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What won’t this old lady swallow? We may never know why she has the appetite to swallow these crazy Halloween themed creatures, but it keeps the readers guessing as to what spooky creature may be on the next page...a bat, an owl, a cat? She continues to swallow different things until she swallows a wizard. This wizard casts a spell causing her to yell “trick or treat!” This yell produces a giant burp that releases all of the Halloween creatures.

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat! comes from the There Was an Old Lady… collection by Lucille Colandro. The rhyming adventures can be fascinating to young readers and encourage them to participate and read along. With the easy to memorize repeating rhymes in the book, children are able to gain confidence in their reading abilities. This book is amazing for kid’s imagination to develop as they try to think about what is next on the Old Lady’s dinner menu. The interesting Halloween characters swallowed throughout the book may also provide new vocabulary for young readers. The illustrations are not very vibrant but they do go along with the Halloween theme of the book.