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It's Halloween and Simon Lester Henry Strauss and his friends are making their way through a haunted house filled with creepy creatures. Although his friends are running scared at every turn, brave Simon is not afraid of anything. That is, until he finds himself taken by surprise.

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### **Brianna Owoc says**

The books consist of simplistic illustrations throughout the book that shows what is happening in the text. The book is a perfect story to tell at Halloween time that reminds of someone we know who is not afraid of anything. In the end, the person is afraid of something we would not think of. The story brings in childhood fears, famous creatures of the night, and a wedding. It makes all the fearful things that we imagine and makes light of them in a good way.

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### **Alicia says**

Simon Lester Henry Strauss is not afraid of anything. He's not afraid of witches, ghosts, or vampires, screaming ghouls or goblins. Simon Lester Henry Strauss and his friends visit a haunted house, and while Simon's friends run and scream from all of the house's ghastly inhabitants, Simon loudly proclaims that "I'm Simon Lester Henry Strauss, and I'm not afraid of this haunted house." This is a humorous and delightfully creepy rhyming story.

I was initially drawn into this book by Teresa Murfin's Tim Burton-esque illustrations. They have the perfect mixture of cute and macabre (in one scene Simon is sitting at a table eating "blood and brains" and "guts and veins") to make the book fun and gross but not too scary. Children will enjoy Simon's repeated proclamation that "I'm Simon Lester Henry Strauss, and I'm not afraid of this haunted house" and will likely want to join in on his refrain. While this book is perfectly suited for reading during the Halloween season, it never directly mentions Halloween (there are no jack-o-lanterns or trick-or-treaters in the story). *I'm Not Afraid Of This Haunted House* is a fun storytime read regardless of the time of year.

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### **D.M. says**

Cute story and pictures.

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### **Steve Holden says**

This is a silly and fun Halloween book for children. I checked this one out at the library, and noticed a lot of my students enjoying it. I decided to give it a try, and it was a lot of fun to read through. Good addition to the Halloween shelf!

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### **Deatrice says**

Truly creepy, spooky and spine tingling illustrations and storyboard. This book had us grossed out, but eager

to learn what was coming next. The illustrations are cute and they help to keep you reminded you are reading a children's book. Funny ending had us all scratching our heads.

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### **chrissy says**

Another one of my favorite Halloween books when I was younger. We had this pumpkin fleece basket filled with Halloween books that would take out during October. Whenever I was asked which one I wanted to read, this was one of my go-to's, along with Jerry Steinfield's *Halloween*.

A classic holiday book from my childhood and one that I loved very much.

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### **Nikki says**

I found this book at a library book sale a LONG time ago but it is a hit year after year! The illustrations are fantastic and the story is cute/funny.

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### **Joey Gremillion says**

Great book to prepare the little ones for Tim Burton movies.

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### **Sayeeda says**

Goodreads stop suggesting me these cute books ?

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### **Kristina says**

I don't normally review the picture books I read to my kids, but...

My four year old boy loved it.

My ten year old girl loved it.

I loved it.

Very fun to read with a snooty Malfoy-like voice, and funny at the end.

Parents who avoid more gross things with their kids might want to steer clear. It does joke about eating spiders, "blood and brains," and "Guts and veins." It is a Halloween book though it you can accept it with that in mind. It has vampires, fortune tellers, skeletons, goblins, werewolves, et cetera.

Initially I checked it out from the library, but I might have to add this book to our own shelves at home.

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### **Melanie says**

A humorous tale of a young boy and his friends who take a tour of a haunted house. Inside they meet a witch, a ghost, a werewolf, a vampire and other creepy entities. But Simon Lester Henry Strauss is not afraid of this haunted house! However his friends are having a rather rough time of it.

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### **Calista says**

I LOVE this story about Simon Lester Henry Strauss who is not afraid of a Haunted House. It is told in rhyme and it's a story for beginners and kids who like some creepy in their story. The artwork is amazing. Everyone's eyes look so suspect. You can't trust all the yes in the Haunted house. All of Simon's friends are terrified and true to his word, Simon goes to every room and is not scared. He has dinner with the residents and eats the guts and veins with them. He gets inside a coffin. I love the last page. The ending was a fantastic way to go. This is a book for Halloween. It is wonderful. There is a little feel for the artwork of 'a Nightmare before Christmas', but only a little.

I need to own this precious and lovely book. It's a keeper. I suppose it's too early to call this a classic, but I hope it becomes one. It's fantastic. This needs to be a yearly event.

The kids liked this too. My nephew went crazy over the story and he wanted to read it again. He gave it 5 stars. The niece was a little disturbed by the story and she gave it 3 stars. She still says she thought it was good. We all loved the ending.

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### **Marie says**

Simon Lester Henry Strauss is not the least bit afraid of the haunted house. He scoffs at the things that terrorize the other children. He proceeds through with great braggadocio, so proud of his fearlessness...until the very last page. Everyone has SOMETHING he or she is afraid of.

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### **Tam says**

This is a cute rhyming story about a boy named Simon Lester Henry Strauss who is not afraid of the haunted house.

Excerpt from the book:

I'm Simon Lester Henry Strauss and I'm not afraid of this haunted house.  
A fortune teller says, "Come inside." Her crystal ball says, "You can't hide."  
My friends are scared of what they'll see. But I just tell them, "Follow me!"

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**Danny Albers says**

This was another book that I read to one of my students and I loved it. The poem was clever and witty and the ending of the book was hilarious. The vocabulary hinted to me that maybe 3rd and 4th graders might enjoy and understand this book better then 2nd and 3rd graders.

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