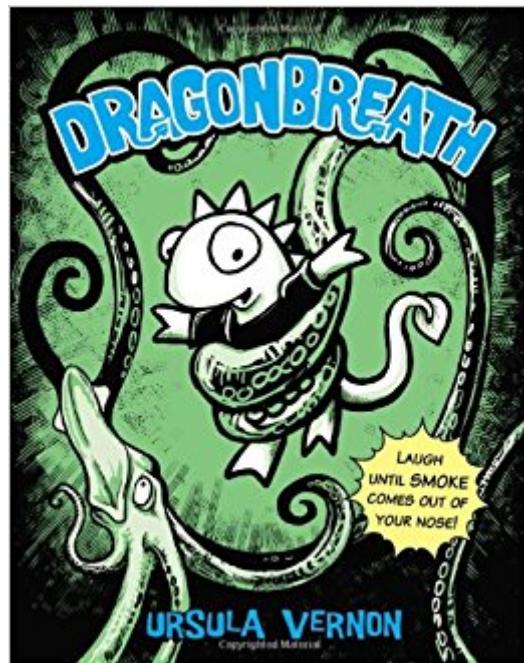


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Dragonbreath #1



Synopsis

Danny Dragonbreath can't breathe fire, but he has no fear. And that comes in handy when a bad grade at school inspires him to enlist his cousin the sea-serpent's help with a research project. Using a hybrid of comic-book panels and text, Ursula Vernon introduces an irresistible set of characters that will have readers laughing until smoke comes out of their noses!

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Vernon's (Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a Somewhat Brave Shrew) fiction/graphic novel hybrid stars an audacious young dragon who can't get the knack of breathing fire. After Danny Dragonbreath gets an F on his science paper about the ocean-written at the last-minute on the school bus and describing "the rare and elusive snorkelbat"-his teacher tells him to rewrite it. To research the topic, Danny and his pal Wendell, a timid iguana, head for the Sargasso Sea. Guided by Danny's sea serpent cousin, Edward, the two encounter creatures like an octopus that can become polka-dotted or striped, "mermen" guarding Atlantis and a vampire squid that emits "a cloud of glowing snot." (They also learn about the bends, which Edward equates to "shaking a can of soda, only inside your body.") Illustrated with comic book-style art with a lime-green wash, the story

gets some spark from wry asides presented in speech balloons ("Why couldn't you have gone to the library instead?" wails Wendell as a giant squid approaches). But scattered amusing snippets don't quite keep the tale afloat. Ages 8-12. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Grade 2-4 •
•Danny Dragonbreath feels like a loser in more ways than one. No matter how hard he tries, he can't muster up even one lukewarm dragon's breath. Now he's in trouble with his teacher at the Herpitax-Phibbias School for Reptiles and Amphibians. He handed in a carelessly written paper on the ocean and received a well-deserved F. Now he must rewrite the paper. To research the topic he talks to his cousin, a sea serpent. Along with Danny's iguana friend, Wendell, Edward takes them on an underwater adventure to the Sargasso Sea. The adventure becomes life-threatening when Danny and Wendell are attacked by a giant squid. Danny must save his friend and does so with a long-awaited fire breath. Not only is Danny a hero but he gets an A on his re-submitted paper. The exchanges between the less-adventurous and nervous Wendell and nonchalant Danny make this a laugh-out-loud read. The text is generously illustrated with engaging, comic-book style cartoons in green, black, and white, many full page and others that cover several spreads. This humorous adventure story will appeal to reluctant readers and children seeking early chapter books. •Tina Martin, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, IL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My son read this and said "mom can we get more of these?" He has been a reluctant reader so we encourage him to read anything that interests him. He's 10 so it may have been a bit easy for him but he really liked it. We will get the rest of this series. I chose this book because I was getting a variety of books to peak his interest. This was the first one he chose to read.

My son is 8 and is not the best reader but loves books. He wants to read books on his interest level and that are cool. They can be very hard to find. This book series is awesome for him because he can read it, but it is still age appropriate as well! Fun illustrations & stories.

Managed to keep my 8-year-old daughter's attention. I haven't noticed her rereading it, but she did get through it pretty quickly, and I do consider her a reluctant reader, so that's worth it for me.

I bought these for a ten year old who had read one in school and he liked them so much that I have bought the whole series for him and will be buying more as they are available. I gave the 5 star because he loved them so much that he would not hardly put them down until finished.

G-dtr was very happy with the set. I'd buy again

I like the witty shifting between comics and text. I like the auThor' s humor, and the shifts of view between the schoolboy dragon and the nurdy iguana as they amuse each other. I dislike that I gave this one star by accident; it deserved five.

A big hit with my 7 year old, who is a reluctant reader.

This is the first book that has really captured my 8 year old's attention - he borrowed it from the library twice before we bought it for him. Definitely engaging, and good for an early reader who wants to transition to "real" books.

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