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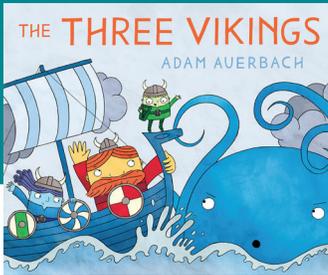
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool

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36

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Three Vikings dream of going to Valhalla, where the strongest and bravest Vikings go. To get there, they must pass over the tallest mountains, over the widest sea, and through the darkest forest. A large troll blocks their way, but the strongest Viking throws him back onto the mountain peak where he belongs. A kraken threatens their ship, but the bravest viking leads it back to its home in the water. They encounter a dragon and the littlest Viking plays a song. The dragon likes the music and wants his lyre, but the bravest and strongest Vikings give up their shields instead. They finally reach Valhalla, where the littlest Viking is finally able to help by singing to all the strong and brave Vikings there.

The Three Vikings has the same illustrative style of Adam Auerbach's other two books, Edda: A Little Valkyrie's First Day of School and Monkey Brother. Auerbach utilizes simple forms, mainly solid colors and a cartoon-like style. The story seems to be about a Viking family, though this is never stated. The three Vikings stick together and use their unique abilities to help them overcome obstacles as they progress along their journey to Valhalla. This is a solid and enjoyable book about individuality and the value of being unique. Adam Auerbach's subtle humor will amuse adult readers and make story time enjoyable for kids and adults alike.