The Legend Of Spookley The Square Pumpkin

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 Synopsis

It's hip to be square—and that's why The Legend of Spookley has sold more than 100,000 copies so far! And now it comes with a free CD. Spookley was different. He was odd, he was rare. Spookley the pumpkin wasn't round—he was...square! A very unique pumpkin delivers a special message of tolerance and self-acceptance that's just right for Halloween...and every day of the year. Plus, the book comes with a FREE CD that features the famous Bobby "Boris" Pickett (of "Monster Mash" fame) reading the story and singing songs—including one from the upcoming Spookley film!

What's going on in the pumpkin patch? Well, a very unusual pumpkin has hatched. While all others are round, Spookley is square. He's not like his friends—they have curves, he has ends. And so everyone teases him, night and day. But just before Halloween, the weather turns stormy. Winds toss the round pumpkins to and fro, and off they go, crashing and bashing and smashing—except Spookley. Can he, with his square little body, save the day?

A delicious story about how good being different can be. And the imaginative end—a patch filled with all sorts of oddly shaped and colorful pumpkins—will thoroughly delight kids! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

 Book Information

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 Customer Reviews

I just went book shopping today and gave my 3 yr old 4 books, and she liked them all. But this is the one she kept talking about and ran to get for a bedtime read. It is about a square pumpkin who looks different from the other pumpkins and feels bad about it, but one day his squareness saves the other pumpkins by blocking a hole in the fence so pumpkins couldn’t roll away in a bad storm. It
was sweet, and not scary at all. Three pumpkins did roll into a bay, but it was to heighten the drama of what a hero Spookley was to save the rest. I truly enjoyed the rhyming. It was nicely written, and the artwork is decent. Definitely worth the price! I won’t mind reading this over and over, and it has a good message that we all can be great, even if we don’t look like everyone else.

I was introduced to SPOOKLEY by my kids who every Halloween, request to hear THE LEGEND OF THE SQUARE PUMPKIN year and year again. Teaching kids tolerance and being different can be great, this book is highly recommended also because it is beautifully written in verse and comes with a CD that his story can be sung and appreciated. Spookley is a square pumpkin and because he is not the usual round-shaped pumpkins, he has been made fun of terribly. It seems that his adversity prepares and strengthens Spookley’s spirit for the great legendary role that he is going to undertake. Though it is hard for me to see Spookley go through so much teasing, the kids are thoroughly fascinated and focus on the right messages - they are intrigued by its unique shape and they want to know how this square pumpkin becomes the legend. First the story exerts sympathy from kids and later, their admiration. In the end, it has become our tradition to read about this colorful book and remember its lesson that is so splendidly told.

A cute book that re-enforces how important it is that we recognizes the positive differences in each of us. As a parent of a bi-racial child, I used the book to open the discussion of how each of us are different and special in our own way.

The teachers at our son’s school recommended the Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin. Our five year-old loves this book and CD. Although it can be read as a simple adventure story, there are several themes interwoven within the story that illustrate selfishness, intolerance of differences and bullying as well as believing in yourself, unselfishness and valuing diversity. The CD contains an excellent reading of the book that really brings the story alive. The CD also includes songs from the video version which our son finds addictive. There is also a DVD animation version. I strongly recommend both this book (with CD) and the DVD version.

This book uses rhyming to create excellent tempo and rhythm. My 2 year old memorized it word for word and could "read" along turning each page appropriately. The story is good and illustrations captivating. Of all his books this is still my favorite to read and he enjoys still even 2 years later.
Spookley feels like he's the odd one out at his pumpkin patch - he's the only square pumpkin! As Spookley struggles with self-esteem issues, a big storm arrives and places the pumpkins at risk. This is where Spookley realizes that being a little different may not be a bad thing after all as he plays an important role and saves the pumpkins on the farm. The illustrations are delightful, and the message is a positive one. It is OK to be different, and in fact celebrating the differences in each of us leads to more fulfilling, diverse, and enriched lives! This book is sadly out of print, and I only got to know of it when my first grader mentioned it being read at school (it is found in her school library). For those who'd love to read about Spookley, there is an app available on 's Android App store which provides an interactive reading experience for young children, titled The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin.

My kids love this book and would have me read it to them every night if i let them. My three year old can read the whole book by heart, which makes it more than worth the purchase price. As i have to read the pages to remember it....lol And my one year old is starting to remember the words by heart as well. Great item!!

My grandchildren and I love this book! (ages 5 and 7). It's written in rhyme which makes it extra fun. It's about a "different" pumpkin and how he helped in an emergency. Nice message, you don't have to be exactly like everyone else to be great and a hero. Adorable story, we have read it countless times.

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