

## Witches, Pumpkins and Grinning Ghosts; by Edna Barth

The term Halloween is a contraction of Hallows' Evening or All Saints' Eve with traditions going back 2,000 years!

Learn more by reading *Witches, Pumpkins, and Grinning Ghosts*, by Edna Barth. Published in 1972, generations of young readers have celebrated Halloween with this book.

19 chapters in 95 pages, this book covers everything from the history of Halloween to the ways it is celebrated.

Ideal for third through fifth graders, it has something for everyone. Read this aloud “chapter a day” style over the month of October. Or feature chapters kids choose at your Halloween party.

Did you know that the Celtic people, who lived more than 2,000 years ago in France and the British Isles, feared October 31, as the Eve of the the Dead?

There are also brief sections on the history of fairies, Goblins and Little People and leaves open the possibility that they were real. *Witches, Pumpkins and Grinning Ghosts* is a fascinating read.

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