

***Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell and Faith Erin Hicks**

In Rainbow Rowell's first graphic novel, Josiah and Deja are seniors in high school working their final shift at the local pumpkin patch, since next year they'll be off at college. They've worked together at the Succotash Hut since they first started, and haven't taken the time to actually experience the rest of the patch. So, for their last hurrah, they go on a pretty epic adventure!

This was such a fun fall read! I loved all of the little details throughout...there are copious fudge puns, a John Denver cover band, and an angry goat on the loose. The art is gorgeous and it really makes you feel like you're at the pumpkin patch with the characters. The two main characters are fleshed out really well and the friendship between Josiah and Deja seems realistic. I love that you get to experience their friendship after they've known each other for a few years, when things are comfortable. It adds to the cozy feel of the book overall. I think the pacing is fantastic, and the frantic energy of their adventure is tangible. The ending was perhaps a bit predictable, but it was definitely still satisfying. Between this book and the current autumn weather, I am now in the mood to drink some hot apple cider and put up fall decorations. I also wish this pumpkin patch were a real place, because it's basically the Disneyland of pumpkin patches. Alas, if I want to eat a Pumpkin Bomb, I'll just have to make it myself.

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