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From Reader Review Dragon's Fat Cat for online ebook

Cheryl says

Why is the cat fat, even though it's been abandoned during the winter? Hint: it's an adult female. Use this book first to share giggles at Dragon's naivety (a litter box..?) and then to discuss with your children responsible pet care, including that very important first trip to the vet.

Jenn Swanson says

Dragon finds a fat cat outside and instantly bonds with it. My daughter absolutely loved this story and took the book out of my hands when I was done reading it to her so she could look at the pictures by herself. Would recommend.

Ryan says

Dragon gets a lesson on how to care for a cat. I love these beginning chapter books. They are easy, full color, and full of heart.

Jennifer Ranger says

This is a cute and funny addition to the Dragon series. I especially like Dragon's name for his cat and the litter box he creates. I highly recommend this title.

Nam says

Not a cat person, but I liked how Dragon adopted Cat and didn't throw her out just because he didn't know what to do. I found quite a few scenes funny, but honestly, five kittens each named Kitten???

Scott Middleton says

Dear Reader's in Mr. Middleton's Class,

Do you want to read a happy and sad story? If you want, I present to you "Dragon's Fat Cat." It's a dragon book. First Dragon heard a "meow" sound so he opened the door and there was a cat sitting in the snow. Again, Dragon looked outside and saw the cat in snow covered almost to his neck. When the day was almost done, Dragon heard a sound again. Dragon went out and saw a pile of snow that looked like a mountain. Dragon dug the pile and said, "You fat cat, you're coming with me."

Dragon took the cat in and put it over his lap. The cat meowed. Dragon names the cat, "Cat." He made a bed

for the cat, but the cat was fast asleep at Dragon's bed. Dragon slept on cat's bed. Next, Dragon gave the cat ice cream and ketchup. Dragon told the cat to roll over but the cat sat. Dragon did not know what to do about all the yellow puddles the cat made. Dragon tried to teach cat to use the toilet, but cat did not understand. When the mail mouse came the mail mouse said, "Yuck! Your house stinks!"

"I know," said Dragon. "My cat has a smelly problem."

"What you need is a litter box," said mail mouse.

"A litter box?" said Dragon. "That's a good idea." So Dragon went out and got some trash. The litter box smelled so bad that Dragon went to the pet store. Dragon drove his car with cat. When they got to the pet shop, the shop owner asked, "What is your cat's name?" "Cat," answered Dragon. "I need to buy some cat stuff."

When Dragon went to the car, he put the food in and drove home. When Dragon was in the room everything was ready but where was cat?

What will Dragon do? Read the book now.

I give this book five stars because Dav Pilkey makes lots of funny books that are interesting and Dragon is a lovable character. He writes the Captain Underpants series.

Sincerely,
Jesse

Hyeonjeong Lee says

Personal reflection : I really like this book because of the main character. The main character is the dragon, who became a family with a cat. He gave a name for the cat and it was "cat". He thought "CAT" would be a good name for the cat. Before recommending them to read this book, I would ask children who give them their names and what their names' meanings are. It would encourage their interests. Also, while reading this book, the dragon made me feel very warm and comfortable. He prepared everything for living with the cat and the cat's babies. I could feel his efforts to make them feel comfortable. The dragon is like our moms who are always busy to take care of us and prepare good things for us.

- I would recommend this book to first graders to read. This is a fiction book having five chapters. When children read the book following the chapters, they would get to know how the dragon finally became a family with the cat and the cat's babies. By reading each chapter, children would understand what they need to have a pet, especially a cat.

- Also, as a fiction book, its characters are all animal: a dragon, a cat, kittens, a mouse, and a pig. Children love animal books. Moreover, because in this book, one animal, the dragon, takes care of the other animals, the cat and kittens. Children would empathize with the dragon if they have a pet.

- First graders would need this book because to learn how to take care of their pets. They might have grown up with their pets or they might just have a new pet. Children easily accept pets as their family, but they do not know how to take care of them. Thus, this book will help them to learn what they need to have a pet.

- While reading this book independently, they would realize they a fiction book is not based on facts. As main characters are animals and they are talk like human, they can easily realize that. Also,

- As very brief and short sentences and easy words are used in this book, children would be able to read this book independently.

- As daily conversations are written on this book, children would not be hard to read it independently.

- The average length of sentence in this book is short enough to be read easily by young children. For

example, "So you will have to stay here with me" and "And if you are going to stay with me." Instead of making a long sentence, it is divided into several short sentences.

- At the end of each chapter, a very short phrase indicates what will happen on the next chapter. For example, the chapter three ends with the phrase, "except for one thing". It shows that the dragon forgets about somethings and he will realize it later.
 - On the left side of each page, layout of the text is on the top. While, on the right side of each page, layout of the tex is at the bottom. This form of layouts are kept from the beginning to the end. This will help children to follow the story and to read easily.
 - The size of fonts is big enough for young children to read independently. Also, as each chapter emphasizes its first letter by making it bold, it would help children to understand that they start to read another chapter.
 - This book does not require the prior knowledge for children to understand this book. As this story is mainly about what people need to have a pet, children would learn it by reading this book.
 - The illustrators have different bright colors. It would children's attentions because they like bright colors.
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Dolly says

A fun beginning chapter book featuring the lovable Dragon. We love the deadpan humor and the adorable illustrations in this story. It's just about as funny as The Adventures of Captain Underpants, but without the toilet humor. We really enjoyed this story and will look for more of these tales at our local library.

Jane Night says

This book was a bit on the long side but there was limited text to each page so my kindergarten age children handled it well.

It is a very cute story about a dragon adopting a cat and learning to care for it. The book is broken up into chapters and so could easily be read a chapter at a time.

Illustrations are very cute.

My girls were excited to help read first chapter as it had repetition of "meow". Cat and Dragon are also repeated and kids could spot those words but "Meow" was their favorite.

Sarah Holland says

1. Personal reaction – This book was very sweet and humorous! Children will like the funny and animal aspects of this book. I also enjoyed how the book was split into ten page chapters. It made reading more fluid.

2. Purpose(s)/Use in the classroom

- read aloud to make a curricular connection: For young students, this book would be a great lesson in responsibility. The dragon in this story became responsible for a stray cat and realized the undertaking was no as easy as he thought. Students could explore this by planting a small plant and becoming responsible for it by setting it up in a pot and soil, placing it in sunlight, and watering it each day. This book could also be read aloud before a class pet became introduced to the classroom.
- independent reading (a particular age group or child with a particular need or interest) – Young students who are moving past beginner level books would enjoy this. The ten page chapters would set them up for actual chapter books that will come later.

- For narrative: literary elements that could be taught using the book: Conflict was a major component of this book. Dragon did not have the means necessary to take care of his cat, so he had to take some steps to better prepare and become more responsible. Students could identify the conflict and ways in which Dragon resolved it.

3. Other as appropriate: The fact this book has short chapters and more than a few words per page (closer to a paragraph per page), this book fits in line with students transitioning out of beginning level books and advancing to more complex structure, yet still under the realm of children's books.

elissa says

I didn't read that many easy readers in the 90's, but I love cats, so this one caught my eye shortly after it came out. The very short chapters are designed to be read by beginning readers, but they're too much fun to not be shared between parents and kids. I've loved reading it with both of my sons. Pilkey is hilarious!

Simon says

This book is really funny. The cat slept in the dragon's bed, and the dragon slept in the cat's bed! When he got all of the stuff he needed for the cat, he forgot the cat!

Diane says

My students love this series!

J says

I read the Spanish version of this because I'm trying to learn the language and I instantly fell in love with the illustrations of the Dragon holding and cuddling the kitty when I leafed through it the day I found it. I'm sure some of it was lost on me, but I got most of it. It's super cute.

John says

The tale of Dragon and his fat cat begins with a humble dragon sitting in his living room on a snowy January night. All is peaceful until Dragon hears a "meow" coming from outside his front door. After the cat refuses to come in from the cold Dragon grabs it and places it next to the fire. The story continues with Dragon trying to make living arrangements for the cat in his house but he quickly learns that taking care of a pet is no easy work. The fat cat is constantly making messes in Dragon's house until finally the "mail-mouse" suggests a trip to the pet store. Once there Dragon is helped by a friendly pig who gets him everything the cat will need. Once Dragon gets home and sets up the new bed, litter box, and toys he realizes he has left the cat at the pet store. Dragon eventually finds the cat and its new litter of kittens. Of course Dragon is more than

happy to keep them as his own.

I believe this is an excellent read for children of primary age. The dragon shows throughout the course of the story how while having a pet is a great experience it is also hard work and a large responsibility. I would recommend this tale to any parent whose thinking of getting their child a new pet. It could be a great way to show them how to be an excellent owner.
