

WHEN YOU MEET A DRAGON



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Dragons might be powerful... but so are people.

IT'S A NORMAL DAY IN YOUR NORMAL TOWN. You are all alone when you spot a dragon overhead. You know you can't defeat it by yourself, so you call for help. Your friends, family and neighbors all band together. Some do the firefighting, some try to reason with the dragon and some are fierce and fearless. Just when it seems the beast has won, more people arrive and rally against it. Finally, the dragon flees! And now, if it ever comes back, you'll be ready to face it, together.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- A child is alone when they spot a terrifying dragon in the sky. They rally their community to defend their town, and with everyone united, the dragon flees.
- The story of vanquishing an enemy has a double meaning as a metaphor of a child facing any new challenge or fear. The story's message is that, while you might feel alone, you can gather the support of others to help you get through. It shows both a child's bravery and leadership but also how important one's support system is during tough times.
- The setting is a modern-day city, giving this dragon tale a fresh and relatable feel.
- In Udayana Lugo's colorful illustrations, there's plenty of fun to balance the suspense and peril, with animal helpers and lots of background detail (and subtle humor).



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This book is dedicated to the smallest activists and
the ones who sometimes feel small.
Yes, there are scary things out there, but nothing that
we can't overcome if we work together.

—Tanya and Udayana

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A dragon so big, it fills the sky.



You can't fight a dragon by yourself.



So you call to your family, your neighbors and your friends. You gather a few strangers too.



Somehow you must convince them all to face the dragon.



Even when certain people have other ideas.



You help everyone find a job to do.

Some of your friends are excellent firefighters.



And some are fierce and fearless.





Others are wise and patient. They can climb right up to the beast's enormous ear and convince it to do anything...



Well, almost anything.

Ever since the dragon arrived, you've been working hard. Really hard! It's a good thing you have strong friends. Because sometimes you get tired.





And you need a lot of help.

This dragon is more powerful
than you thought possible.

You and your friends
keep each other going.
“Don’t give up,” you say.
“We can’t give up!”

You say it even when
everything is dark. You
whisper it when you’re
scared. You repeat it to
anyone who will listen.
We won’t give up.







Then people arrive from nearby towns. They want to help too! You march. You shout. All of you, together, take one step and then another toward the huge beast.

And just when you think you'll never succeed, it unfurls its wings...

And takes flight.



You cheer. You hug. You dance in the streets.



But...

Wait!

Weren't you supposed to slay the dragon?
What if it comes back?




It might. But deep down you know you'll be okay.

You have a lot of friends now, and you understand how to work together. Even if the dragon does return, you'll never have to face it alone.



Not ever again.





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