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When George finds a large, mysterious egg in the chicken coop, he can't resist taking it to his room and waiting to see what will happen. He nurtures the giant egg with bedtime stories and makes sure to keep it warm. Then one day out hatches a dragon! George is excited to take on the responsibility of raising his newborn friend and quickly instructs him in all things dragon-y -- how to fly, breathe fire, distress damsels, and defeat knights. But what to do when his dragon becomes lonely for other dragon friends? This gentle fantasy with charming illustrations offers an original take on the relationship between a boy and a beast, suggesting the pangs parents might feel when their own little one grows up and becomes more independent.

The Egg Details

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From Reader Review The Egg for online ebook

Sara says

Beautiful artwork. A simple fantasy story for younger readers.

Vicki says

When George discovers a rather large egg in his mother's chicken house he feels it is his responsibility to care for the egg. Then it hatches. It is a dragon. The story takes you on a cute adventure of a boy and his dragon.

Heather says

Picture Book

A boy finds a giant egg in his mother's hen house which definitely does not contain a baby chicken. The story is a lot of fun to read.

When I do fairy and folk tales in my classroom I like this one because it is updated and current without detracting from the enjoyment of the elements which make a good fairytale.

Elizabeth says

My son likes it. we found a rock in our yard that looks like an egg so this was a big hit.

It is about the right length, not too long, not too short. it has good illustrations.

I think my son also likes it because a little boy gets to be the dragon's mother. He was reluctant to accept the news that boys can't be mommies when we discussed where babies come from, so i think that is part of the appeal of this book for him. also dragons.

Donna Hunt says

cute short children's book about a boy who finds a dragon egg in the chicken coop, takes care of it in his bedroom until it hatches and raises the dragon teaching it all the ways of the dragons, finally the dragon takes him to where all the other dragons live, far far away, and says goodbye to the boy and thanks him for all he's done.

Ina says

This book was the perfect lead in to our final storytime/party activity which was a "dragon egg hunt" Ok, so everyone played along and pretended not to notice that our dragon eggs looked suspiciously like plain old plastic easter eggs! This book starts strong and has great illustrations, is funny and sad in places...but as a read aloud, it doesn't flow as smoothly as some of the other books I have read. Maybe the book tries to cover too much in too short a time, but I almost feel like I have skipped a page here and there as the story takes an unexplained jump. Overall, it is great fun when a boy hatches a mysterious egg, which turns out to contain a dragon.

June says

Used this at our Eggstravaganza and had some fathers laughing. A boy finds "more than he had bargained for under his mother's favorite chicken." He moves the egg to his bedroom & reads it stories. The 3rd night a dragon hatches. George precedes to teach it dragon ways. 3/24/12

Used again at our Eggstravaganza. Had a couple precocious children, whose comments had the adults laughing. 3/27/13

Selected at PJ Story Time. Enjoyed by the older kids.

Toastkat says

Another cute addition to any little-one's library. Short and sweet, "The Egg" is the story of a mysterious giant egg a young boy finds and what hatches afterwards. As with most children's books, it ends with just enough that a child could continue the story if they wanted, carrying on the adventures and ideas that the author didn't write and the illustrator didn't draw. This would make a fun read-aloud book for nearly any occasion.

n says

I like that the male main character is shown as nurturing; this is something distinctly lacking in a lot of children's books (at least, with experience of the 800+ I've recently catalogued into my school's library, including a lot of 'diverse' titles). So that's positive. Also, dragons are cool? And it linked nicely to show a good relationship.

Otherwise, it wasn't incredibly interesting. In maintaining the damsel-in-distress stereotype for dragon stories, it also had the main character's sister tied up? Which was weird.

Charles Martin says

George finds a giant egg in the hen house and raises it on his own. Once the dragon is born, George becomes

its mother. One of the themes of the book is that George understands the dragon even though they don't speak the same language. I would use this idea to talk about nonverbal communication or communicating with people of different cultures. Ideally, I would like to get my students writing pen pal notes to students of different cultures, languages, or countries. I would hope students would develop different ways, like pictures and nonverbal communication, to communicate meaning and understanding in their letters.

The Styling Librarian says

The Egg by M.P. Robertson – Older – 2001 – Cute little book about a boy who hatches an egg and then raises a dragon. Special story showing responsibility and caring, especially the portion when the character learns how to say goodbye. I love randomly finding books that catch my eye... This book had that appealing cover that made me immediately open the book.

Perfect pairing with Horton Hatches The Egg by Dr. Seuss!

Philitsa says

My 3-year-old came home from school yesterday babbling on and on about the kid who was on his bed and had a giant egg and there was a green eye peeking out of the egg and out came a dragon and he took care of the dragon. It was clearly library day at school, and this was her choice to borrow. My gal doesn't need no stinkin' princess books!

It's a cute tale, shows a male being nurturing, and has **dragons**. What more can you ask for?

Mary says

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**Fantasy/Science Fiction Picture Book

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I enjoyed reading this book for a few reasons. One is I am not usually a huge fan of fantasy and science fiction books, but this short children's book kept my attention the entire book because of the detailed pictures that fit the text so well. The illustrations added meaning to text written and parts of the story the author left out. Another reason I enjoyed the book was because it had a deep theme. There was a true connection between the boy, George, and the dragon that hatched from what was thought to be a chicken egg. George believed it was his duty to raise the dragon like his mother would have done. He soon finds out the dragon is having a hard time because he is not around his own kind. The picture book has a cute ending between the dragon and George. (I won't spoil it!) I highly recommend using this book in a classroom of children from ages 5-9. Especially students who are interested in fantasy and science fiction books!

Sophie Freeman says

A beautiful heartwarming story. The fun, imaginative tale would support and guide children in writing their own imaginative journey.

Susan says

It's lovely--both pictures and text. But with a sour note--dragons didn't specifically distress damsels and so there was no need to add a picture that was specifically oppressive to a little girl. It ruins the book for girls. What a dumb thing to do!
