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Fly and Ladybug's squashed Jack-o'-lantern helps Spider think of a costume that saves Halloween from disaster.

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Tam says

This was a fun book for my 4-year-old. I'd never heard of it before and didn't realize it was published years ago. The illustrations are VERY simple which was another plus. My child would try to copy them and did a pretty good job. He loved when Spider said, "You're darn tootin'."

Nikki says

I loved this book as a kid. I'm so happy that I found it. I just ordered it on Amazon and can't wait to show it my little niece and nephew. I hope they love it just as much as I did when I was their age.

Samonia Byford says

This was one of my absolute favourite books as a beginning reader . . . mostly because it involved Halloween (some things never change), but also because it was a cute story about a simple hero. It's a good one to read with children and have them read - plus the illustrations are adorable.

Dolly says

Cute Halloween story for the kids. We tuck this book into our Halloween bin and read it every year around this time. It's an old story - I think I may have even read this one as a child. Our girls really like it and it has a good anti-bullying message.

Rachel Aranda says

I used to read this every Halloween as a kid. From time to time I still read it on Halloween but I realized as I got older I could read it whenever I wanted lol.

Emily Madill says

How Spider Saved Halloween is an excellent book we keep on our bookshelf all year. Robert Kraus adds wit and clever antics throughout the story making it an enjoyable read for adults as well as kids. Easy going Spider, Sweet Ladybug and Crabby Fly prepare for Halloween festivities when two 'bullies' come along and smash their pumpkin, threatening to ruin Halloween for good. Spider was having troubles finding the right kind of costume and ends up transforming into the perfect pumpkin. The three go out and enjoy the evening.

Towards the end of the night they come across the two bullies and Spider quickly concocts a plan to scare them off for good. Spider saves Halloween and proves that bullies really are cowards. This is a great story that portrays the message that 'nice people finish first' and that standing up against bullying demonstrates bullies are usually just cowards at heart. This story has a clear message with simple illustrations.

How Spider Saved Halloween by Robert Kraus was published in 1988 by Little Simon. It is available used from Amazon and is geared for ages 3-6. It is a book I recommend for Halloween and the whole year through.

Kellie says

I got this book in 1975 (I'm 43 now) and it remains a personal favourite as well as a family favourite.

midnightfaerie says

An enchanting story with a Halloween theme any kid can get into. This was my 5 yr old's pick to read to us today and it's probably somewhere between a level 2 and 3 reading book. Some new words thrown in with a fun plot made this a good choice for him and our whole family loves the holiday so I never get tired of any Halloween book. This is one we'll read over and over again.

Nilsson says

Excellent book! A real page-turner.

Gale says

My primary classes love this book with the 3 special friends, pumpkin, spider and fly. It was funny with lessons about how to treat your friends and bullying.

We then painted or used other bright colored media to draw the pumpkin in an even larger variety of costumes on lengthwise shelf paper. Then we displayed it in the hallway. The more creative children created new costume ideas while others enjoyed redoing the book's suggested costumes. We put a minimal amount of words so the story could be read by older students or teachers to their classes. It was always very popular. Depending upon the class's artistic skills, I sometimes let them use a pumpkin-shaped pattern to trace and start, varying the patterns slightly. After that, everyone felt confident to continue.

Carolyn says

I grew up with this book and now Noah loves the tattered paperback with my maiden name inside.

Plot summary: Spider and his friends try to figure out a costume for spider to wear trick-or-treating. When some neighborhood bullies smash their pumpkins, spider decides to dress as a pumpkin. While trick-or-treating, he protects his friends by scaring the bullies, making them think the pumpkin they smashed has come to life.

The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars - it's not one I love reading to Noah 3 times/day. I also didn't like trying to explain what a "witch" is (one of Spider's friends dresses as one).

Luann says

A cute Halloween picture book that kids identify with and absolutely love. Within its few lines of text it deals with themes of self-esteem, friendship, bullies, bravery, and the importance of having a pumpkin for Halloween. :) I read this every year in my Halloween storytime.

Storywraps says

I remember way back when, reading this book to my elementary school library classes and the kids just loving it.

Spider is having a meltdown because every costume he creates cannot cover up the fact that well, he is Spider. Discouraged and needing some friendly help and advice as what to do, he goes on over to Ladybug's house and finds her putting the finishing touches on her Hallowe'en jack'o lantern out on her porch. Grumpy Fly is visiting and as a group they try to figure out what costume to dress him up in for trick or treating that night. The friends rack their brains to find the perfect one for Spider, but to no avail. He always ends up looking like ... well ... Spider.

Two bullies quietly approach and smash Ladybug's pumpkin to smithereens. She is heartbroken! Something good can always come out a tragedy. Spider has a brilliant idea to cheer Ladybug up. He grabs some orange paint and some green paper and transforms himself into a pumpkin! Happy again the threesome forge into the night to collect their loot. As fate would have it they see the two bullies approaching and again Spider, who morphs into "Captain Pumpkin Superhero", rallies his troops and together they save the day.

This is a story of friendship, bravery and celebrating one of the most beloved evenings of the entire year...Hallowe'en! Highly recommended to put into your Hallowe'en book collection.

Bonnie says

Cute Halloween story about a spider, a fly and a ladybug who are friends and need to find a halloween costume for Spider, who looks like himself no matter what he puts on. When bullies smash their pumpkin on the porch, Spider is given the idea of painting himself orange, blacking out a tooth and putting on a green hat to become a pumpkin. During their trick or treating they encounter the bullies. By hiding in the bushes, Spider is able to teach them a lesson by jumping out, yelling Boo and making them believe the pumpkin they smashed has come back to haunt them. A nice anti-bullying story for young ones.

Mary says

Classic Halloween story about Spider and his two friends, Ladybug and Fly. Spider comes up with a solution that saves Halloween from being ruined by bullies. A simple, comforting story celebrating Halloween with a lesson about resilience and friendship.
