

Cool stuff from the book  
for Shining Star kids



ANNE BROYLES PRESENTS

# Shy Mama's Halloween

## Shy Mama Trivia: True or False?

1) Leane Morin used friends and family members as models when she painted the characters in *Shy Mama's Halloween*. **T F**

2) An immigrant is a person who comes to make a permanent home in a new country. **T F**

3) Pyervova Maya is a Russian celebration of summer that begins on June 21st. **T F**

4) Mama's name is Svetlana. **T F**

5) In addition to publishing books for children like *Shy Mama's Halloween*, Tilbury House publishes books about Canadian history. **T F**

6) Halloween is a holiday that originated with Celtic people in Ireland, Scotland, and England. **T F**

7) Longtime friends Leane Morin and Anne Broyles worked together to complete *Shy Mama's Halloween* before submitting it to Tilbury House for publication. **T F**

8) Between 1892 and 1954, 12 million people passed through America's Ellis Island immigration center in the New York Harbor. **T F**

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## Story Detectives

What symbols does the illustrator use to represent America and Russia?

America: \_\_\_\_\_

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Russia: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Illustration by Leane Morin from Shy Mama's Halloween (Tilbury House, 2000)*

What words or phrases does Anya use that show that English is not her first language?

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*Readers: If you make up a Shy Mama word puzzle, crossword, or other game, send it to me and I'll include it on the web site!*

- Anne Broyles

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## Shy Mama Trivia, Continued

9) The Russian holiday of Vas' movo is celebrated on January 7th. **T F**

10) Leane Morin researched Halloween decorations and costumes in order to make her paintings accurate. **T F**

11) Papa knew English from his job in Russia. **T F**

12) Russian nesting dolls are made of cedar wood. **T F**

13) Anne Broyles has Russian ancestors. **T F**

14) Trick-or-treating originated with Laplanders. **T F**

15) Children at the time the story takes place were given more homemade treats and few packaged candies.

**T F**

*For answers, check page 3!*



Caption (*what's happening in this picture?*)

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## Story Detectives, Continued

How do the front and back covers of the book show how Mama's attitude toward Halloween changes after she has gone trick-or-treating?

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What was YOUR favorite part of the book?

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## Word Scrambles!



Unscramble these letters to form words from *Shy Mama's Halloween* (witch, clown, princess, devil, Dimitrii, Anya, Dasha, Irina, Rumanski, masks, Stefan, Bertuccis, America, Russia...)

ITMIIRID \_\_\_\_\_

WOLNC \_\_\_\_\_

NAIRI \_\_\_\_\_

FENAST \_\_\_\_\_

CSIRCETUB \_\_\_\_\_

YAAN \_\_\_\_\_

KUSANRIMK \_\_\_\_\_

SCIPSENR \_\_\_\_\_

SAIRUS \_\_\_\_\_

CARMEIA \_\_\_\_\_

VLIDE \_\_\_\_\_

THCIW \_\_\_\_\_

# Mini Pumpkin Pie Recipe

from *PBSkids.org*

## Here's what you will need to make it:

- 4 crushed graham crackers
- 2 tablespoons of butter left out at room temperature to soften for the crust
- one 15 oz. can of pumpkin pie filling
- one package of vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- two cups of milk
- whipped cream
- 9 oz. plastic cups to hold the dessert
- two mixing bowls
- two mixing spoons



## Here's what you have to do:

1. Check with a grown-up before you start this.
2. To make the crust for four Mini Pumpkin Pies, mix four crushed graham crackers and two tablespoons softened butter in a bowl.
3. In a second bowl, mix one can of pumpkin pie filling, one package of vanilla pudding mix, 1/2

teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, and two cups of milk.

4. Then, take a clear plastic cup and press some of the graham cracker mix onto the bottom.
5. Put some of the pumpkin filling on top of that. Fill the cup about 3/4 of the way full.
6. Once you've made all four cups, put them in the refrigerator to get firm.
7. Top them off with some whipped cream and dig in.

## (Shhh!) Trivia Answers

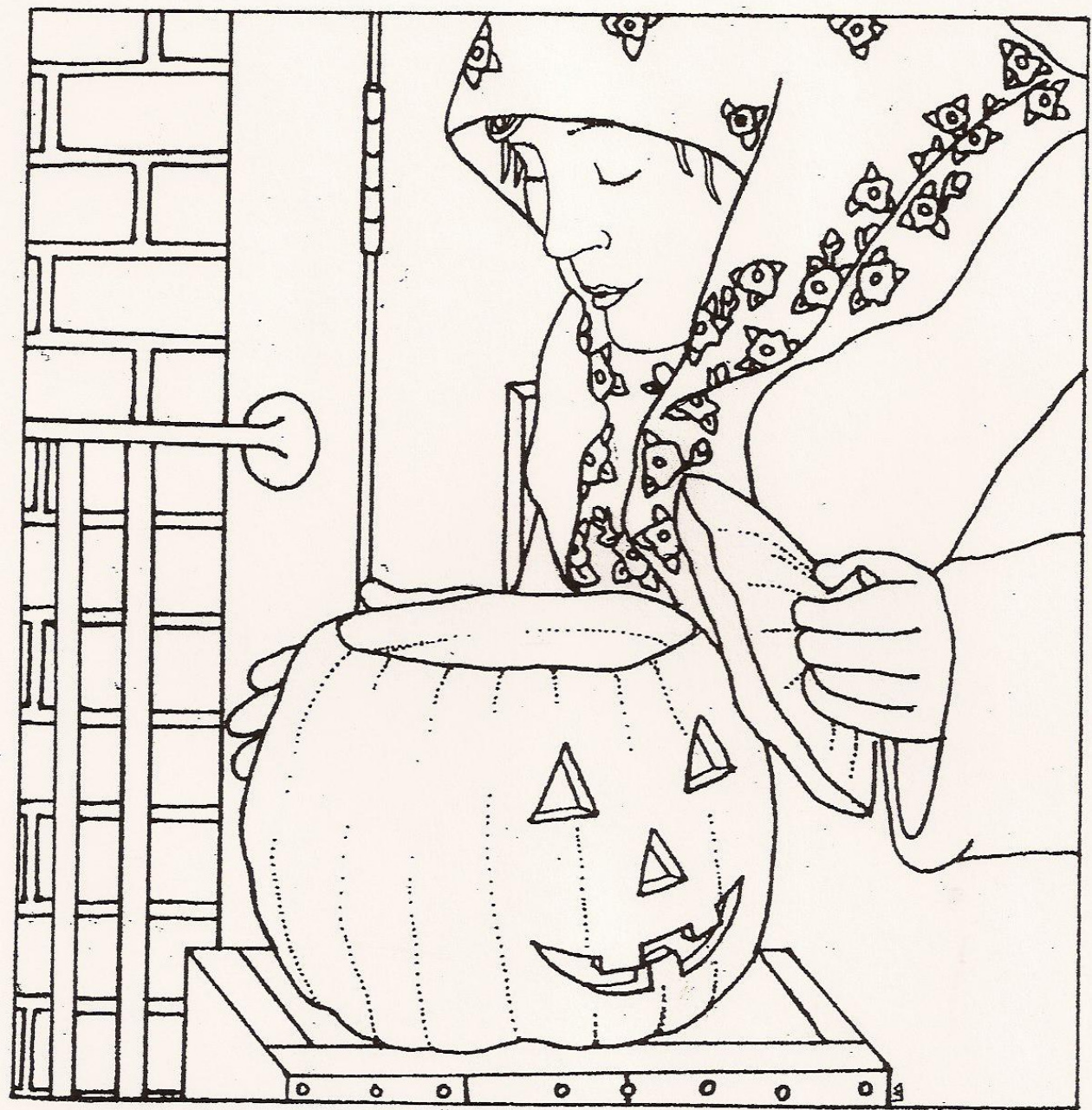
1. True. If you lived in Leane's town you might recognize most of the people in the book.
2. True.
3. False. Pyervova Maya is a celebration of spring on May 1st.
4. False. Mama's name is not given in this book. Maybe in a sequel!
5. False. Tilbury House publishes books about Maine; ships, boats, and canoes; and educational & children's books.
6. True.
7. False. Leane and Anne did not

- meet until the book was already published.
8. True.
9. False. Vas'movo is celebrated on March 8th when children give flowers to mothers and grandmothers.
10. True.
11. True.
12. False. Russian nesting dolls, or matryoshka, are carved from linden wood.
13. False. Anne Broyles has no Russian blood. She just imagined a Russian family coming to



- the United States in the middle of the 20th century.
14. False. The custom of trick-or-treating can be traced either to the Irish practice of going from house to house to beg for food and gifts in preparation for All Soul's Day, or from Scotland's tradition of "guising" when, in the mid 1800s youngsters would go in costume to seek treats.
15. True.





Here's something I learned from listening to Anne Broyles: \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's something I thought was interesting: \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's a question I have (about the book, the author, or something else):

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