

A Spoonful of Frogs

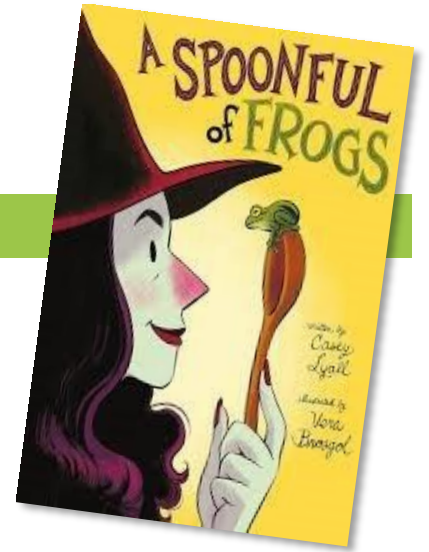
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Halloween

Book Brief: A witch loves making healthy frog soup, with a spoonful of frogs as the key ingredient for flavor and color. But keeping the frogs on the spoon is a challenge, as they tend to hop away and escape!

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the witch.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Have you ever followed a recipe before? What happens when you're missing an ingredient?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, notice how the witch prepares her recipe."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Look at the first page. Where do you think the witch is? How do you know?
- Why do you think the most important ingredient is the frog?
- Do you think she's made this recipe before? Why or why not?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The witch had trouble preparing her recipe. What did she change? Why?

Extending Our Thinking:

- How do you think the witch feels at the end of the story? How do you know?
- What internal or external traits can you identify for the witch?
- Using RIF's [Recipe Card](#) create your spooky recipe just like the witch's.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.