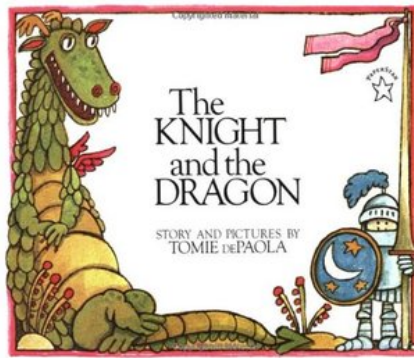




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What happens when a sheepish knight and a not-so-fierce dragon fight for the very first time? Well, it's no ordinary battle since the knight has to go to the castle library to learn about dragon-fighting and the dragon must dig through his ancestor's things to find out how to fight a knight! Spontaneity of line and feeling are backed by zesty colors and a jovial, tongue-in-cheek tone to which children can relate. A top springtime choice. --*Booklist* There's a swirl of good-humored life to the book. --*The New York Times Book Review*

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Dolly says

This is a fun take on the Dragon vs. Knight tale. I love that they went to the library to learn more about their quest. Our girls really enjoyed this book; we like all of Tomie dePaola's stories.

Tom Ericksen says

I thought that this book was cute. You don't often get stories about kind dragons, so when this ended with a collaboration I was shocked. The art is adorable, and this is another great book to read to younger kids who would liek to elaborate on the inner workings of a dragon's mind.

Evan says

[Make BBQ not war resolution. (hide spoiler)]

Dionne says

Wonderful story about going against stereotypes of what you should be based on who you are as seen by others. As well as how to solve a problem together with a perceived adversary. Toddlers love this book to be read to them!

Micah Elliott says

I am so sick of this book! My twin boys have been fascinated with this story for two years now. We are swimming in books here at home, but month after month this one continues to find its way to the evening "cuddle up with a book" time. The lack of words has encouraged a lot of sound effects, and there is just enough animosity between the knight and dragon to make it a little bit scary. Despite the failure at destroying each other, the two ultimately become business partners. The example is sufficiently classic to fill a whole chapter of the well-known marketing book, How to Drive Your Competition Crazy. Make sure to look at some other DePaola titles, too -- my kids love them all.

Sun Bee says

Well, you can't go wrong with getting a Tomie dePaola book but this one is particularly brilliant! A really fun and clever story with beautiful and vivid illustrations. In addition, the book delivers an excellent message. A wonderful book! One of our new favorite books at home.

Amanda Grooms says

Super cute book, and Z loves the illustrations. I enjoy reading this to him, and he loves having it read to him. I love hearing him say "dragon" (he just makes a short, throaty growl). <3

Denis A. says

Half of the book has narrative and the other half is word-less. I might hold off introducing this one to little ones due to some of the more violent parts. That being said my three year old loves anything to do with dragons, dinosaurs, trucks, power tools, TMNT. But what draws him to the story is the cover that shows the dragon and knight. The part I found a little squeamish was the illustrated page of the knight honing all of his weapons in preparation to fight the dragon. Not anything horrible and the page is word less so adult readers can use their storytelling skills to avert attention from the weapons, make the best of it, or skip the page all together, but it was a bit unexpected. The story finishes strong but way too abrupt. Five stars for the story, minus one for the violence, add another for being a wordless-- five star story.

Emily says

Super cute.

Zee says

This is a charming picture book for very young children with great illustrations and a story that is both sweet and funny. While this is very much a book for very young kids, it's got appeal for a wider audience, too. An adult reader can get through the whole text in, oh, I doubt it would take a whole minute, but then you'd be missing out on the clever details in the adorable artwork. Read this to your kids, read it yourself, it's great either way.

Robert Davis says

Cute tale of a young knight and a young dragon who prepare to battle each other for no particular reason.

Brooke Milone says

The Knight and the dragon read how to fight each other. They read books and learn how to battle against each other, but they fail at it because they don't know how to fight. The princess gives them each a book about cooking and barbecuing. They end up being friends in the end and hangout with each other!

Miriam says

What do you do when you need to fight a knight or a dragon but don't know how to go about it?

Obviously!

Megan Palasik says

I am a speech-language pathologist and I like to use wordless (or almost wordless) books with my preschoolers sometimes to practice their speech sounds in a conversational context, as well as informally assess their sentence structure and story telling skills.

I first want to say that I love Tomie dePaola's books. His illustrations have a uniqueness about them where they show the story with a couple of extra details, but not so many details that the page is overwhelming and difficult for preschoolers to understand. His books use great vocabulary and story structure to them, with and without words.

This book is an almost wordless picture book. It is about a knight and a dragon. Each character has never fought the other before and decide that it's time to do so. However, before they fight, they must learn how to fight. Each finds a book and reads about how to do their respective parts. The knight reads about making armor and gets all of his gear ready. The dragon reads about swishing his tail and practicing looking fierce. Then they practice on dummies. When they are ready to fight, the line up, charge, and miss! In the end, they don't fight at all, but read new books about making and cooking a bar-b-q.

My students love this book! They love that it has a dragon and a fight! (except there isn't a fight in the end). I love that it introduces them to vocabulary like knight, shield, armor, helmet, lance, sword, castle, cave, and more! Great preschool book!

Luisa Knight says

Be ready for a delicious little twist at the end! Very sweet and fun!

Ages: 4 - 8

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