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# Midnight Fright



## Synopsis

Learning how to tell time is fun and easy with this inventive paperback book. Includes a clock that readers move the hands to match the hour on each page during Halloween night! It's Halloween and everyone is getting ready for a party. At 1 o'clock children gather in the town square wearing silly costumes. At 4 o'clock cats in bowties start to sing. At 10 o'clock children in ghost outfits serve guests! Learning how to tell time is fun and easy with this inventive paperback book. A die-cut hole in the cover of the book reveals a colorful pretend clock. Readers move the hands of the clock to match the hour on the page. With the excitement of Halloween night as a backdrop, children will enjoy this twist on learning to tell time.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

KATHRYN HELING and DEBORAH HEMBROOK have been writing collaboratively since 1997. They work in the same school district in Wisconsin, Kathryn as a school psychologist and Deborah as a kindergarten teacher. They have published many books for children, including early readers and picture books.

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Adorable book and granddaughter loves it.

Grandchildren love this book! Wonderful!

As an educator, I am always looking for new products that I feel will engage my students and provide fun ways to incorporate important learning goals. This book fits the bill on both accounts! I really like the vocabulary within the book and the nice way that rhyming is used within the descriptive accounts for each "countdown" hour. I can use it for number/size concepts along with the concept of "match" or "same"(in the book the larger clock has moving hands that can be used to match the appropriate time on each page). Also the illustrations are suitable for Halloween but are not too scary for younger children.

My little guy simply loves his copy of Midnight Fright! As a former reading specialist, current elementary principal, and mommy of a four-year-old... I can truly say that the authors Hembrook & Heling have a magical way of knowing what turns little kids on and how to light that spark. In Midnight Fright, my little guy loves reading the pattern that starts each page. He also has such fun with the clock, and has started paying attention to clocks all over the house. Now I can't get away with saying, "It's BEDtime!" He's starting to read the clock himself, and know... We've gotten extra copies to share the joy with cousins and friends!

My daughter was given this book last year as a gift (she was only 1-1/2 at the time) and has been in love with it ever since ... even in the middle of the summer! Even now at 2-1/2, she still loves the rhyming words, fun story and cute pictures ... she knows to look for the clock on every page! And I know that she'll continue to enjoy this book in the years to come as she is learning to tell time. It's unusual to find a children's book that can legitimately span that many years! We love this book so much that I bought one for all of our toddler friends and relatives this year for Halloween ... I just had to share this great book!

Our whole family had fun with this book, and the movable clock hands helps you teach them how to tell time. Our 8 year old read it to our 4 year old ,who loved it, while our 1 year old bounced to the rhythm and rhyme of the lyrics. The next day our 4 year old took it to class for "show and tell", and the teacher said the kids had a great time with it , and really liked the halloween illustrations.

I bought this book for my 1st grader because it said it would help a child learn to tell time. It doesn't. It has a clock with moving hands that a child can position, but it does not explain the concept behind

telling time at all. Each page has a little rhyme for the hour (1 o'clock, 2 o'clock etc) and says how many hours it is until midnight, but that's it. It only shows the time at the top of the hour, it doesn't explain the hour hand and the minute hand, it doesn't explain AM and PM. My daughter and I were expecting much more and were very disappointed. My daughter even said "I think we should return it!" and she loves books and has never in her life suggested returning one. I would return it if I could but I ordered it through the school so I can't. It's a cute book for introducing the concept of telling time to a 3-5 year old child, if it were marketed that way I would give it a better rating, but it's being marketed as a book that teaches how to tell time and it does not live up to that promise.

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