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Dragonbreath #2: Attack Of The Ninja Frogs



Synopsis

Danny Dragonbreath knows girls are nothing but trouble. And the new foreign exchange student, Suki the Salamander, is the worst: she's reduced his best friend, Wendell, to a blithering, lovesick tadpole. But when a group of ninja frogs attempt to kidnap her, Danny knows he must step in. Danny and Wendell have watched lots of kung fu movies and can totally take on a bunch of ninja frogs. Or, um, so he hopes . . .

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

My title says it all - kids will love the Dragonbreath books, and their parents can love them, too. These are some of those rare books that, when your child asks you to read them aloud for the umpteenth time you'll say, "Okay!" We've known and loved Ursula's work for years and when we heard she was writing a childrens book series we were thrilled. Her written flights of fancy on her LiveJournal narrating her art are some of the funniest things I've ever read - I knew a kids book would be fabulous. I was not disappointed :)I must stop a moment before I go on about the *books* and talk about Ursula's art (all illustrations in the book are her own). Her art is the essence of whimsy and hyperbole with a big dash of the slightly twisted. Her paintings run the gamut from cute and fuzzy to laugh-till-you-cry funny, to OMG I don't want to hang that on my wall! But all of her art

embraces the absurdity of life, of anatomy, of nature's little jokes at every species's expense and at the misguided idea that we're ever in control of anything. The art in Dragonbreath follows her style with an added dose of hilarity. The expressiveness of the simply drawn animals manages to be both human and completely reptile. The anthropomorphizing of, well, everything cracks you up because yes of course, that's exactly what potato salad would look like if it aged so long in the school cafeteria that it evolved into sentient (and evil) life. Our Brave Hero, Danny Dragonbreath, has an outlook on life that any child can relate to. Fanciful, whimsical, a tad bit jaded about adult expectations and utterly inventive. A fantasy life almost more real than reality is a concept that speaks to any child, and my kids loved it. This was the first chapter book that my youngest read entirely...and he read it cover to cover in one day. Took him all day! Then his pre-teen older brother sneaked away with it, zipped through it, and declared it awesome. In between times, I was picking up Dragonbreath whenever it wasn't actually in someone's hot little hands and reading it as fast as I could. The whimsy that works for kids is just as appealing for adults, but there is also a wonderful dry irony that runs as an undercurrent through the Dragonbreath books. Ursula has not written talk-down-to-them lobotomized children's books. She's written books from the point of view of a child and at a reading level a child can enjoy but with the writing sensibilities and sophisticated perceptiveness of an adult. Not too many authors can do that these days :)

I really liked this book! I want to read the whole series! Mom says they have to go down in price cause they are too much on the kindle but if I had my own fortune I would buy them all and read all day long.

My 7 year old son isn't a huge fan of reading, but we do REALLY enjoy this series. Both of us. It always causes me great physical and psychological pain when I read these major series by major authors (I'm looking at you, R.L. Stine...) and there are so many grammatical errors that you could choke a horse with them. Ursula Vernon impresses me every time. Really well written, fun and engaging books that my reluctant reader actually looks forward to. I cannot wait to get the rest of the series and I am definitely going to get the Hamster Princess series too. Don't miss these. They are superior in their genre.

This is a children's book, and I am well beyond that age, but I enjoyed this book and laughed out loud at some places. I like the style of these books; a combination of prose and graphic novel with some of the action taking place within a graphic format. Ursula Vernon's drawings are magical and

the expressiveness of the ninja frogs and the various lizards and dragons are a delight. I think this would be a great book to read to a child in a close situation where the pictures can be shared. Just be prepared to have to explain why you are laughing at different places.

Danny Dragonbreath is one super funny dragonboy. From page 1 I have been hooked till I reach the end of the book. It's so hilarious and engaging. There is a new girl in school and she is so unlike other girls even though like other girls she wants to be a vet when she grows up. Suki is a smart exchange student from Japan. She loves reading comics and what's more, she is the reincarnation of a ninja queen! One day after school Danny and Wendell help her from two ninja frogs who want to claim her as their queen and so begin their adventure to rid of the ninja frogs once and for all! The pictures in the book do enhance the story and instead of keep telling the storyline in words the writer switched to gorgeous pictures and thus avoiding the boredom of too many words and no pictures that plague the kids in age range this book is intended. I do love this book! It has engaging characters, great storyline, nice pictures, and deliciously hilarious. My ten year old boy has already read this book twice in two days and he's recommended the book to all his friends!

Our 8 yr old son LOVED the Dragon Breath series because they make him "Laugh his head off!". He has read every book in the series, a few of them in a day. When asked why he likes these books he said "Because they have good characters, are funny, adventurous, and the story lines are crazy - crazy AWESOME!". All of these things make this book and the others in the series incredibly interesting to a kiddo who enjoys funny adventures. As a parent I appreciate that they are funny without being totally stupid and that they are easy to read without being "dumbed down". I would say the reading level is higher than Big Nate but not as high as say Harry Potter. These are great transition books for readers who need a bit more of a challenge. However they are also great for more advanced readers who just want to read a great story about an amazing adventure. Overall a great series and I would highly recommend for the 8-9 yr old set.

My son loves these books. I think he's only missing one or two. I'm so happy to have found a series he discovered a book series on his own that he really enjoys. He's always reading and giggling at the story line.

I bought these for a ten year old who had read one in school and he liked them so much that I have bought the whole series for him and will be buying more as they are available. I gave the 5 star

because he loved them so much that he would not hardly put them down until finished.

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