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What's scarier than a ghost story? Three ghost stories, of course. And these three stories, told to little ghosts at bedtime, are the scariest kind of ghost stories there are—they're about people! From a ghost who becomes the victim of a baby in need of a diaper to a hamburger that can win a scaring contest just by lifting its bun, these hilariously illustrated silly stories are sure to bring Halloween laughs to even the littlest ghosts.

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Judy Desetti says

Great addition for Halloween collection. Three funny stories about ghosts. Father ghost is trying to tell his small ghosts scary stories but from our viewpoint the stories are hilarious. Kids will love this one.

Recommend.

Janessa says

Daddy Ghost is telling scary stories to his two little ghosties as he tucks them in for bed. At the end of each story they beg for more, giving us three stories in all. The frightful conclusion to each story is sure to tickle the funny bone. In the title story, boastful Cousin Nell is determined to prove that she is the fastest, smartest, scariest, and bravest ghost in the world, so she goes to The Dark Forest to confront the infamous "Haunted Hamburger." In the trickster fashion of many folktales, the hamburger outsmarts, outruns, and outscarens Cousin Nell. A surprise ending makes the ghost siblings tremble, and readers chuckle. The illustrations are a perfectly balanced combination of spooky and silly.

Susan says

Very fun!

Meghan Hunt says

Father Ghost is trying to get Frannie and Frankie to go to sleep, but they are not tired. Father Ghost decides to tell them scary stories to try to get them to fall asleep. He tells them three stories: "The Scary Baby," "The Haunted Hamburger," and the "Big Bad Granny." The stories are only scary to the ghosts--to the readers/listeners the stories are very funny and clever. Kids of all ages will enjoy this story. Eventually Frannie and Frankie fall asleep.

This book is great for children aged four to the second grade. It is a little too long for a preschool storytime.

Lydia Pomeroy says

I read this book to the kids at the daycare I was working at. They asked me to read it everyday; they loved it so much. I would read it with dramatic voices that made the book more exciting. It is comprised of three ghost stories that a ghost dad tells his ghost children. It is a perfect book to read before nap time!

Nick says

This picture book is a collection of very short scary stories...scary, that is, if you're a ghost. A papa ghost is trying to tell his children scary bedtime stories, but in fact non-ghost children will be giggling the whole time, especially during the grand finale, super-scary story at the end. This, of course, is because of the "cultural" differences between living and dead children, and the different things which might frighten them.

This is a set of non-threatening ghost stories suitable for year-round, not just Halloween.

The illustrations by Paul Meisel felt like he was trying to be the Charles Addams of the Kindergarten set, and he succeeded at this odd task rather well. His illustrations of the first story, as ghostly Uncle Ned faces a fate worse than death, were truly priceless.

Jamie Davis says

Frankie and Frannie are little ghost children who want a scary bedtime story. The book has three short stories that are scary to ghost children, but funny to human children. Good for teaching point of view. Engaging and friendly illustrations.

Diane says

"Scary" is a relative term as demonstrated by this picture book. A ghost father tells his children "scary" stories about their poor Uncle Ned becoming a diaper (How horrible!), Cousin Nell being frightened by a hamburger (We thought hot dogs were scary!) and more.

Julian says

Father Ghost wants the little ones to go to sleep, telling them stories. This is somehow in vain, because they just want one more. The trick is that these are scary stories...but for ghosts. What are they afraid of? You will find out and have a laugh.

There are three stories in total. Our favorite one being about uncle Neil out in the street trying to scare people out and finding his way to a baby.

Renee says

Summary: A ghost father tells his children three frightening stories to help them go to sleep at night.

A simple picture book with three pretty short tales that would be appropriate to read in one sitting for a read aloud or each tale could be read by itself. The stories are more funny than scary. Would be fine for K-5.

Story 1: The Scary Baby - Uncle Ned, a ghost, was in the mood to scare someone. He flew around town trying to scare people with no luck. First he tried to scare an old man, a teenager, and finally a baby who is in his crib. When the baby tries sucking on his sheet, Uncle Ned yells at him to stop it. The baby starts to cry. Uncle Ned thought the sound was awful so he hid in an open drawer. When the mom comes into the baby's room, she changes to the baby's diaper, using Uncle Ned as the cloth diaper.

Story 2: The Haunted Hamburger - Cousin Nell was a boastful ghost. She is told that there is a haunted hamburger that is faster, smarter, and scarier than she is. Nell goes to find the haunted hamburger to prove that she is in fact the fastest, smartest, and scariest ghost in the world. She finds the hamburger on a tree stump. The hamburger does nothing but sits in the stump. It will not talk to her. She tries to have a race with it. She flies around the words but when she returns to the spot, she finds the hamburger already there. How could it have beat her, she never saw it move? The owl asks Nell a math question, $7+6$, Nell replies 452. The owl asks the hamburger a math question, $12-12$. The hamburger does not reply and therefore gets the question right - nothing. The hamburger wins. Nell tries to prove she is scarier than the hamburger, making scary faces. When she pulls the bun off of the hamburger, she sees the scariest face - two pickles for eyes, yellow mustard for a mouth, and ketchup for bloody checks.

Story 3: The Big Bad Granny - When the father was a little ghost, he wouldn't go to sleep. His father warned them that the Big Bad Granny would come and get him if he didn't go to sleep. He didn't go to bed and the big bad granny came to kiss him all over his face. He was covered with red lipstick for weeks.

That was the threat the father (narrator) used to get his two little ones to get to sleep - fear of the Big Bad Granny.

Kelly says

I didn't like this book too much. It's about two children who are ghosts who want their dad to tell them a bedtime story. So he tells them three. It is silly and might appeal to children.

Clarissa says

Hilarious ghost stories as told to two young ghosts. The title story is the best one!

Joella www.cinjoella.com says

What three stories would scare a ghost? How about a story of a ghost who couldn't scare anyone and ended up as a diaper. Or a story of a haunted hamburger? Or perhaps my favorite of all, the story of the Big Bad Granny who likes to hug and tickle and kiss. It is scary stuff! And I enjoyed every word! Can't wait to share this with little kiddos!

Linda says

This is a sure-fire hit for October storytelling! Notice that these are "Ghostly" stories not "Ghost" stories! The concept of the father ghost telling ghost stories to get his kids to bed leads right into a discussion of point of view. My favorite of the three stories is The Scary Baby! Don't miss where the ghost Uncle Ned ends up!

Molly Cluff (Library!) says

These were goofy and hilarious. I like the story where the ghost gets turned into a diaper. And the haunted hamburger was pretty hilarious
