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Nina, Ivy and Oswald know a huge secret. There is a hidden room in the Lost Bookshop and the books inside are magic, transporting the children to untold adventure.

When they find themselves zapped by the wand of a witch with a glitch they begin a race against time to reverse the spell. They must find the mysterious Izzy before the clock strikes midnight on Halloween or risk being stuck in the fairytale land forever.

The Witch with the Glitch is an exciting, funny and thrilling chapter book for middle grade readers that's sure to have you desperate for just one more page.

The Witch With The Glitch Details

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Margaret Walsh says

I love it book

I like this book because it had nice words. I am going to read another one in this series. So says Regina, second grader.

Vandhana says

Very cute fantasy story for children.
It is always fun to read children books :) :)

Barbara Ann says

Charming adventure of Nina and her two friends Ivy and Oswald who frequently meet in her Aunt and Uncle's bookshop. Doesn't sound like the place for a real adventure? Well, it turns out there is a hidden room in the bookshop, and once Nina places the key in the lock the children are on their way to a journey into the unknown. This time the children find themselves in the parlor of a gingerbread house. To their chagrin the three friends find themselves transformed into a vampire, ghost, and a werewolf!

They will meet a witch who has a problem using and controlling her powers, a village of strange little people, two kidnapped children, and a magical cat named Izzy. The three friends will have to learn to control their new identities and transform themselves. If they are unable to find Izzy before midnight, Belinda the witch will be unable to undo their spells, and they will be trapped forever. Will they be able find their way back to the bookstore and their families?

The author combines fairy tales, adventure, paranormal and lots of humor to keep the plot interesting. Characters are well-developed and the dialogue crisp and clever. This book is perfect for readers in grades three to six. Chapters are short and vocabulary provides enough challenge while not being overwhelming for the early reader. A few illustrations would have enhanced the book's appeal. This could be a fun story to share with a family or class around Halloween.

Grant Leishman says

It's an awful long time since I read a children's book or perhaps this should be called a tweenie's book. I'm not sure of the exact target age of the book. Nevertheless, I want to say right off the bat that The Witch With The Glitch was a pleasant, fun and short read.

There were some aspects of Maxwell's writing that I found particularly endearing. The first of these was the "breakout" from the story, where the author addresses the readers directly. This is almost like a narrator speaking directly to the camera, in a movie. I found this enjoyable and felt it worked well and would work

well for the target audience. The other aspect of Maxwell story was his allusions to other stories and fairy tales, which were peppered throughout the tale. Some of these would no doubt go straight over the top of the young people's heads, but provided a nice "aha" moment for any adults who might be reading the story to their children or grandchildren. A nice touch Mr Maxwell.

The whole idea of a mystery room in Uncle Bill's bookshop where the books come alive and suck the children into the story, is probably one that's been done before, but that doesn't make it any the less endearing. Our three heroes; Nina, Ivy and Oswald regularly rendezvous at the bookshop to undertake another journey literally into the literary world. In this particular iteration the three end up in a land that bears a more than passing resemblance to that of Hansel and Gretel.

I enjoyed this book as a small distraction from my usual heavier fare of books. As a children's book The Witch With The Glitch certainly succeeds in telling a fun tale, with some interesting dialogue and arcs. All in all, a satisfying read and a good four star book. Well done!

Kate Riley says

Nina, Oswald and Ivy enter a different world whilst they are visiting the Lost Bookshop. They meet a witch, have a spell put on them and find themselves in the middle of a magical situation in which there is a race against time to get out of. The story is fast paced, exciting and entertaining.

The book introduces the characters in a quirky, magical, setting (the bookshop). The three children are believable, full of character and have realistic friendships and bickering. Nina's Uncle and Aunt's magical rambling bookshop is an excellent portal from which adventures can spring. I enjoyed the way that the book talk to the reader at times during the story and the imaginative humour and excitement throughout the story. This is the first book I have read in the 'Lost Bookshop Adventures' series and I will certainly look for more. Highly recommended.

Mehsi says

I just spotted this free little book being promoted by the author on Twitter. I was instantly attracted to it. Mystery? Magic? A cute cover? Um, count me in!

And I do have to say that I liked the book, but I do have to pull 0.5 star of the book as it was a sequel/part of a series, though there was no mention it was that. I was quite utterly confused at the beginning. How did they discover the room? Does anyone else know about it, and if yes, do they also go on adventures? What determines the adventures? Since they were quite used to it, I wonder how many adventures they already had. I felt as if I missed a big portion of the book, and that is just a shame. :(

But as the story really begins, I have to say I lost my confusion and just enjoyed the trip. It mixes Hans and Gretel's story, makes it new, and also adds Van Helsing. :P As you can imagine it makes for an interesting story, and I love how the author turned it into his own blend, his own story. He did a great job at that.

I did feel sorry for the witch though, the poor thing just wants to party with the villagers (and later it turns out she wants a bit more than that), but no one understands her. She also lost something precious to her and thus can't do magic. Well, she can, but she makes glitches. Thus being named the Witch with the Glitch. :P

She also changed our 3 children. In 3 monsters, and I just had a laugh at what they got changed in, Nina seemed to most comfortable with it all, making full use of her new powers.

Of course they want to change back, but with a witch glitching around that won't be easy, so they have to find the witch's precious and bring it back. Before midnight, or they will be stuck forever.

And thus their funny, hilarious journey begins, and I can tell you that I really liked it.

The addition of the storyteller was fun. It is always something I love in books, a storyteller who talks to the reader.

The ending was cute, and I was happy for everyone. However, as they went back to their own world, I was wondering, how much time did pass? Didn't the adults notice the kids missing? Yes, more questions.

But all in all, I did enjoy this short story, and it was quite well executed. Would I recommend it? Yes. Though I guess one first needs to find what the first book is in this series.

Review first posted at <https://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Bloss ? says

This is... alright.

It tried to be atmospheric but there was nothing spooky about it.

The dialogue was a bit cringeworthy at times and I think I enjoyed Oswald as a silent dog better than a child. For some reason, I'm not a huge fan of narrators addressing the reader and there was a surprising amount of that in this story.

Susan Barton says

The Witch with The Glitch centers on three friends - Ivy, Oswald and Nina - who help out in a bookstore owned by Nina's aunt and uncle. The friends cut corners when tidying up so they have plenty of time to go on adventures. In this particular adventure they meet a witch who lives in a gingerbread house and turns the trio into a werewolf, a ghost and a vampire. They must find the mysterious Izzy before midnight or they'll remain little monsters forever.

This was a quirky, humorous children's chapter book. It's only 69 pages, but the author includes a great deal of action-packed adventure for young readers. There's a nod to Dracula, Hansel and Gretel and even Ghost Busters that may or may not go over a youngster's head. The author inserts some personal commentary here and there throughout the book that some readers might find distracting, but I felt it went along with the book's quiriness.

As a book lover, I appreciated the idea of a group of friends working in a bookstore and getting caught up in book-related adventures. This is certainly a unique and unusual children's book that I think is worth reading!

5 of 5 Stars, <http://ebookreviewgal.com>

Christy says

This was a cute book for grades 1-2. One of my students picked it out to read. I loved the way it got the kids talking about how they can get really caught up in a good book. There was a little "Magic Tree House" styling with, "Hansel and Gretal", a vampire, a werewolf, a ghost and even "Van Helsing." It was a great way to show the kids that every book can offer many great things and be very different than the cover art. I had several boys wince at the idea of reading this story but as a boy had chosen last time, it was girl's choice. They all seemed to enjoy the book.

Vicki says

Cute story for anyone. The focus is on mystery and adventure and it hits the mark. Read it with a little one last night and she stayed interested throughout.

Linzi Lowe says

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Pat says

Very cute and ideal for a Halloween read aloud in school or at bedtime.

Rose English says

Modern Day Enid Blyton

I love children's stories and this is now on my list of favourites. Very exciting and well written. It is the story of three children, with a secret. They hold the key to a very magical room in *The Lost Bookshop* Once opened, the books within this room transport the friends on a magical adventure inside the pages.

This is a Halloween **FREEBIE** (Available at other times as well)

Belinda is **The Witch with the Glitch** and with a flick of her wand turns the children into monsters. A vampire, werewolf and a ghost. In order for the children to be turned back to normal they must first go off on a quest for the witch.

The story is funny and flows well, the characters are likeable and it will be a great story to share with the

whole family. Even at bedtime because like the classic Blyton books the children are good and kind.

Don't just take my word for it, go try it for yourselves.

Happy Reading :-)

Pamela Dykes-Jones says

The Witch With The Glitch is a humorous and well thought out Halloween tale that will be enjoyed by all ages but mostly by tweens and adults reading it to younger children.

Fitting into what I would call the 'no scare category' it has enough funny incidents to elicit a chuckle from everyone.

The scene that stayed in my memory after finishing the book was the owl carrying Nina away thinking she was a bat - followed by a clever solution.

The imagery throughout was good and the allusion to a couple of fairy tales very fitting to make this an all ages tale. The story is well written and a quick read – perfect for a bedtime story.

The theme of a Lost Bookshop sets thing up nicely for a very long, nonsensical, series.

Diane says

Great book for book loving kids

This was a random free eBook I thought sounded interesting, and funny, just based on the title. And it was indeed fun and very clever.

The conceit is that 3 kids find a secret room in a bookshop (owned by one of the girls' uncle) in which they are whisked off onto an adventure according to the book they first pick up.

This story integrates Hansel and Gretel but with a twist!
