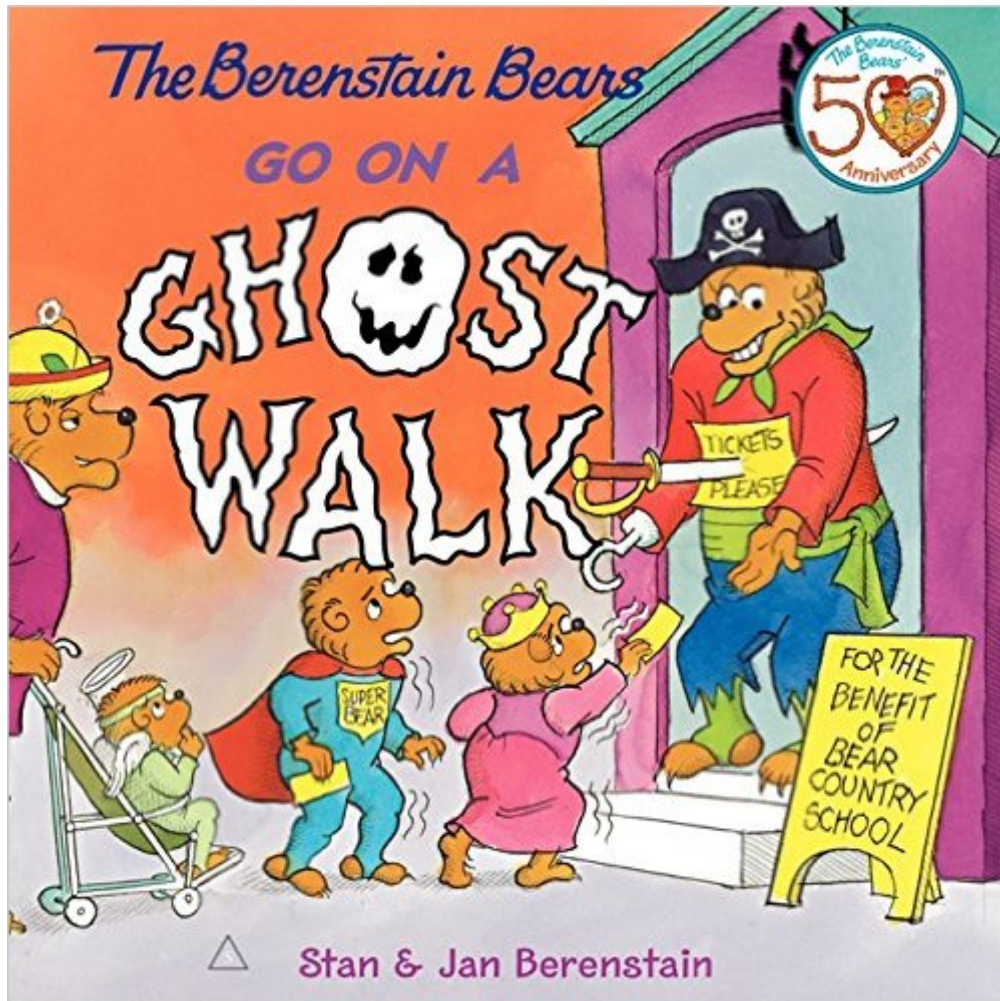


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The Berenstain Bears Go On A Ghost Walk



Synopsis

Papa Bear loves Halloween, so he's thrilled when he's put in charge of the Bear Country School's Ghost Walk. He has everything he needs to make it a really spooky night -- cobwebs, jack-o'-lanterns, and monsters, such as Frankenbear and Grizzula. But will Papa Bear learn the hard way that one bear's fun is another bear's nightmare? Boo!

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Customer Reviews

Not good. They don't even show the ghost walk. The book is about the preparation for the ghost house, and most of it is spent with Mama nagging Papa to not try too hard or have too much fun, with some artificial terror reaction in the cubs to legitimize her cold-shower commentary. If anything, the book seems intent on crushing kids' imaginations and enthusiasm for being creative.

I grew up with the Berenstain Bears, and I was happily nostalgic when I came across this one. The point that the book makes is a good one, one that many movie creators could also stand to remember. There is a difference between spooky fun and gut-wrenching, nightmare-causing horror, and the best fun doesn't come from having the most grisly special effects. When Papa Bear gets to design a haunted house for the school's Ghost Walk at Halloween, he decides that it's going to be

the scariest Ghost Walk ever, with every frightening thing he can possibly use. Mama Bear is concerned that he might be going too far, especially since this event is for young children, but Papa is having too much fun to take her warning seriously. Then, a nightmare of his own causes him to reconsider.

I was a bit disappointed with this particular Berenstain Bears book. I love the series, since there is advice and "morale" learning in these books. However, this book was more about the "Papa Bear" rather than the children bears and since this is geared toward child behavior, I expected more from it. Also the story itself is about preparing for the "Ghost Walk" rather than the actual "Ghost Walk" story. I would suggest that this is a good book for older siblings who tend to scare the younger siblings with masks or costumes. they could probably learn from this.

I read The Berenstain Bears to my boys when they were young. We loved every book and couldn't wait for another one to come out. Now that my sons are grown and beginning to have families of their own, I've seen my adult children rereading these books. These are great books. Each one has a moral and they are fun to read. I would definitely recommend these books for young children. And older ones too!

I bought this because I wanted to have something Halloween to read to my boys (8 and under) and we enjoy the Berenstain Bear books. This is not their best but still enjoyable. Sometimes it would be nice if Papa Bear wasn't always being corrected by Mama Bear, but still a fun book.

I thought the Berenstains accurately showed the fine line between blood and gore during halloween and dressing up. A real good lesson for anyone who has ever been scared during Halloween.

I grew up on the Berenstain Bears and, lately, the 4-year old has become smitten with them. This was her official first book featuring one of their stories and it's become part of the regular bedtime story rotation now. We've read it so much, I almost have it memorized now. Nightmares haven't been an issue for us though I agree with others that it might not be an appropriate story for younger kids.

I usually love this series, however parents be warned that this book features a "big sword dripping blood, stuck through his (Father Bear's) chest" (on three pages of this book. Yes it turned out to be

a prank but the visuals (yes a big pirate-type sword dripping blood from the father's chest) really scared my 5 year old child. I returned this book because it was so inappropriate to have a bloody image (even though it turned out to be a joke) in a child's book. Shame on the authors, this was way off the mark!

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