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Bramble And Maggie Spooky Season (Candlewick Sparks)



Synopsis

Bramble, a persnickety but lovable horse, and Maggie, her patient owner, build an even stronger friendship as they brave the surprises of autumn. In their third adventure, Bramble and Maggie explore a new season together – fall! Leaves crunch underfoot. Acorns ping off rooftops. It all makes Bramble feel wonderfully spooky. But Bramble's frisky-pretend-scary gait makes Maggie jumpy, and soon Bramble really is nervous. There are alarming new sights and sounds everywhere, like Mr. Dingle's scarecrow. When Maggie takes a fall, will she want to get back in the saddle? And when Halloween comes, can Maggie trust Bramble to brave the tricks and lead them both safely to the treats?

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Transitioning readers enamored with horses will be happy to immerse themselves in the third title of the Bramble and Maggie series, in which Maggie and her horse learn to cope with real and imagined fears. ... Haas keeps descriptive language succinct while integrating entertaining dialogue. Friend's gouache illustrations ably depict Bramble's expressions of alarm and stubborn persistence, humorously extending the text. This well-crafted horse story explores the themes of friendship and

facing fears for those getting ready to move on from early readers. [Kirkus Reviews](#) Children needn't be horse lovers to enjoy this gentle story in which each character overcomes fears with a little help from her friend. Fans of the Bramble and Maggie series will love getting to know another side of these lovable characters. As warm, affectionate, and amusing as the story, Friend's gouache illustrations have a charm all their own. An original Halloween story for newly independent readers or for reading aloud to younger children. [Booklist Online](#) Clear, lively prose and soft, expressive gouache illustrations combine for a Halloween friendship story. [The Horn Book](#) Maggie and her horse, Bramble, are back in another beginning chapter book. ... Softly colored gouache illustrations illuminate expressions and follow the action from a variety of perspectives and have appropriate visual clues and generous white space for younger readers. Dialogue, Maggie's occasional reflections, and a bit of onomatopoeia allow the narrative text to flow nicely as a trusting relationship develops between horse and rider. A solid addition for general purchase. [School Library Journal](#) With pictures on every page, the book is highly accessible to newer readers but also offers somewhat of a challenge with length and vocabulary. The duo is appealing and the plot is engaging because of the humor and adventure. [Reading Today Online](#)

Jessie Haas has always loved horses and has written more than thirty books, most of them about horses, including the first two books about Bramble and Maggie. She says, "Horses love pretending to be scared, just like us, and fall is the perfect season for that. Why do they call it fall?" Jessie Haas lives in Vermont with her husband, writer Michael J. Daley; her horse; two cats; a dog; and a hen. Alison Friend is the illustrator of the first two Bramble and Maggie stories and several other children's books, including *Scrawny Cat* by Phyllis Root and *What Color Is Caesar?* by Maxine Kumin. Alison Friend lives in England.

This is a lovely little book. The story and illustrations are much better than the typical easy reader. I'm enjoying reading it with a student and I don't often enjoy easy readers! It has color illustrations on each page. The text amount varies from page to page but is never more than half a page. It is broken into three short chapters which makes it feel "more grown up" to a young reader. The story is sweet and will appeal to horse lovers. I like it so much I wish that it wasn't Halloween themed because I think it would be a great book for many of my students but very few will choose a Halloween book at other times of the year! Unlike most easy readers I could see this being a nice book to read to a child. I can't wait to purchase more of this series.

Perfect for any little girl who loves horses - will buy more of Bramble and Maggie series for my granddaughter.

I'm 8 years old and I think this book is very good. I highly recommend this for your little horse-lover.

My 6-year old daughter loves it!!

My granddaughter is also named Maggie and she loved the book

Bramble and Maggie Spooky Season by Jessie Haas is a wonderful book for young riders, especially if they have had their first fall off a horse or pony. In this story set in Autumn, Maggie and Bramble discover the scary side of the fall season with the crunching of leaves, dropping acorns and strange scarecrows. But neither Maggie or Bramble let Autumn stop them from riding, especially on Halloween. Great story and lovely artwork by Alison Friend.

Jessie Haas has written a nice short chapter book about a little girl named Maggie and her horse Bramble. The story takes place during Halloween. Bramble is learning about Halloween and everything is new and frightening to him. Maggie had to have patience to help him through his fears about the sights and sounds of Halloween. If you have a young child and Halloween might be scary for him/her, this story could facilitate a discussion about the sights and sounds of Halloween which could be disturbing to a young child. *I received this book for review - all opinions are my own*

This chapter book with three stories about a loveable horse/girl duo will entrance young readers. The Halloween theme shows how both Bramble and Maggie must overcome some fears they have and then, in the final story, out they go trick or treating. Its good fun for all and this is an ideal book for a youngster ready for a chapter book. Naturally horse fans will really love the characters. Book provided by publisher.

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