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Book Review

Title: King Arthur's Very Great Grandson

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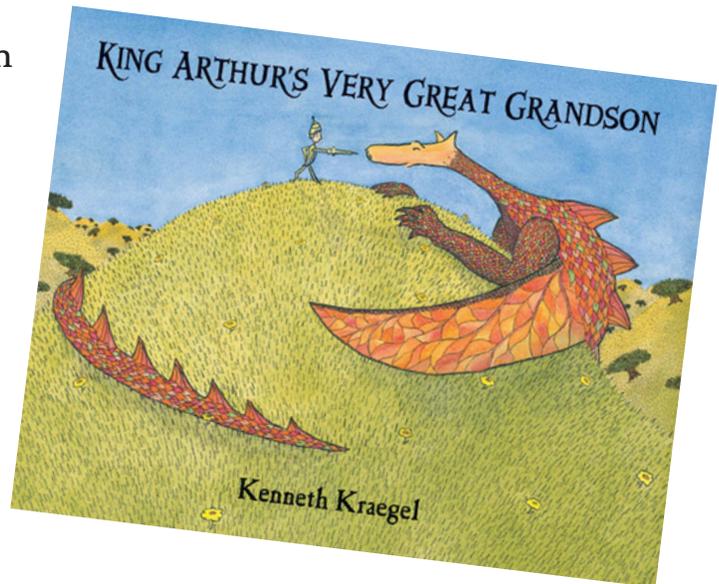
Publication Year: 2012

ISBN: 9780763653118

Number of Pages: 34

Interest Level: Preschool

Rating: Excellent



Review

Henry Alfred Grummorson was the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of King Arthur and he wants to live up to that heritage. On the day that he turns six-year-old, he woke up early and went with his trust donkey, Knuckles, to find an adventure. He goes to fight a dragon, but the dragon wants to have a smoke ring competition instead of fighting, so Henry goes to try the Cyclops. The Cyclops just wants to have a staring contest. The Griffin simply wants to play chess, and the leviathan also just wants to play a game. He decides that because he has come face-to-face with four monsters, he can be pleased with himself and he can also have four new friends.

This amusing book is a good way to introduce children to mythological creatures they might not have heard of before. The art is sometimes very detailed and sometimes looks like a child has drawn it, but it helps the monsters seem friendlier and less scary. The book teaches about how it is better to make friends than it is to fight, while also providing a few giggles at Henry's attempts to find a challenge he thinks is suitable for him.