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Do witches still have any attraction for youngsters today? Are the eighties' generation too sophisticated in their demand for video horrors to appreciate the 'spookiness' of Hallowe'en? I doubt whether this collection of poems will stop the rot or induce many to take up the editors' invitation to 'happy scary reading'. I found it difficult to determine at what age group the poems are aimed, with their alarming mix of Shakespeare, Coleridge, de la Mare, Herrick, diluted by a throw-away from Ted Hughes. Several 'Unknowns' further cloud the issue, with the help of some obscurantism from Dylan Thomas. The only relevant relief I could find came in the form of Kitching, Milligan and Roy Fuller, whose selected contributions are first class for young children. Puzzling.

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