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Delia has been looking forward all year to flying in the annual Halloween Parade. But parade day brings heavy rain. So, Delia takes action. Using her best magic, Delia changes the rain to cats and dogs. But that doesn't work too well! Then hats and clogs. That doesn't work, either! Each new type of rain brings a new set of problems. How can Delia save the day?

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### Tracie says

The witches are having a parade and they are sad about the rain. No problem! They'll just cast a spell and change the raindrops to bats & frogs, etc. Of course, they find a problem with each thing they spell. the rhymes are great and the story is fun. What would you change the rain to if you could?

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### Calista says

Charming! This books is so whimsical. Our little witch friend loves parades. The yearly parade is in danger of being cancelled due to rain. Being a witch Delia has the power to change that so she utters a spell to make it pour cats and dogs instead. At first it is thrilling and then it is a mess. I like the part of raining hats and clogs. Who doesn't want shoes raining from the sky? A witch says "Snack time girls!" while it's raining bats and frogs. That mad me giggle.

Well, after all that mess, when Delia has it simple rain, people feel a little rain never hurt anyone and they begin to march the parade. I love the scarecrows float.

I gave this 5 stars for pure joy and whimsy.

The kids thought it was a fun book. I read it to them separately, so the nephew gave it 5 stars while the niece gave it 4. I would like this book for my personal Halloween collection I might have someday.

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### Rita says

Cute rhyming childrens book. My grandson loves rhyming and this was right on target. Funny colorful pictures! He doesn't like scary books and apart from him seeing the spider towards the end, this fit the bill. I know he will ask to have it read again.

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### Christina Banach says

Don't wait until Halloween to read this gorgeous picture book – this is one that demands to be read and read, whatever the time of year. Rebecca Colby has pulled off another winner. Having loved her debut 'There Was a Wee Lassie Who Swallowed a Midgie' I had high hopes for her second book. It did not disappoint! The story is packed with humour, inventive and charm and Steven Henry's illustrations are a delight. If you're looking for a bedtime book to enthrall young and old alike, or a fun resource for library or classroom story times this is the one for you.

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### Julie Fulton says

This is a great little picture book story which would be perfect for Hallowe'en reading, but works any time of the year. Delia the witch tries to help out when it rains on the annual Witch Parade....but things don't always turn out quite as she planned and the poor witches get in quite a mess. I won't spoil the outcome, but will say I loved the ending....just right for children to make up their own stories about what happened next! The illustrations complement the words and there is plenty to look for in each spread. The rhyming spells are a treat...I'd certainly recommend this book to all budding witches out there.

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### **Laura McLoughlin says**

A fun Halloween book. The illustrations and rhymes are entertaining. It would make a good storytime book since it is silly and not even a little scary.

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### **Stacy Renee (LazyDayLit) says**

Delia is excited to participate in the annual Halloween Parade but when it starts raining she decides to do a little magic. First she turns the rain into cats and dogs, but that just didn't work. Then she changes it to hats and clogs, but the other witches started fighting over them. Then she changed the rain to bats and frogs, but that didn't work either! Eventually, Delia figures out the perfect thing and the parade goes on despite the foul weather.

It's Raining Bats & Frogs is the perfect picture book to read this close to Halloween. It's full of witches flying broomsticks and witchy things. There's also a big Halloween Parade at the end that is lots of fun.

The illustrations are more on the adorable side than spooky but the coloration gives a very dark and foreboding touch to the story. The witches and the animals in this book are all very happy with friendly faces and that makes this perfect for young readers who aren't quite looking for something scary yet.

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### **Laura says**

A cute rhyming story that's great for Halloween. Bonus message: don't complain about a little rain because it could be raining bats and frogs instead.

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### **Sierra says**

Its Raining Bats and Frogs:

-Every year there is a big parade for all the witches. This year there is a problem, it started to down pour. So one witch, named Delia, decided to cast a spell on the rain and turn it into Cats and Dogs. The witch then again casts another spell and changes it to rain many other things that rhyme with cat and dog, one being Bats and Frogs. The whole time the witches have to deal with this crazy weather and all the emotion each spell brings. They soon realize that the rain did not ruin the parade but instead made it a time they will never forget. This book is so funny it will have any child laughing the whole time.

-Activity: Review rhyming words. Discuss the different rhyming words in the book. Ask the students if

words rhyme, for example “Does Dog and Bug rhyme”. Then have a chart and words already made. Have the students sort the words based on the words that rhyme. After go over the chart as a class.

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### **Sarah Broadley says**

What an amazing picture book! The illustrations by Steven Henry bring out the mischief in Rebecca Colby's text and make the story come alive with each page turn. I love the way the rhyme works well with the storyline and had me guessing right to the end. A fun book to read when it's raining outside. At least it's not slime!

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### **Carmela says**

What a fun read! I enjoyed the little twist on the last page too. :-)

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### **Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says**

What's a witch to do when it rains on parade day? Delia knows just spell to make things better. Or does she? Turning the rain into bats and frogs sounded good at first, but sometimes things are better left the way they are. Though Delia tries to make everything better for her friends, in the end she realizes the rain makes for a fun parade day. That is until something happens the following year..... you'll have to read the book to see what happens.

It's Raining Bats & Frogs is a fantastic picture book for the Fall and Halloween. The story is fun, and engaging, and the perfect length for short attention spans. It's repetitive words, and simple rhythms are great for young children. It also makes it a great book to have in the classroom for teaching young students about listen for receptive words and rhythms.

The illustrations are great. The color scheme sets the perfect mood/tone for the story. I love the greens, purples, oranges and grays. The witches are all friendly, happy looking witches, which make it a great fit for young children. There's something fun on every page. This is one fun, Halloween themed book I'd recommend picking up. Though it can also be read through out the whole year.

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### **Abigail says**

When it begins to rain during the annual Witch Parade, young Delia uses her rhyming spells in an attempt to fix things, changing the downfall first to cats and dogs, and then to hats and clogs, and finally to bats and

frogs. Whatever she conjours for rain however, causes trouble with her fellow witches, until she finally concludes that a little water might not be so bad...

I've had It's Raining Bats & Frogs on my to-read pile since it first came out in 2015, but every year at Halloween time, it seems to slip through the cracks. This year I managed to request it from the library in time, and although it came a little late (along with a number of other seasonal titles), I am glad to have finally read it. I enjoyed the premise quite a bit, and think the rhyming text and repetitive structure here would make for an excellent read-aloud. The accompanying artwork by Steven Henry is colorful and full of fun. I don't know that this one will be going on my favorites shelf, when it comes to the many witchy picture-books I read, but it definitely has Halloween-time appeal.

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### **Jenny says**

Funny story and especially fun illustrations. A group of witches are having their Halloween parade when it begins to rain. The rain is ruining their parade so the witch Delia decides to cast a spell and have it rain cats and dogs...but that doesn't go so well...so she tries bats and frogs. Can she find a spell that will allow them to finish their parade.

My 3rd grade students got a real kick out of this story, especially since for my Halloween costume I was wearing a rain poncho, boots and carrying an umbrella with stuffed cats and dogs hanging from it with a sign, "It's raining cats and dogs."

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### **Alice says**

On the premise of "It could always be worse.." consider a rain storm that messes with you plan...would you rather have it rain cats and dogs, hats and clogs (can't have too many shoes right? ) A really fun story with a purpose! Come to find out...rain isn't so bad!!

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