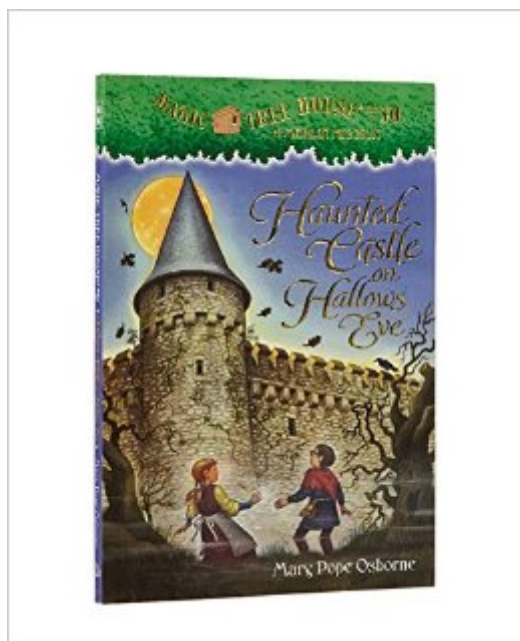


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# Haunted Castle On Hallows Eve (Magic Tree House, No. 30)



## Synopsis

The bestselling, fan-favorite chapter-book series celebrates Halloween with this scarily affordable paperback! Jack and Annie have traveled all over the world in their magic tree house. But they've never been anywhere like this. In the distance, a haunted castle looms dark against the light of the moon. No candles burn in its windows. No laughter rings through its halls. What has happened to the castle and the people who lived there? Merlin the magician asks Jack and Annie to find out. But are they brave enough to brush the cobwebs aside and step through the creaking doors? And are they smart enough to solve the mystery of how the castle became haunted? Find out in a story packed to the margins with magic, history, and adventure! First published in hardcover in 2003, Jack and Annie's spooky Halloween adventure is finally available in paperback. And "only in the paperback edition" the book now includes a creepy Halloween recipe, a fun puzzle, and a preview of the next book in the series! Magic Tree House books are New York Times bestsellers. They are known all around the world as books that inspire reading. Find out why with Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve! And don't forget to visit [www.magictreehouse.com](http://www.magictreehouse.com).

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

For some reason I've gotten into reading children's books. Maybe only a nostalgia for lost youth or

something, but I have found some very enjoyable entertainment in some of those I've read recently that were not available when I was a kid myself. The Magic Tree House series is just such. I picked up *Haunted Castle on Hallow's Eve* as my introduction to Miss Osborne's work and was thoroughly delighted with it. Simple and direct, it is instructive without being pedantic, and introduces new words in contexts where their meanings are apparent-or explains them when they aren't. The story hangs together well, introducing the protagonists and some of their past exploits sufficiently to engage the reader no matter where in the series one starts. I think that some of the better children's stories are written to capture the attention of adults as well. If an adult can read them, or reread them as an adult, and not lose interest in the narrative, the book is a good one. Children have as complex a gift for understanding plot and theme as adults do. I think years of television have made them better at it than they were when I was a kid. It's not the structure or complexity of the tale that loses them so much as the reading vocabulary. Language and relationships are probably "hotwired" into humans. The written word is something else again! *The Haunted Castle on Hallow's Eve* was interesting enough to keep the reader involved with the story and working through the new vocabulary. One of the most significant things about the author's work is her background in history, literature, and culture. As she explains in the final pages of the book, she put her tale together from many sources, including English history, Welsh and Irish poetry and Celtic mythology and folk beliefs.

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