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Can a story save the kingdom?

When Leo's mom and dad send him off to fight a dragon, he takes a shield, a sword--and a pile of his favorite books.

But can a story be as mighty as a sword?

The Storybook Knight Details

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Laura says

We know the pen is mightier than the sword, but for the mouse knight in this story it is the book that is mightier. Leo wants to read. His parents want him to get rid of the dragon that is hurting the land.

So Leo sets forth with his books in tow, and reads to all the creatures that try to stop him along the way, including the dragon.

I think this is the first picture book I have ever seen that features dragon poop, which Leo helps the dragon clean up.

A sweet little picture book with bright drawings, and a good moral, that fighting isn't always the answer.

Thanks to Netgalley for making this book available for an honest review

Jessica says

It should come as a surprise to no one that I love books about reluctant dragons and the knights who don't want to slay them. *KENNY AND THE DRAGON* is a longtime favorite of mine, for instance. Another favorite thing of mine is books about booklovers.

And this charming new picture book checks both those boxes! Our knight is a tiny adorable mouse who solves his problems by giving his opponents great books to read. And when he's tasked with slaying a dragon . . . will his usual technique work?

Of course it will, and it's precious. The pictures are darling, the story is charming, and there is the perfect amount of words on each page to make this a perfect read aloud!

Alanna (The Flashlight Reader) says

Oh man. If you are unfamiliar with the Docherty duo, get yourself acquainted now! They have to be one of the most adorable and extremely talented (and amazing) team ever. Ever! I have been completely enchanted with everything they produce since I stumbled across *The Snatchabook* on Netgalley a few years ago.

When I saw they had a new book coming out, I got excited. I was a bit worried it would not live up to my expectations since I absolutely LOVED *The Snatchabook*, but *The Storybook Knight* did not disappoint. I loved that my 8 year-old son climbed up into my lap to read this one with me. (He knows how excited I was to read this.) As usual, the illustrations were AMAZING. Absolutely stunning and the perfect compliment to a charming story. I am always in awe of the talent these two have. I had a digital copy to review, and yet, the images were still vibrant and eye catching. We loved looking at all the little details included on the pages.

Little Leo is a reader, and I love him for that. It was great to see how he tackled a problem in his own unique way. I'm all for a character (person) staying true to themselves despite the challenges they face. What a great

message for little minds!

I highly recommend this one. In fact, I think you'll want to add it to your personal collection. I know I do!

? Kimberly says

The Storybook Knight was written by Helen Docherty and illustrated by Thomas Docherty. It shares the story of a young gentle knight named Leo who is kind to creatures and prefers reading to any other activity.

Don't you just love him already? Leo if you haven't guessed is a mouse. His parents want him to be adventurous and become famous. They give him a shield and sword before pushing him out the door to slay a Dragon. Leo is reluctant but packs a lunch and of course a stackful of books.

The story that unfolds shares his journey as he meets a Griffin and a Troll before finally confronting the Dragon. Each page is colorfully illustrated and the story is told in verse. As Leo encounters each beast he is forced to use his quick wits to keep them from eating him and soon he befriends them.

I adored the message this book gives young readers. It also let's them know there is nothing wrong with having your nose in a book. Leo's experience with his parents is something all book lovers have faced at one time or another. The Storybook Knight reminds us it is ok to be you, to do things different and above all to love reading.

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Jen says

This book was SO CUUUUTE!!! Squeal!!

The artwork was adorable and had lots of details to look at. The horse's personality came out, without it even saying a word!

For the scatologically obsessed, there was dragon poo, dealt with in an appropriate way.

I absolutely LOVE Leo! He's a mouse hero after my own, book-loving heart.

The story was cute and SOOOO book loving it warmed my heart and that last picture spread was BEAUTIFUL and made me want to step inside and join in the reading with them.

Completely adorable book. Perfect for your little bookworm in training! 5 big, shiny stars! Highly recommended! :)

Berls says

Loved this one and so did my class. We read it along with a lesson on characters - identifying them only - and after they had to draw me a picture of characters from the story. I wish I could share the pictures I got of

dragons, trolls, and mice in armor!

What I really liked about this book, though, is that it has two really positive messages. One - that violence is not the answer. This little mouse solved all these typical fairy tale scenarios that usually are solved with violence with a story to the "bad guy." Yeah, reading a story won't usually work, but your parents also aren't likely to send you off to slay a dragon as a kid mouse. It's the message, not the practicality. Two - that it's okay to be who you are. This little mouse didn't want to be a knight, he wanted to read. And he did just that and everyone still ended up loving him and seeing him as a hero.

Sandra says

"Leo was a gentle knight in thought and word and deed. While other knights liked fighting, Leo liked to sit and read". Here is the beginning of this beautiful picture book about Leo, who couldn't understand why knights must fight.

One day his parents send him to tame a scary dragon, armed with a shield and a sword. Leo loads lots of books too. In his way he crosses paths with a Griffin and a Troll, and both surrender to the storybooks smartly chosen by Leo, that have them as main characters.

Leo finally finds the Dragon, and it is fierce and enormous! It's true that Leo needs to read the dragons' storybook six times, but the Dragon not only quits fighting, he also helps to clean up all the mess he left in the town.

Such a cute story! The text in verse is totally enjoyable and the illustrations are absolutely lovely. Leo is the kind of character you fall in love with in the first page. What could be better than switch weapons for books? Surely a 5 stars!

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Jenni Joru says

Varsinainen kirjavinkkarikirja pienestä, lempeästä ritari-Rikusta, hiirestä, joka rakastaa lukea, kohtelee eläimiä kauniisti, eikä innostu taistelun melskeestä.

Huolestuneet vanhemmat lähettävät Rikun kukistamaan ilkeää lohikäärmettä. Kukistamisen sijaan Riku valloittaa kaikki kohtaamansa otukset suosikkikirjoillaan.

Voi sydän!

Matti Karjalainen says

Helen ja Thomas Dochertyn "Ritari joka ei tahtonut taistella" (Mäkelä, 2016) on runomuotoon kirjoitettu kuvakirja Riku-ritarista, joka joutuu lohikäärmejahtiin. Haarniskoitua hiirtämme kiinnostaisi enemmän lukeminen kuin taistelemineen, ja niinpä hän pakkaakin mukaansa ison nipun kirjoja. Niistä onkin heti

alkajaiseksi melkoisesti hyötyä, kun matkallaan hän joutuu kohtaamaan mm. aarnikotkan ja sillan alla asustelevan peikon...

Dochertyjen edellinen kirja Pikkuinen kirjavoro oli todella hurmaava kuvakirja lukemisen ihanuudesta, eikä tämä jää kyllä yhtään siitä jälkeen. Silkkaa parhautta!

Emily says

What a charming story with engaging illustrations! This story is written in a gentle rhyme that flows very well throughout the book.

I read this book to my sons this evening and it was a big hit. In this adventure, we meet interesting characters along the way and see how Leo interacts with each one. Armed with his new sword and shield, as well as many books, he bravely encounters fearsome foes. I thoroughly enjoyed this delightful children's story and I look forward to reading more books by this author and illustrator.

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Hope says

Excellent rhythm as a read aloud, which means it's FUN to read aloud (rhythm makes a difference). Great story. Kids gave it two thumbs up.

Christine Charliers says

Luna vind dit een super leuk boek. We hebben samen echt gelachen. Vooral bij '6 keer' keek Luna echt verbaasd en het was echt leuk om haar snoetjes te zien bij dat detail. "6 keer?!" vroeg ze. Ik had iets totaal anders verwacht (ik had de achterflap niet gelezen) en was totaal verrast. Heel leuk en grappig geschreven. Ik heb er dus zelf ook van genoten :).

Carrie says

Bookish heroes for the win!

This was an extremely cute story. I really wish I had a young child so I could immediately go read it to them. Because there is no question that I would buy a copy of this for my family library. The artwork was super lovely. There were plenty of expressive details thrown in that made me smile and laugh.

Melisa says

You can also find my review of this book here: <https://thebookcollective.net/2016/09...>

I absolutely **LOVE** this book for children. First of all, the message. The message! The moral of the story here is this: you do not need to fight to get what you want accomplished, you can use your brain. And that, my friends, is what this world needs a little (or a lot) more of. If we can teach our children this, our future would be bright.

Leo, the main character, is a pacifist bookworm (love him) whose parents want him to be a knight. All he wants to do is read (I get it, Leo. Here too).

The story is told in rhyme, which I always love as I feel it engages the children more in the story. My four year old was captivated. The illustrations are bright and beautiful.

I highly, highly recommend this book for children. 5 stars!

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A giant thank you to Liz at Sourcebooks for sending a beautiful hardcover copy of this book my way to review. I am so pleased to be apart of this book tour.

Tsippora says

I usually don't add children's books here, but this was such a cute book! I had to recommend it!!
