorsement, what is...?

Jason Koivu says

*****Read and Reviewed by Me & My Niece Emma*****

Horrendous. I understand and accept the dumbing down of this sing-along standard (back in my day it was always 10 of this or that, but the rhyme was also much more repetitive than today's version), but this isn't good in any way, shape or form. The rhyme just sucks and the ending is lame.

I only picked this up for Emma, because last school year I recalled helping her memorize just such a "5 Little..." (I think it was ducks) which she had to recite to her class, so I figured she could read this one to me. We got it home and it was such a hot day yesterday that we sped through her library books in order to go swimming, and I accidentally read this to her without thinking. So we didn't even get any reading practice out of it. I don't blame the book for that.....no wait, I do, because if the book hadn't sucked so much we might've slowed down to savor it more and had the wherewithal to recall what we'd gotten it out for in the first place!

The Emma-o-meter for *Five Little Pumpkins* at first registered the excitement of recollection soon followed by a grave disappointment.

Kara says

Sometimes I wonder about people and the reviews being posted. Of course, *Five Little Pumpkins* was not a challenging book to read. It was not full of plot twists nor did it leave me wondering if there would be a equal.

Five Little Pumpkins had my daughter jumping up and down, quoting the book as she read it with me. Her excitement and pure enjoyment from the book is just fantastic.

jacky says

I bought this for Natalie today at the bookstore. I couldn't resist the Halloween book section. I remember singing this song in elementary school and really enjoying it. The music teacher would really get into this song and I could see myself doing that with Natalie as we read this book.

Karen says

The October before last, I had to spend a few days in North Carolina without my then-almost-three year old son. I wanted to bring him back something special, and, when I was out running errands, I saw this book. I love Dan Yaccarino's joyfully brilliant illustrations, and my son loved (and still loves) pumpkins, so I figured this book would be a winner. I was right.

We, of course, read it every night up until Hallowe'en. Then Thanksgiving. Then Christmas. It did get a bit of a rest during the spring and summer, but it is out again, and this time, HE reads it.

Five Little Pumpkins is a very old poem that we used every year at the library's Hallowe'en parties. With Dan Yaccarino's quirky-charming illustrations, the poem become alive and fresh, making this book a Hallowe'en classic for many years. I am quite partial to the ghosts. And cats.

If you are lucky enough to find this book this year -- it was published in 1998 -- pick it up and pass it on to your favorite kid.

Marjorie Estavillo says

Five Little Pumpkins by Dan Yaccarino, was one of my favorite Halloween books growing up. I remember my teacher read it to me when I was in Kindergarten, at our Halloween party. I was amazed by the rhyming in the book, and was repeating the story all day. My teacher would have us count to five as we would read the book, and by the end of the class we were all reading the story together. This book has great Halloween activities that can go along with reading it. Each student can make their own pumpkin and the entire class can set them on a fence. After doing this they can create a story, and decide what each of their pumpkins would say. This is a wonderful Halloween book, great for the classroom. I would recommend this book for younger children in pre- school or Kindergarten!

Meredith says

This cute board book illustrates the classic Halloween fingerplay "Five Little Pumpkins," featuring Dan Yaccarino's signature bright colors and bold lines.

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "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 and run and run."
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun!"
Then oooohh went the wind.
And out went the lights.
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Ally says

Title: Five Little Pumpkins

Author: Dan Yaccarino

Illustrator: Dan Yaccarino

Genre: Picture Book/Counting Book

Themes: Halloween, Facial Expressions, Bravery

Opening line/sentence: "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting On A Gate"

Brief Book Summary: The book is about 5 pumpkins on Halloween and they describe what is happening outside, like there are witches in the air and there's a ghost and that it is very late. They say that they want to run and have fun and then they roll away.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1: Yaccarino's spare illustrations and sense of humor are just what board books have been waiting for. He enlivens the "five little pumpkins / sitting on a gate" rhyme by adding a silent yet comic ghost (who floats out of a chimney, dances, and juggles pumpkins) to his expressive cast of pumpkins (who range from sad to happy to surprised). While the ghost ever-so-unobtrusively upstages the pumpkins, their combined theatrics will grab the hard-to-hold attention of board bookers.

Professional Recommendation/Review #2: These smiling and not too fearsome pumpkins are sitting on a fence gate. The ghost doesn't frighten them and neither does the witch nor black cat. In the end, they just roll out of sight. It's a popular chanting rhyme that toddlers will enjoy. Yaccarino's bold pictures show a variety of expressions on these five brave little pumpkins.

Response to Two Professional Reviews: I agree with both professional reviews. I like how the book adds so many different things, while being such a short story. I agree that it is a nice play on the popular kids song, which makes it easier for kids to start to learn to read with this book.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: This book uses a popular kids song and puts it into a story. It adds pictures and a few items not in the original song. The book covers a variety of topics, such as bravery, facial expressions, and Halloween.

Consideration of Instructional Application: This book can be used to teach in many different ways. Something I would like to focus on is bravery. I want to use this book to teach kids what bravery is and what the difference between bravery and being reckless is.

Katherine Cowley says

This is a book about five little pumpkins, sitting on a gate. The pumpkins are excited for Halloween, and your toddler will be too as you read this book with them. My two year old has the whole thing memorized, and it's fun to see her so excited about it. The rhymes are catchy and memorable, and you can even read it as a "finger play"--doing actions with your hands as you read.

Lauren says

Adorable for young ones learning their numbers.
