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# Book Review

**Title:** Trick or Treat, Marley!

**Author:** John Grogan

**Illustrator:** Richard Cowdrey

**Reviewer:** Aylea Stephens

**Publisher:** HarperCollins

**Publication Year:** 2011

**ISBN:** 9780061857553

**Number of Pages:** 40

**Interest Level:** Preschool

**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Cassie, Louis, Mommy, and Daddy are especially excited for Halloween because this year they are throwing a party for all of their friends. Everyone, including Marley, wants to help Mommy get ready. First they carve a pumpkin, and Marley gets his head stuck in the pumpkin. When the family tries to decorate, Marley pops all the balloons and destroys the confetti. Marley bobs for apples, steals the tail instead of playing Pin the Tail on the Donkey, and finds all the hidden candy before the kids do. However, in the end, Marley and the rest of the family still have a good Halloween.

This is a spin-off of the popular *Marley and Me* with a new story about the famous puppy causing problems at Halloween. Because it is a spin-off, there is some knowledge that it expects readers to have, but new readers will be able to infer much of it. This book is nothing special on its own, but fans of dogs and especially of Marley will enjoy this Halloween book.