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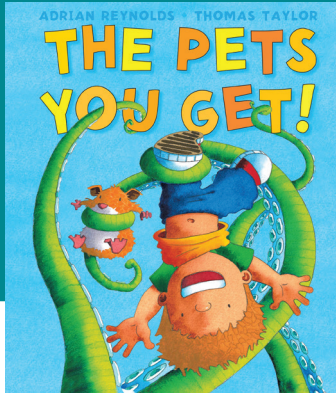
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool

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26

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Andersen Press USA

A little boy's sister gets a pet guinea pig, but he isn't impressed. There are way more exciting pets you can get! He wants to have a fire-breathing dragon. Or maybe brown bear with big claws and sharp teeth would be fun. Even dogs are more exciting than a guinea pig! He holds the guinea pig and it climbs up his arm with sharp little claws. Then he chases the guinea pig around the house. The guinea pig is hard to catch and even better at playing hide and go seek! He decides that maybe they aren't so bad...but he'd still like to have a dragon.

The Pets You Get has a simple and imaginative narrative which mirrors that of young children. It has a wonderfully interwoven message about gratitude for what we have and that appearances are not everything. He learns that little furry animals can be exciting, not just big scary animals with sharp teeth. This is a great book about first impressions and judging based on appearances. A lot of themes lend themselves here without much applied effort and in an easy way for kids to understand and identify with. The illustrations mimic Reynolds' style and mainly consist of large, simple images without unnecessary details. Overall, it is a win for any story time!