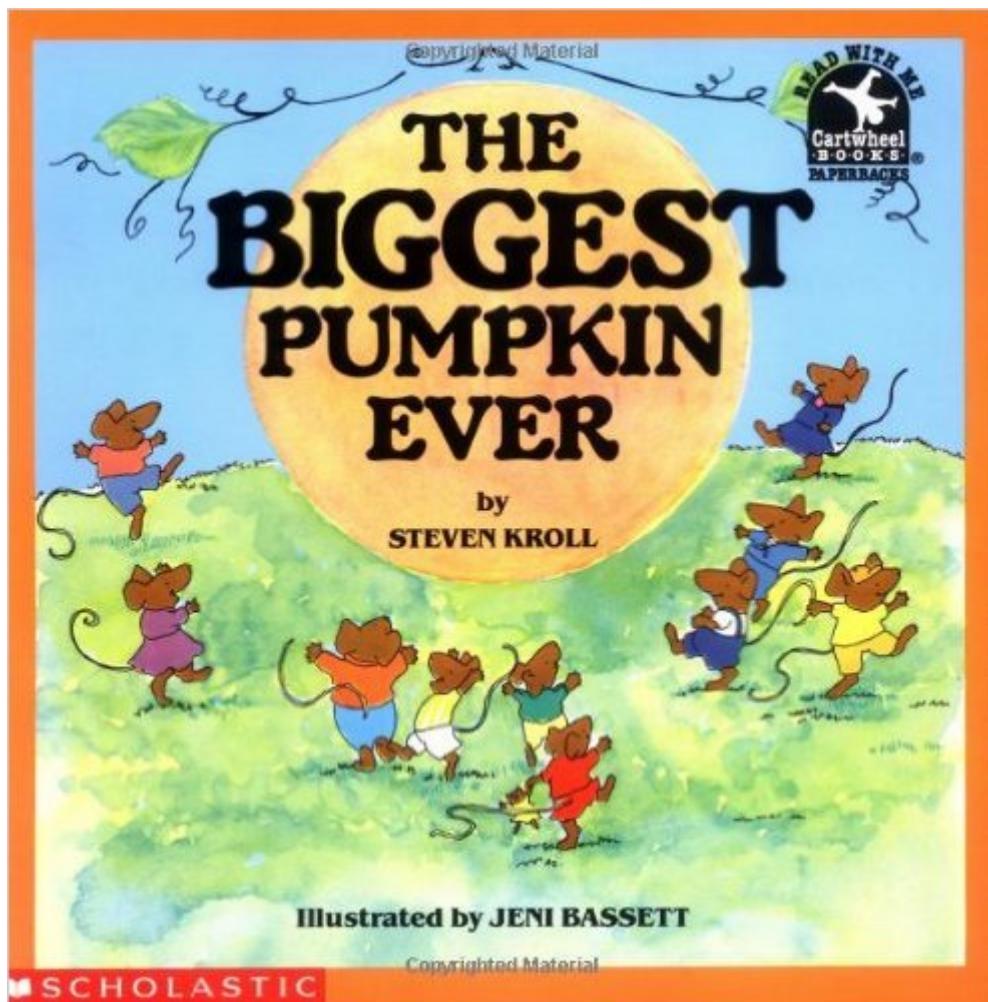


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# The Biggest Pumpkin Ever



## **Synopsis**

Desmond and Clayton must work together to win the Biggest Pumpkin competition, in this popular bestselling picture book. Once there were two mice who fell in love with the same pumpkin.... Desmond the field mouse wants to carve the biggest jack-o'-lantern in the neighborhood with his pumpkin. Clayton the house mouse wants to win the Biggest Pumpkin contest with his. But when they discover that their choice pumpkins are actually the same one, Desmond and Clayton decide to work together to grow the biggest pumpkin ever!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

This is a fun Halloween story that Kindergarten through 3rd grade kids will enjoy. It traces the growing season of one special pumpkin from its start as a very tiny green bump on a vine to a huge carved jack-o'-lantern that wins the town pumpkin contest. The pumpkin becomes the biggest and best pumpkin in the whole town and wins the contest because two mouse friends, Clayton and Desmond, without realizing it, are both taking care of it. They both fertilize it and water it throughout the summer. They both protect it from frost in the autumn. The pumpkin gets a double helping of TLC. When the huge pumpkin is finally ready it is too big for one mouse to haul it the contest so the two mice (who have finally discovered each other) work together and share the prize and the fun.

The characters are engaging, the illustrations are very cute and the story is about sharing, caring, nurturing and co-operating. This book has the wonderful added benefit of teaching exactly how to grow a really **HUGE** pumpkin that a real child can try in their own pumpkin patch with great success, including some secret tricks one might not know about that will surprise and amaze.

What a fun book!! It has wonderful illustrations. It also shows children how pumpkins grow! If you love the fall season and pumpkins, don't miss this one!!!! I know it is a hit when my daughter wants to read it over and over again!

This story was great to teach you how a little bit of team work can get you where you want to be. In this story, two mice work together to grow a huge pumpkin, although they didn't know they were helping each other. Each mouse put everything he had into making the pumpkin grow and be the best. Clayton the house mouse wanted to grow the biggest pumpkin and to win the grand prize at the town pumpkin contest. Desmond the field mouse wants to grow a pumpkin to make into the biggest and best jack-o-lantern ever. They work together and grow a pumpkin bigger than their houses. This story teaches you more than one thing. The first is that if you are determined to do something, and put your heart and soul into it, you can do whatever you want to do. In this case, grow a huge pumpkin. The other is that with teamwork, your job gets done faster, and sometimes makes the project easier. This is a very good book , and I recommend it, not just to kids, but to people of every age.

I remember reading this book around Halloween time when I was in the second grade, and when I saw this pop up while I was browsing I knew I had to buy it for my daughter. She's in first grade, but was enthusiastic about the story and the little mice feeding the giant pumpkin. It is a fun read with cute illustrations. Always has been one of my favorites.

When I was about eight or so I had this book on tape. I played it every single night without fail for almost nine months. I couldn't sleep without it. The story is wonderfully written with great values about sharing and teamwork. Reading this to your child will guarantee you a parent of the year mug.

I remember this story as a child. It is a very cute story about the two mice who unbeknownst to one another each take care of a pumpkin until it grows so large, they enter it into the fall harvest fair.

Two mice, one a house mouse who works in the day and the other a field mouse who works at night, take care of the same pumpkin, not knowing about the other caretaker. The house mouse wants the pumpkin to win a contest and the field mouse wants to have the biggest jack-o-lantern ever. Children love listening to this book. It is a great story that has some wonderful illustrations, contains a message about sharing, and gives some useful techniques about growing pumpkins.

I just love this story. Lots of fun to read, nice illustrations too. We read this book all year, and one I like to give as a gift. So many times the new babe receives board books and I know they are always appreciated, but it's nice to begin a collection of books for when the is older.

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