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Ace Dragon LTD

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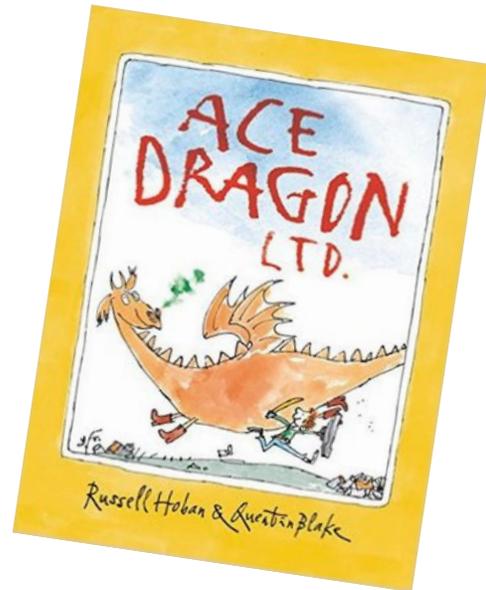
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Book Review

Title: Ace Dragon LTD
Author: Russell Hoban
Illustrator: Quentin Blake
Reviewer: Aylea Stephens
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780763674823
Number of Pages: 48
Interest Level: Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Where do unimaginary friends wait while their waiting to be imagined? Dan Santat invites children into a whole new world as they discover the life behind an imaginary friend. Beekle is an unimaginary friend who waits around for a friend to imagine him, but when that doesn't happen he does the unimaginable and goes to find her! He meets a dragon, a whale, and some people from the real world along the way. Among many important messages, this book sends the reader the following message: don't wait around for something good to happen, make good things happen yourself! There are many adventures to be had, but they're always better with a friend at your side.

The illustrations in *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* were created with pencil, crayon, watercolor, ink, and Adobe Photoshop. They are very inviting and playful. The font is fun and looks like writing on a chalkboard. The ending of the story creatively portray lots of children, each with his or her own imaginary friend. The quality of the illustrations is more enjoyable than the message and text of the book, but it could be useful if a child in your family or class has an imaginary friend and this book could be used to foster discussion about it.