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There's No Such Thing As A Dragon



Synopsis

A classic dragon tale returns in paperback! When Billy Bixbee finds a tiny dragon in his bedroom, his mom tells him, "There's no such thing as a dragon!" This only makes the dragon get bigger. He grows, and grows, and grows, until he's bigger than Billy's house and that's just the beginning! Charming text and playful illustrations by well-known author-illustrator Jack Kent pair in a terrific story that demonstrates how a little attention can make a big difference, no matter what size the problem.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

There's No Such Thing as a Dragon (1975) by Jack Kent, part of the Family Storytime series, relates the charming tale of Billy Bixbee, who awakens to find a dragon "about the size of a kitten" sitting on his bed. The dragon grows by leaps and bounds, until Billy dares to pet the attention-seeking creature and it shrinks back down into an adoring little lap dragon. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jack Kent has illustrated many children's book favorites including Golden Books, Mrs. Mooley, Simon and Schuster's The Caterpillar and the Polliwog, and Random

House of Jack Kent's Happy-Ever-After Book. From the Hardcover edition.

I like it but the message at the end is a little confusing. ***Spoiler Alert*** It's about a boy that wakes up to see a dragon and when he tell his mom she says there's no such thing as dragons. So the boy spends the rest of the book trying to ignore the dragon since his mom tells him there's no such thing and it would be funny to believe in something that wasn't really there. The dragon gets larger until it gets so large it fills the house and walks away with it. Then when the dragon gets acknowledged by the family the dragon goes back down to pet size. The moral being that ignoring something just because it's difficult to admit will only make the issue grow out of hand and more difficult to deal with? That's what I'm guessing at least. Like, if you did bad on a test but don't want to tell your parents, well, you still did bad and it will effect your overall grade and your parents will only find out in the end anyways so you might as well tell them upfront. If you wait you will likely be in more trouble and if you tell them right away they can help you and will be more understanding. That's my takeaway from the book but again, it tells this moral in a difficult way that I'm not sure kids will immediately understand without having to explain it. Took me a few reads myself to get to that conclusion.

I found this book in the children's library at our church and immediately went home to order a copy for my granddaughter who's turning five. The story teaches an important lesson about the value of acknowledgement, attention and appreciation. But there's nothing preachy about it. It's just fun. And the illustrations are delightful.

This was my sons favorite book when he was little. (Now 32!!) Last year I read it to a then young 5 year old friend and he loved it. I searched everywhere and was told it was out of print. So glad it is circulating again. How the times change. Thirty two years ago it was \$1.29! :)

I love this book! I read it to my adult friends, it's so adorable. It teaches a lesson about refusing to see what you don't want to see and how when you do that the problem only gets bigger. The illustrations are charming and the good is written in a sweet and witty way. Probably my favorite children's book!

I love this book. Purchased as gift for my 3 yo granddaughter. I wore out 2 copies when my kids were small. My daughter was excited to read it to her daughter. Very cute story.

This was one of my daughter's favorite books (she's 32), and my 3-year-old grandson loves it now. He has made his parents read it to him almost nightly.

This book was my FAVORITE when I was a kid and I bought a copy for my friend's son who had a little dragon book obsession. He LOVED it too!

I bought this for my granddaughter who's 4...It was also a favorite of my son 40 years ago.

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