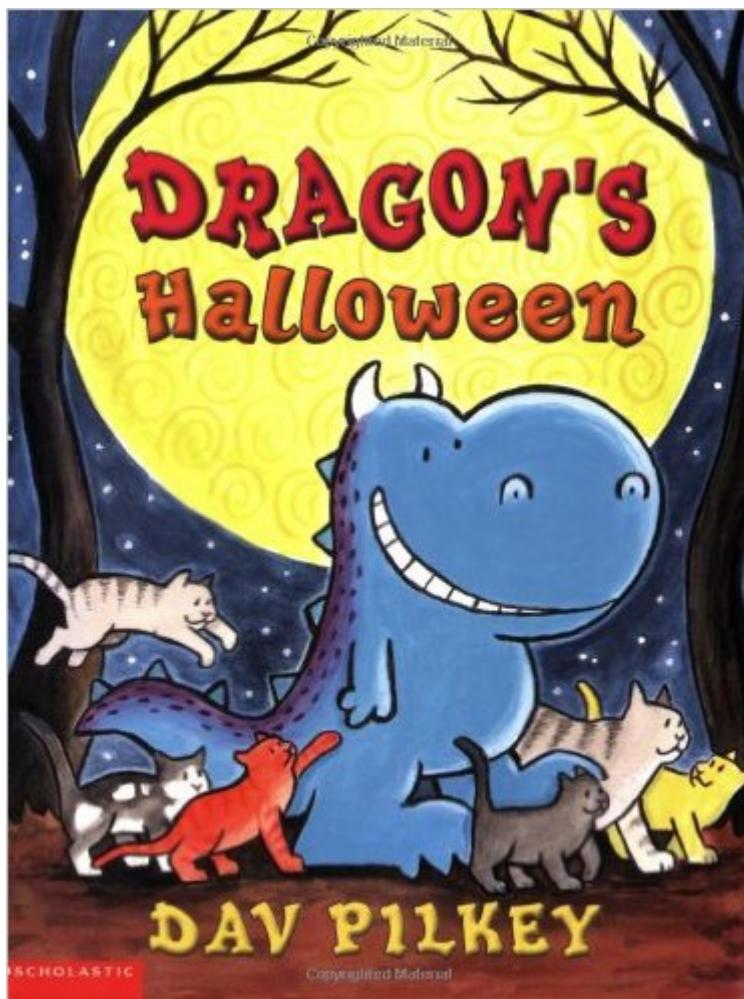


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# Dragon's Halloween



## **Synopsis**

Gentle blue Dragon's spooky, silly Halloween tale, by Dav Pilkey, the award-winning author/illustrator of the Captain Underpants series is perfect for beginning readers. Dragon loves spooky Halloweens! But when he buys six small pumpkins that his friends tell him will never be scary, Dragon must come up with creative ways to make this Halloween just perfect. Dragon's antics are endearing and silly, and Dav Pilkey's sweet illustrations will have readers laughing aloud and reaching for this story every Halloween.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

"Dragon's Halloween" contains three stories all about Dragon and, what else, Halloween. Some things are meant to be. We know this is a good dragon before even opening the book. How? See on the cover? Watch the mama cat and her five young cats. They surround Dragon in friendship. Turn the page and Story 1 begins: "Six Small Pumpkins." Dragon is going about his collection of one giant pumpkin for Halloween and is seeking it in the Free Pumpkin Patch, but voila, all the giant ones are gone! Oh my, what to do? Dragon collects the remaining six and conceives a plan for making these little ones scary! His friends Alligator and Fox come along and pretty much laugh at Dragon for thinking he can make something scary out of things so small. They are on the ground

laughing their heads off. BUT!! When Dragon lights the candles in the pumpkin, they screech with terror and flee the scene. Yikes! Even Dragon is frightened by the Pumpkin Scary Man he has created. He runs home, hides under the bed, where he stays until it is time for Story 2. The next two stories are just as scary and humorous: "The Costume Party" and "The Deep Dark Woods." Poor Dragon. Dav Pilkey, the author/artist, created this darling character before he created Captain Underpants, known to children far and wide. Dragon is just as beloved, except by a younger audience.

That Dragon, he is the cutest dragon and this is a great story. He is so clever with the jack-o-lantern and for anyone who's walked through the dark wood at night while the wind blows can identify with this. It's a great story for kids. I have all of Dragon's books and my child and I like them all. Don't hesitate, buy this book!

Cute story for the Halloween holiday and a nice way to introduce young children to the idea of chapter books. There are other books in the "Dragon" series, so readers can revisit the character in other settings if they enjoy him in this one.

These dragon series books are just FUN. And the kids love that it includes the cats from the previous stories. Just a great lovable dragon doing his thing. He's got a good heart and always good to pass that on to kids

My daughter found these books at the library and fell in love, we got this book in particular because she loves Halloween. There are 3 stories in this book separated into chapters although they are all pretty short. We like the stories although unlike a lot of children's books these stories don't have some lesson or moral at the end of each tale it is just fun.

I first became acquainted with this book 3-years ago. I was perusing the library holiday selections, and thought the short stories in Dragon's Halloween might entertain my son. William was only 2 at the time, and although a bit young to read all 3-stories in one sitting, he appreciated them individually. At no time was he scared, but highly amused. I read this book probably 20-times the first time it came into our home. Each story takes about 2-minutes to read aloud, so altogether, 6-minutes in total. When I saw that Dragon's Halloween was available in paperback, I just had to have it, and I haven't regretted the purchase. The book's been well loved, and although a

Halloween book, it's been read throughout the year.

What a great little series from Dav Pilkey. The chapters are short so it's a good introduction to 'chapter books'. The stories are sweet and understandable and help to build children's confidence as they can pretty quickly conquer the stories. I think they are particularly good for children who are reading above grade level. In the Halloween book there are 3 short stories: 1. Six Small Pumpkins 2. The Costume Party 3. The Deep Dark Woods. Written at the 3rd Grade level, these books appeal to kids' funny-bones. Pam T~

This story, as well as all the Dragon books, is a great introduction to independent reading for young readers. The sentence length and word choices are very manageable for young readers. But unlike many "easy readers", the stories are actually very nice, with a real plot and resolution. At least my child was interested enough in the story to stick with it until the end, and he felt satisfied with the ending. Most of the dragon books have a few short chapters (a couple of pages each), with very appealing drawings and plot. These are the best transition to early chapter books that I have found.

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