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Fall for these fun children's books

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all is a fun time to get outdoors with the family, and enjoy the sights and smells of Autumn temperatures and colors.

It also can be the perfect time to cozy up next to the fireplace and enjoy a good spooky book, or introduce children to the changing seasons with colorful illustrations and stories.

Here are a few books to get the whole family excited for Halloween and the fall season.

'Choose Your Own Nightmare' books

Take a step back into time and share the same "Choose Your Own Adventure" books you enjoyed as a kid — this time with a twist. The "Choose Your Own Nightmare" books feature titles like "Blood Island," "Eighth Grade Witch" and "Snake Invasion."

'Turkey Trot Murder'

Perfect for parents, this book explores autumn in Tinker's Cove, Maine, and the annual Turkey Trot 5K. No one expects the race would end in murder, however. In a race against time, this book's title characters must beat the killer to the

finish line. This book is part of the Lucy Stone Mystery series.

part werewolf romance, part teen thriller. "Wereseries."



'Counting on Fall'

As young readers explore the natural world during the fall season, they discover that numbers, patterns and shapes are found simply by observing plants and animals. "Counting on Fall" is the first title in the "Math in Nature" series, each of the four books covering one season of the year and one area of math.

'A <u>Catered</u> Costume Party'

Another option for parents, "A Catered Costume Party" features the story of sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons, who agree to cater an extravagant Halloween party in their upstate New York town of Longely. They figured a ghost or two might be part of the menu, but they never expected to be haunted by murder.

'Weregirl'

Teens will enjoy this confidence, frien bestselling novel that is self-acceptance.

part werewolf romance, part teen thriller. "Weregirl" tells the story on a girl who faces danger, rivalry and love as she makes peace with her new, wild nature.



'How to Catch a Monster'

What is a monster isn't scary at all? "How to Catch a Monster" explores the idea that things aren't always as scary as they seem. Perfect for young kids, this picture book uses robots, lava pie and traps to capture a monster that might end up being a friend instead.

'Nocturnals'

A critically acclaimed middle-grade series for readers who love animals and a hint of mystery, "Nocturnals" combines adventure with real-life scenarios that are relatable to elementary and middle school children, particularly with bullying, confidence, friendship and self-acceptance.



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