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The Scariest Scarecrow

by Kelly Hashway

Ben couldn't wait to go to Uncle Darrell's farm. Uncle Darrell had the best corn, apples, and pumpkins ever. And since Ben was going to be spending the weekend, he'd get to help Uncle Darrell pick them all.

Ben said a quick goodbye to his parents and ran from the car. He knew Uncle Darrell would be in the field tending to the crops. But when Ben got there, he saw Uncle Darrell wasn't the only one in the field. There were big black crows.



"What?
Uncle Darrell?
Ben. "Hey, Ben,

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"Where's the scarecrow?" Ben asked. Uncle Darrell usually had a giant scarecrow to keep the birds away.

"It was ruined in the last storm, and now every time I leave the field, the crows start attacking my crops. I don't have time to make a new scarecrow right now."

Ben looked around the field. The crows were already coming back. "I'll make a scarecrow for you."

"You will? But I thought you wanted to pick pumpkins and go for a hayride."

"I do, but this is more important." Ben spotted a medium-sized pumpkin, perfect and round, about five feet away. "Besides, I need to pick a pumpkin to make the scarecrow."

"You do?" Uncle Darrell narrowed his eyes.

"Yup. And I need some overalls and a flannel shirt."

"There are plenty of those in the house. Help yourself."

Ben ran into the house and found an old pair of overalls with holes in the knees. He grabbed a flannel that looked two sizes too small for Uncle Darrell. Then he raced back outside and picked the pumpkin he'd eyed earlier.

Uncle Darrell was putting hay bales into the back of his truck.

"Any extra hay I can use?" Ben asked.

"Sure. Anything else you need?"

"Yeah, a big stake. One that can run the whole length of the scarecrow."

Uncle Darrell helped Ben find a stake and together they fastened the pumpkin on the top of it.

"I can take it from here," Ben said. He stuffed hay in the clothes and attached them to the stake, too. Then Ben drew the scariest face he could imagine on the pumpkin.

"Whoa
scary."

Ben ran
of the field. The



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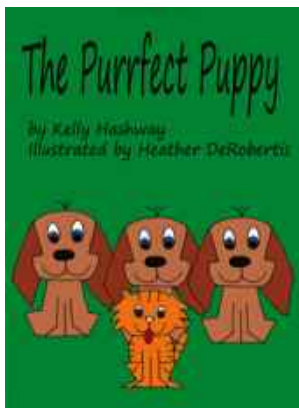
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"It works!" Ben cheered.

"Yes, Ben. It's the scariest scarecrow ever."

About the Author



Check out Kelly Hashway's latest book, *The Perfect Puppy!*

When a stray kitten is raised by a family of dogs, she grows up thinking she is a dog. She fetches, growls, gives paw, and even does her best to bark. She loves her dog family, but when a little girl wants to adopt her and gives her the perfect name, the kitten will have to decide where her home really is.

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- c
- d



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4. Re-read the following sentence from the story.

Uncle Darrel helped Ben find a stake and together they fastened the pumpkin on the top of it.

Choose the best definition for the underlined word.

- a. type of meat
- b. type of knife for carving pumpkins
- c. large stick that can be pushed into the ground
- d. top of a scarecrow

5. What is the setting of this story?

- a. at Uncle Ben's farm, in the summer
- b. at Uncle Ben's farm, in the fall
- c. at Ben's uncle's farm, in the spring
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.

Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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clue: fast

1. _____

2. ___ ___ m p ___ ___ n s

clue: l

2. _____

3. ___ ___

clue: c

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4. ___ l ___ n ___ e l

clue: soft woven cloth, made of wool or other material

4. _____

5. ___ t t ___ ___ h e d

clue: fastened

5. _____

6. r ___ c ___ d

clue: hurried

6. _____

ANSWER KEY

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pumpkins, apples, and corn

2. Why didn't Uncle Darrell have a scarecrow in his field?

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a. He chose the scariest clothes he could find.

b.

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