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Hedgehug's Halloween

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Book Review

Title: Hedgehug's Halloween
Author: Benn Sutton
Illustrator: Dan Pinto
Reviewer: Cynthia Phillips
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Number of Pages: 34
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Dependable



Review

Hedgehug the hedgehog has been invited to a Halloween party, but wait—is that tonight?! He has forgotten all about it and has nothing to wear to the costume party! It's okay his friends are there to help him find a costume. The only problem is that no matter how clever the costume Hedgehug's spines keep ruining it. Is it time to just give up and go home? No way, Hedgehug's friends come through for him in the end with the perfect costume. The party is a huge success thanks to his friends.

What a tender book about friends and the imagination to fix a problem together. This book was heartwarming. However, the illustrations are in a textured scrapbook format and make it hard to determine what the characters really look like. There are several instances of Hedgehug poking holes in his costumes but the illustrations don't show him with any spikes. There is also a friend named Hannah who is some kind of animal that is not easily distinguished and unspecified. With some explanation on what the animals are and what they look like in "real life," this book can be a fun read.