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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 2—A new play on the familiar song. In her latest picture book foray, in addition to a spider, Ward's mummy swallows a rat, a crow, a bone from a skeleton, some brew, a witch, and a ghost. In the end, "There was an old mummy—/this story is true./You'd better look out,/or he'll swallow... YOU, too!" Gray's bold illustrations in shades of pink, black, and night-sky blue are wonderfully humorous with a bit of a scare for the younger crowd. The different characters depicted are quirky, many with googly eyes. This is a great tale for Halloween storytimes because of its large trim size and drawings that leap right off the page. It could also be used in primary classes for comparing and contrasting with similarly themed books. Older children can peruse the tombstones for the funny rhymes, such as "Milton Hyde—we put him here because he died." VERDICT This book has something for everyone and is sure to be a hit in any children's collection.—Elaine Lesh Morgan, formerly at Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR

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"In [*There Was an Old Mummy Who Swallowed a Spider*], a bulgy-eyed mummy rises from its sarcophagus and proceeds to swallow a string of objects, animals, and people, including a spider, crow, bone, and witch. In increasingly frenetic cartoons, [Steve] Gray stages the debacle on the grounds of a quintessential haunted house, precariously perched in a tree over a graveyard. Full-spread scenes of the mummy chasing his victims alternate with glimpses of what's going on in his belly—the swallowed creatures appear to be having a reasonably good time, simmering green witch's brew over a campfire—which should make for some enjoyably silly Halloween reading." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Ward and Gray exchange the little old lady for an old mummy, and the book gets pleasantly goofy from there...For preschoolers who want a Halloween book that is more silly than scary." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Cartoonish digital illustrations use lots of wide, fearful eyes and luminous backgrounds to make the graveyard and haunted-castle settings glow with Halloween anticipation." —*Horn Book Magazine*

About the Author

Jennifer Ward is the author of numerous acclaimed books for children, including *There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog*, which was an IRA-CBC Children's Choice and went on to become a bestselling Kindle book. Her recent titles include *Mama Built a Little Nest*, illustrated by Steve Jenkins, which received starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly* and *Booklist*; *What Will Hatch?*, illustrated by Susie Ghahremani; and *There Was an Old Martian Who Swallowed the Moon*, illustrated by Steve Gray. She lives in Illinois. Learn more at www.jenniferwardbooks.com.

Steve Gray's award-winning humorous illustrations have been seen in digital media, broadcast, and print publication. His six-minute animated short *Santa's Camels* has been shown in over seventy film festivals around the world. Steve's recent children's books include *The Ant Who Walked from New York to L.A.*, which he cowrote with Andy Hardie-Brown, and *There Was an Old Martian Who Swallowed the Moon*,

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