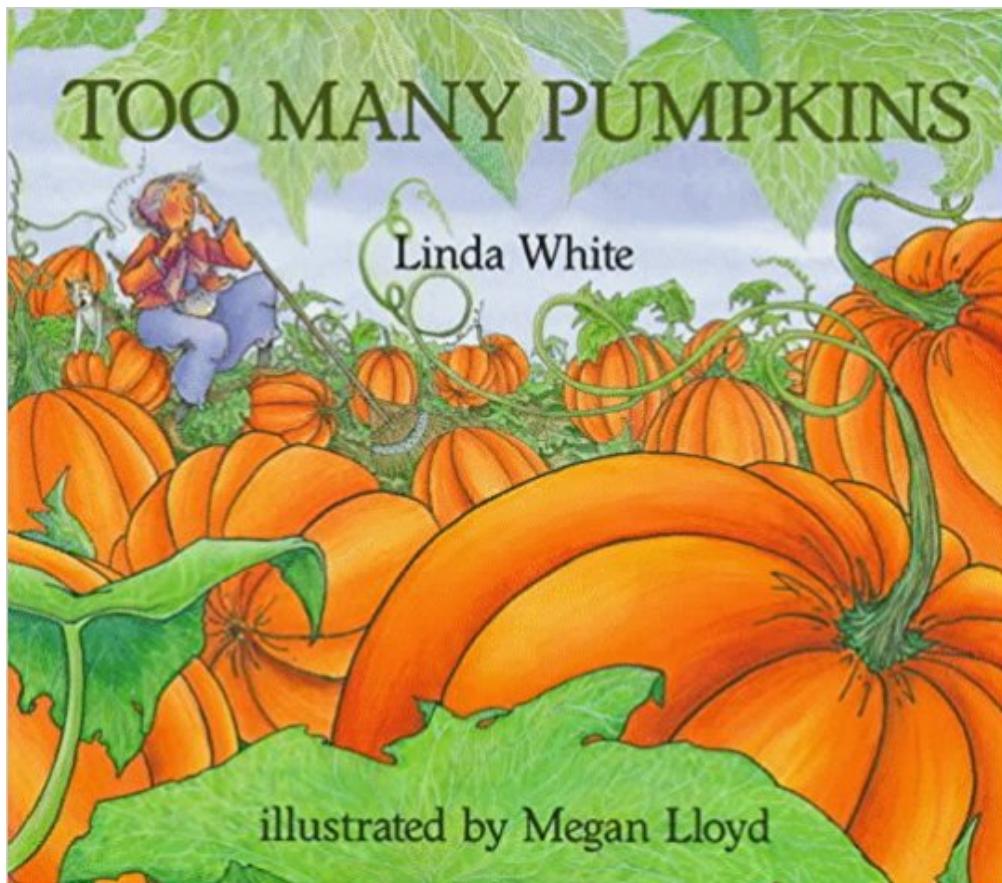


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# Too Many Pumpkins



## **Synopsis**

With countless unwelcome pumpkins to deal with, Rebecca Estelle turns disaster into a celebration. One day, years and years later, white-haired Rebecca was busy not eating pumpkins when--SPLAT--a giant pumpkin fell off an overloaded truck and smashed into her yard. She buried the mess so she wouldn't have to look at it, and, as you might imagine, she witnessed a bumper crop the following fall, "Too Many Pumpkins".

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Rebecca Estelle hates pumpkins. "What's not to like?" you may be thinking. Certainly, pumpkins are benign, as far as gourds go, and they make for delicious pies. But if you were forced to eat only pumpkins (baked, steamed, boiled, stewed, mashed, and rotten), you might agree with Rebecca, who was so poor as a child that she could only afford to eat the unrelentingly orange squash. One day, years and years later, white-haired Rebecca was busy not eating pumpkins when--SPLAT--a giant pumpkin fell off an overloaded truck and smashed into her yard. She buried the mess so she wouldn't have to look at it, and, as you might imagine, she witnessed a bumper crop the following fall. In *Too Many Pumpkins*, a 1996 American Bookseller "Pick of the Lists," Linda White (who based the book on her own pumpkin-eating aunt Becky) reveals how swallowing one's personal (pumpkin) prejudices can end up benefiting a whole community. Illustrator Megan Lloyd creates

spunky, detail-rich drawings that are sure to hold up to the scrutiny of youngsters everywhere. This is an ideal Halloween-time book for those who want to bypass ghouls and goblins (or any actual mention of Halloween) and focus on ... pumpkins! (Ages 4 to 8) --This text refers to the DVD-ROM edition.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-Golden autumn hues cast their warm glow throughout this humorous harvest tale. Rebecca Estelle, having survived on various pumpkin dishes during her poor childhood, hates them so much that when a pumpkin accidentally falls into her yard, she shovels dirt over it so she won't have to see or think about it again. In spite of all her efforts to the contrary, she is "rewarded" with a yard full of bright orange globes the following fall. Not willing to let the windfall go to waste, she once again prepares the dishes she detested as a child, carves jack-o-lanterns from the remaining pile, and then thoroughly enjoys the fellowship of her neighbors lured by the glow of the mischievous carvings. And, of course, Rebecca Estelle saves seeds for next year's planting. Lloyd snuggles White's text into her rich watercolor-and-pen illustrations. Nature's determined bounty spills from formal borders and is tinged with just the right touch of realism to contrast with the cartoonlike Rebecca Estelle and her feline companion. The vocabulary and sentence structure calls for solid independent readers, but the large horizontal format packed with engaging fun makes this title an ideal harvest/Halloween read-aloud.Claudia Cooper, Ft. Stockton Independent School District, TXCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the DVD-ROM edition.

Such a sweet story about being grateful and sharing from our overflow, even when overwhelmed by something we may not think is so good at first. Glad we picked this one for a fall book for our kids to read.

This book is amazing. A charming story that my Children loved 20 years ago and I have purchased it for many other young readers since that time. should know it was not packaged very well. Arrived with a crimped corner -- which bothered me because it was a gift. A piece of cardboard to ensure it didn't get banged up would have been a good idea.

My three year old and I loved too many pumpkins. (I'm not sure who enjoyed it more.). Rebecca Estelle doesn't like pumpkins, but, when one smashes to slimy smithereens in her yard one fall (my child loves this part), she learns to make the best of a bad situation. Before purchasing I had

read some reviews stating this book had "strong language." Don't worry. It's fine for toddlers. (Older children would probably like it too, but I cannot say for certain.). I hope you enjoy!

A very humorous lighthearted read for children to enjoy. A sweet story of how things in our past form attitudes we don't have to embrace. So when she is 'handed' a new 'opportunity' she decided to go after it with full energy. Loads of fun, hard work, creativity with a garden overflowing with hundreds of pumpkins brings loads of joy, warmth of friends and lots of yummy pies, breads, cookies and bags of seeds to share with the whole community. Teaches us to take a not so happy event and find the best in it.

My daughter and I both love this book. It's a wonderful story with great illustrations. I know we'll be reading this one for years to come.

A favorite story for all my grandchildren....no matter what season! The illustrations in this book are terrific, so clear and colors beautiful. Darling story with lesson in the joy of sharing!

Kids weren't too amused by this book, but someone else's might love it.

Thank you

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