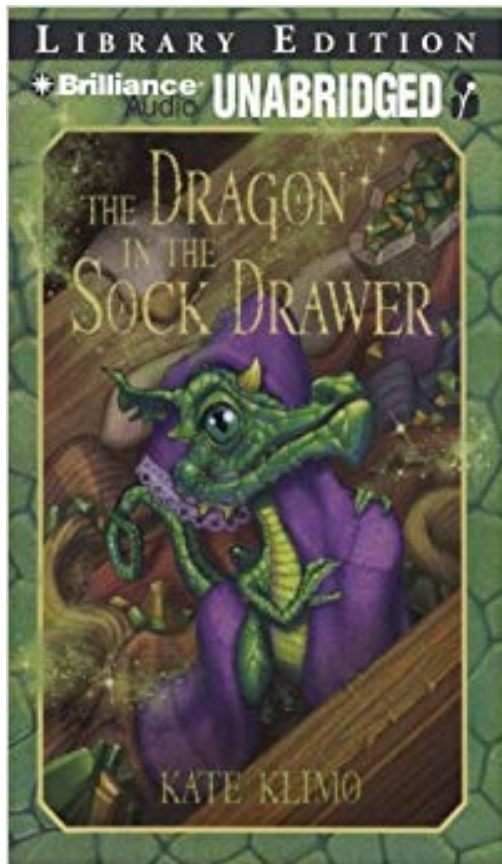


The Dragon in the Sock Drawer (Dragon Keepers Series) by Walter M. Mayes, Kate Klimo



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Grade Level: 3-4 Age Level: 8-9 Listening Level: Grade 3-4 Ten-year-old cousins Jesse and Daisy have always wanted something magical to happen to them. So it's a dream come true when Jesse's newly found thunder egg hatches and a helpless, tiny (but very loud) baby dragon pops out. Jesse names the bright green dragon Emmy, short for Emerald. Soon the two kids are at Emmy's beck and call, trying to figure out what to feed her. An Internet search leads them to the library and then back to the Internet, where they find a strange Web site called foundadragon.org. Here Jesse and Daisy discover that the little dragon's hatching means that they are now Dragon Keepers, and not only do they have to feed Emmy but they also have to keep her safe from the villainous Saint George, who has kept himself alive over centuries by drinking dragons' blood. In *The Dragon in the Sock Drawer*, the first in a new series, author Kate Klimo has cleverly imagined what it would be like if a couple of modern-day kids had to raise a dragon.



Reviews of the **The Dragon in the Sock Drawer (Dragon Keepers Series)** by Walter M. Mayes, Kate Klimo

Framokay

My six year old granddaughter has just learned to read. She is somewhat advanced for age 6 and she loves dragons. I bought this book for her and daddy to read together but she opened the book and started reading the first page. It is a bit above her reading level but yet she was so interested in the story she can't put it down. She continues to sound out words and is completely inspired to read the story herself! Amazing. Her dad said she can't put it down . It was like a light bulb went on and she discovered she can read it herself and get the adventure of reading and the story about the dragon in the sock drawer. Wonderful book for her !! I am ordering the whole series for her and will give them to her one at a time as she finishes each book. She discovered reading and the adventures it can bring through this wonderful book.

Fenrinos

I read this book out loud to my two boys - ages 6 and 7.5. They love all things magic, fantasy and mystery. They thoroughly enjoyed this book, and wanted me to keep reading more chapters every night. My 6-year-old is a bit sensitive, so whenever the bad guy was searching for Emmy, he would get nervous, but he made it through with some hugs and reassurance that everything would be ok. They absolutely loved the 1st half when the kids are trying to feed Emmy, and they were roaring with laughter during those scenes.

They found Emmy very lovable and loved her stilted "ET"-like speech pattern, and I enjoyed reading it to them that way because it made her even more endearing to us.

I didn't have a problem with the characterization or any issues with the plot as some other reviewers mentioned. For one thing, the characters are kids. Sometimes they don't connect the dots in life, and that is realistic. One reviewer mentioned that the kids hung signs around town even though they knew there was a villain looking for a dragon. Well, they didn't know there was a villain right there in their town for a fact (Jesse had simply seen a black car lurking around, and a dragon expert over the Internet said to watch out for the dragon slayer). They thought the fuzzy picture and weak description of the "lizard" on the flyers would be enough to disguise the fact that it was actually a dragon. They were begrudgingly putting up the flyers to please a parent, so with those factors in mind, the actions were believable to me.

There are a few references to The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and since my boys are unfamiliar with that story, I had to explain a little about it to them, but that was fine.

Overall, a great start to the series. I'll pre-read the next book before reading it to my kids just to make sure it doesn't go into too much of the mystical, but hopefully we can continue through the series.

Perdana

I read this book to my first-grader, and it really appeals to her imagination. It's a little beyond her reading level (probably 3rd-grade level, I'd say), but reading it to her motivates her to want to read books without pictures (only the chapter heads have pictures). We'll be starting volume 2 soon -- I hope more keep coming.

Reading a chapter aloud takes about 15-20 minutes (there are about a dozen chapters, fairly evenly sized).

In terms of adult-appeal, it isn't quite as good as e.g. Harry Potter, but the plot line and

characterization is still sufficient to keep one from falling over with boredom. There is enough in there to have good chats with my children about the story and the topics. The protagonists (Daisy and Jesse, about ten years old) aren't goody two-shoes, but they're pretty sensible children overall -- I don't have to worry about the book imbuing poor habits (though there is a lesson about telling the truth in there).

Highly recommended.

Tekasa

This is a cute middle grade or upper elementary fantasy about two cousins who find a dragon in a geode. Jesse and Daisy are best friends and both are believers in magic. They have created their own magical museum in an abandoned barn that has become their playhouse. Daisy's dad is a geologist. On one trip with him, Jesse finds a geode that his uncle calls a thunder egg. What he doesn't mention right away is that the egg talks to him. After Uncle Joe is unsuccessful at cutting open the geode, Jesse stores it in his sock drawer.

In just a little while the egg hatches and Jesse and Daisy are first met with the challenge of finding something the dragon they name Emerald but call Emmy can eat. I think kids will enjoy the one-sided food fight as the kids try to find something Emmy likes when she decides to spit out what she doesn't. Being modern kids they go to the internet and Google to learn more about the dragon. They find a website and get some tips at [...]

But there is a villain in the story too. Professor St. George, pronounced Sin George, is on the hunt for a dragon. He plans to raise it and drink its blood. The kids need to be creative to keep Emmy away from the evil scientist.

This was a fun story that will appeal to middle grade and younger fantasy lovers. I recommend it.
Ffan

The Dragon in the Sock Drawer is a first rate read for anyone of any age! Though the story was written for a young reader, the author, Kate Limo, added enough action and suspense to keep anyone interested. In the first story of this series, her dragon character, Emmy, is just an egg and then a newborn baby dragon, whose care is taken on by two young people, who in turn become her Dragon Keepers. As Emmy grows & learns, so do the children. In fact, the young Dragon Keepers learn two valuable lessons, first the importance of taking on responsibility. And secondly, not to judge a book by its cover, in other words, that one should not accept something or someone just based on appearance or what has "always been accepted as fact". The children learn to make up their own minds based on their observations and experience. But the best thing about this series is Emmy The Dragon!! What a delightful character Kate has created! So, if you enjoy fantasy and are looking for something a little more on the lighter side, this dragon's tale should fit the bill.

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