

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Fiction

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1-3

## Book Review: WITCH & WOMBAT

Wilma, a young witch, is looking forward to getting her first cat, but she ends up with a wombat when the pet store runs out of cats. This leads to hijinks and hurt feelings as she tries to force Wombat to act like a cat in broom-flying class, potions, and spellcasting, only to discover that Wombat has his own strengths that end up making Wilma glad she has Wombat instead of a common cat.

Belote fills WITCH & WOMBAT with humor, punchy prose, and colorful illustrations that greatly enhance the story. Included in the background of most illustrations are jokes that play on words and commonly used sayings, like the "Snail Mail Post Office" with snails delivering letters. Also included are interesting facts about wombats, with a "More Wombat Facts!" page at the end of the book. Recommended for school and public libraries, and for Halloween-themed story times and programs.

