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Danny Dragonbreath and his best friend, Wendell, have a carefully constructed trick-or-treating system designed to maximize their Halloween candy haul. But this year, despite Danny's awesome vampire costume, their plan is flopping. First, Danny's dad makes them trick-or-treat with Christiana Vanderpool, an annoying know-it-all (and *girl*) who doesn't even believe that dragons exist. And then the school bully dares them to go into a spooky old haunted house. Naturally, the house is inhabited by a creepy clown and a candy-crazed ghost of yore. It's going to take more than fire-breathing to get them out of this mess - they might even have to (horror of horrors!) perform a sacrificial candy offering.

Perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid and Big Nate, Ursula Vernon's hauntingly hilarious fifth book in the Dragonbreath series will make you check your closets and lock up your candy.

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Texas State Poder says

Danny dragon breath is not the best friend to have. But, no such thing of ghost!!!!!!! Danny, Wendell and Christina, so it all started when Danny and his friend's went trick or treating. When they got there they saw big Eddy. They stopped in his way. "He says are you scared of ghost". Danny says no!!!!!!! Big Eddy says then do it. Danny says i will then. So when they got there they knocked but nobody answered but it creaked o...p...e...n...e..d. They went in but it slammed closed, then it locked. Wendell was so scared that he screaming!!!!!!! in my ear, loudly. when they saw the bathroom they went in and saw a picture of a plant, when they left and went back they a picture of a clown. Wendell said maybe the ghost did it. But they saw a shadow, they followed it a bed room he wanted candy. so he made them a deal. if they give him candy they get to leave. So they did it and left. Alex k

Danielle Hammelef says

I'm now planning on reading every one of Ursula Vernon's Dragonbreath books--they are that much fun for me as an adult--I laughed and smiled while reading. The illustrations are so cute and really show the reader the emotions of the characters. These books also take on the heavier subject of bullying and does it well for younger readers. Another reason I recommend this book.

Malonte says

It was an interesting book

Loren Dillon says

I really enjoyed Christiana. I hope we get to see her again. She brought a fresh personality to the story with her overly critical remarks and skepticism that is encouraging to see in a children's book.

Shellina Borgman says

Super cute. 70% chapter book, 30% graphic novel, 100% fun. It is on the educational side like Magic Tree House, but with more adventure and fantasy elements.

Eric H says

I have read Dragon-breath there is no such thing as ghosts this is a long book it took me 2 hours to read and it is 1108 pages but back to the author she did a really did a good job of description of the characters and of all of the land so over all this is a really good book and try the next book revenge of the horned bunnys happy reading!

DREWadams says

Amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Zack Brady says

[Danny goes into this haunted house and gets trapped with this magical clown and a ghost. The ghost wants candy from Wendell and the other kids. The way they stop the ghost and the clown is they give him candy. The ghost lets them go free and the clown isn't there anymore. (hide spoiler)]

Stephanie says

This was a fabulously scary AND funny adventure, and my 9-year-old and I both thought it was great, but just a note for other parents - while the rest of the books in this series (or at least all the ones I've read) are fine for younger, early-chapterbook readers, this one definitely is not. I've read the other ones out loud to my 5-year-old, but this one was definitely too old for him to share.

YMMV, obviously! And it's not a criticism of the book at all - just a warning to make sure your kids are ready for some genuinely spooky and creepy bits before they read this one. (My 9-year-old was NOT ready for it when it was first read to him by another relative a few years ago, but he absolutely loved it this time round.)

Becky B says

While trick-or-treating with Wendell and Christiana, Danny gets dared by bully Big Eddy to go knock on the door of a rather decrepit looking house on the street. Given the choice of knocking on the door or losing all his candy (the likely alternate), Danny takes the dare. Wendell and Christiana don't want to be left with the bully's gang, so they tag along, Wendell certain they are about to be killed by a ghost, and Christiana, assured that there are no such things. Of course, knocking on the door leads to the door swinging open (rather creepily) and then the trio proceeds to get locked inside by a very tangible, greedy hand of Big Eddy. However, as much as Christiana can explain away creaks and other creepy occurrences, pretty soon things get a little beyond anything science has answers for and the trio find themselves in serious trouble if they can't make peace with an unhappy apparition.

So far, I've loved the Dragonbreath series for it's clever humor and the way it sneaks in educational tidbits every once in a while. This one was definitely 100% a made-for-Halloween book though, and was much lower on the education and humor and higher on the creepy scale. It was spooky enough I was glad I was reading it in a well-lit room with other people around. I know, I'm a grown lady but I don't like the creep factor much at all. This would have given me nightmares for months (or possibly years) as a kid (ok, I was a teensy bit worried about it last night too) all because of the evil clown illustrations in it and the fact that the (view spoiler). Not my cup of tea, though I know there's lots of others out there who crave a steady diet of this stuff. Just beware when giving it to kids that it isn't as lighthearted as the rest of the series, and may be too creepy for some kids (or adults).

Notes on content: No language issues. No sexual content. No violence enacted, though some threatened and depicted so in illustrations.

Emma says

You couldn't pay me to enter a haunted house. Heck. To the. No.

Kest Schwartzman says

These are not good. I'm gonna read THEM ALL

Karissa says

This one was spooky even for me, much less my nephew who has trouble going upstairs by himself. We enjoyed it quite a bit!

Ian says

i like the book it was about ghosts and trick or treating.

Dolly says

Part-graphic novel, part chapter book, this is an entertaining and somewhat educational story about an adolescent anthropomorphic dragon, his iguana pal, and a girl lizard. It's the fifth book in the Dragonbreath series by Ursula Vernon.

Wow! This was one creepy book. Scary clowns will give me nightmares and this book was filled with one eerie clown. Far too many images of him for our comfort, so I covered him up when he appeared each time. I read this book aloud with our girls and while we've really enjoyed reading this series together, this was the scariest one so far. Perfect for Halloween, but still...

Warning to parents: This book is appropriate for middle grade readers, but I'm not sure it's good for anyone under the age of 10. In the very beginning of the story, the story mentions that one of the characters is a skeptic and doesn't believe in Santa Claus. Then the characters get stuck in a haunted house, with oozing walls, scary clowns, ghosts and creepy noises at every turn.

We borrowed this book from our local library. The story is a quick read and the graphic novel-like scenes are woven throughout the story in a seamless way. This would be a great book for an older child who likes graphic novels, but not chapter books, since you get a little bit of both here.

Our girls really liked this book and we really enjoyed reading it together. I especially like that advanced vocabulary words are sprinkled throughout the tale, providing a little challenge without being too frustrating for younger readers. We are looking forward to reading *Dragonbreath: Revenge of the Horned Bunnies* next. I just hope it's less creepy than this one. I'm also hoping our girls sleep well tonight!

interesting quote:

"Ghosts were one thing, but his dad on a rampage was scary." (p. 195)
