

The Roll-Away Pumpkin

by Junia Wonders, illustrated by Daniela Volpari

Recommended for readers aged 2 to 5



Editorial Reviews

“Marla Little’s pumpkin is rolling away! Can she catch it before it’s gone forever? Readers both young and young at heart will delight in this lovely, whimsical tale.” –*BookBub*

“This book combines patterns with some classic onomatopoeia to create a very silly story that your kids are sure to enjoy. And it’s perfect for the whole season! While a lot of fall books stick strictly to Halloween, this includes the sights and sounds of fall itself—which we love best of all.” –*Book Nook NYC*

“Being a seasonal book, it is safe to say this won’t likely get worn out, and may even become a seasonal tradition – likely in my house to say the least! A winner for sure!” –*ErmaReads*

3 Literary Awards



Honorable Mention

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Early Readers



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Best Illustrations



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Multi-award-winning author and illustrator team delight young readers with a rollicking sequencing story.

When a large pumpkin gets away from its young owner, Marla, an amusing and lighthearted pursuit ensues. As it rolls down country roads, through a farm’s haystacks, past a milkman and his cart, over a stone bridge, through a city’s bistro, and past a butcher shop, readers will enjoy as each subsequent person joins in the young girl’s chase after the runaway, rollaway pumpkin, making for a silly procession that gets even sillier when the group encounters a marching parade. A pleasing ending has the ever-growing group enjoying a cauldron of pumpkin soup.

With stunning illustrations in beautiful muted earthy tones, many small details make each spread a delight in poring over—a dog with little sausages in its mouth, street signs that point “this way” and “that way”, a tiny windmill in the distance, leaves fluttering down on the country road, fresh baguettes stacked up in the baker’s wagon. A wonderfully lilting text is beautifully typeset in a fun and whimsical way, curving along the streets and alleys. A repeated refrain throughout the story adds a fun opportunity for young readers to chant along.

A short and simple story, *The Roll-Away Pumpkin* is a perfect read-aloud for families and educators of young children, while its highlighted keywords, repetitive language, and predictive nature make it ideal for beginner readers.