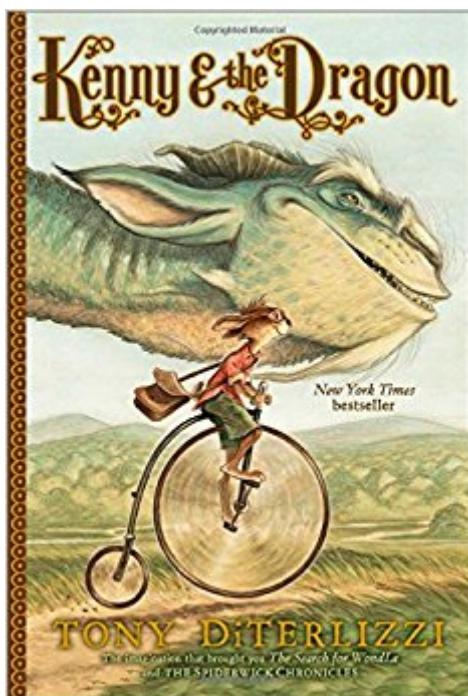


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# Kenny & The Dragon



## Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6 •Kenny's father brings home a fearsome description of an enormous creature: "...one of them flying things that eats pretty maidens and burns castles to the ground." Instead of being frightened, Kenny, a curious and well-read rabbit, wants to meet the beast. His father, not too bright in some ways but quite sensible in others, is sure Kenny can handle it, but Kenny's no-nonsense mother insists, "Dishes and homework first." What follows is a delightful riff on Kenneth Grahame's classic *The Reluctant Dragon*, starring a dragon named Grahame that can delicately torch himself with the flames from his left nostril and has no interest in killing anyone. Before long, rumors and fear create a mob mentality among the local townspeople, and Kenny has to come up with a plan to prevent the retired dragon slayer (George, of course) from killing Grahame. This is a fun story with substance. At one point, Kenny wonders, "How can they want someone killed they don't even know?... How can George just blindly do whatever the king says?" The civilizing influence of literature is another theme that has relevance for today's readers. Lively pencil sketches add to the charm. The author's reputation will enhance the popularity of this solid fantasy.

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> is the author of the >bestselling > and the co-creator of the > bestselling series The Spiderwick Chronicles. He also illustrated the Caldecott Honor Book >. He lives with his family in western Massachusetts. Visit him at DiTerlizzi.com.

This is, quite obviously, an anthropomorphic version of the story, where all of the "humans" in the story are rabbits, squirrels, badgers, etc. Even the dragon has fur. I've listened to this book on audio multiple times, but I wanted the print book because the illustrations are adorable.

We love "Kenny and The Dragon"! Tony DiTerlizzi is an excellent author and artist. This book motivated my son, a 7 year old who refused to read on his own, to start reading. Perfect for ages 7-9 or as a family read aloud. Imaginative and fun, now we are buying the book to share with others as a gift.

I picked this great book for a night time family read with my three children. We read a chapter a night until the last three chapters. The kids begged to keep reading. I was so into it, I thought about reading ahead...but didn't. We loved the story line and page turning adventure. Would strongly recommend this book for kids.

I really enjoyed this book. It reads very well and the characters are super engaging. I had some trouble with the digital content. Page 96 is missing from my digital copy which threw a wrench into the very important chapter in the book. There are also a few typos. Not sure if they were due to the digital conversion or part of what slid by the editor.

I first read this to my 5 year old daughter as a library book check out. I read it out loud and it was such a cute story that even my 10 year old son decided to listen in. We liked it so much that I bought it for my daughter's birthday. It is definitely a family favorite now.

we are huge Tony DiTerlizzi fans in this house. So the kids adored this new story from Mr. DiTerlizzi! it's a great addition to any home library.

Beautiful cover..would love prints; and beautiful story. I'm over 50 and read the story through in a day; such a delight. Now have read it to my grandchildren to their delight. Heart warming and family

oriented theme with excitement and learning lessons for all

I like how the author described about every character and how they looked. The best part was when gordon was fighting the dragon and kill him. I dont want to spoil any more parts!!

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