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Bad Kitty Scaredy-Cat

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Book Review

**Title:** Bad Kitty Scaredy-Cat  
**Author:** Nick Bruel  
**Reviewer:** Amanda Durrant  
**Publisher:** Roaring Brook Press  
**Year:** 2016  
**ISBN:** 9781596439788  
**Pages:** 30  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Dependable

**Review**

Bad Kitty isn’t usually scared, but she has felt a plethora of emotions ranging from daring to loopy to vexed. But on Halloween night the doorbell rings and frightening creatures appear at her door. The creepy clown, noisy neanderthal, and yucky yeti scare Kitty. But then, someone drops their candy and Kitty sees all the delightful treats. She decides to not be scared anymore, but then she becomes a very bad kitty: battering bigfoot, kicking kraken, and zinging zombie. Kitty chases away the scary creatures and resolves to never be scared again, but then she hears a dog bark!

This text has the beloved Bad Kitty that children have come to know, complete with full color illustrations on every page. The book is loaded with alliterations and very descriptive adjectives to help broaden the vocabulary of younger readers by introducing them to an alphabet of colorful language. However, the pages are so packed full of these alliterations and adjectives along with the accompanying illustrations that children may have a hard time focusing on what is being read as their eyes dart around the page looking at the different pictures and texts. This book would be better to read with toddlers who are learning the alphabet and skipping around to the different text and pictures as they catch the eye.