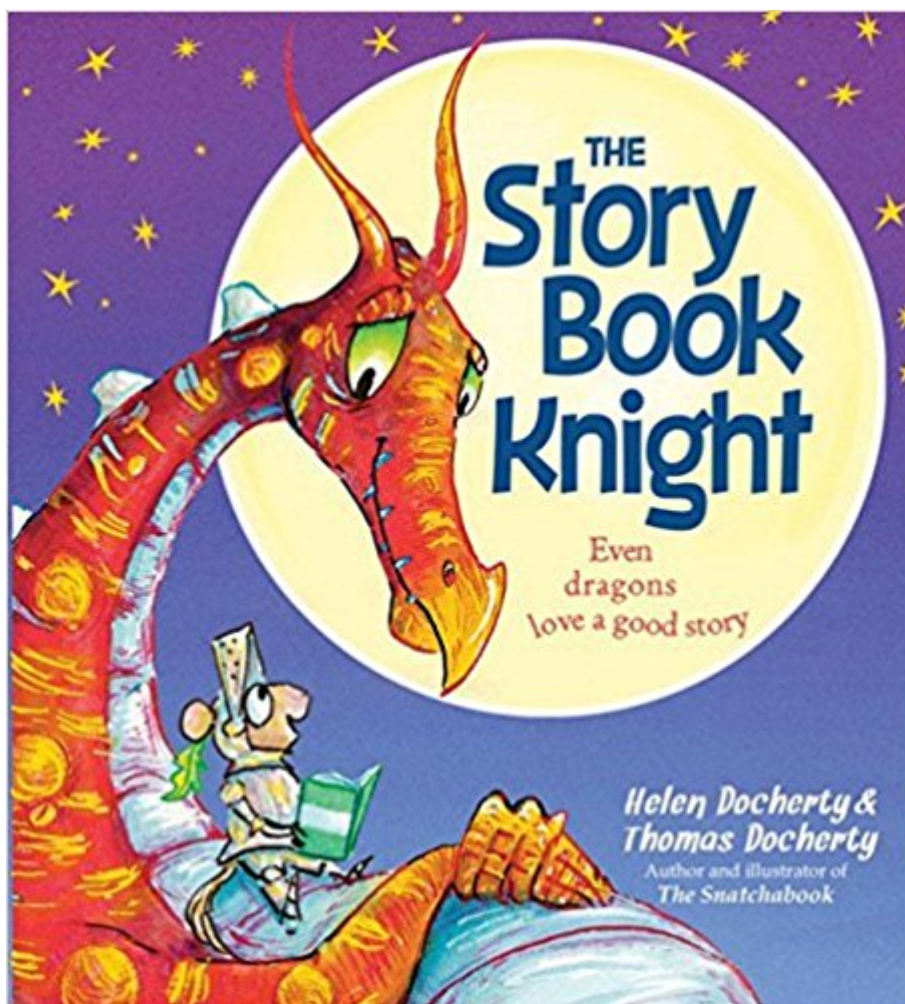


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# The Storybook Knight



## Synopsis

Even dragons love a good story...Leo was a gentle knight in thought and word and deed. While other knights liked fighting, Leo liked to sit and read...When Leo's mom and dad pack him off to fight a dragon, he takes a shield, a sword and a pile of his favorite books. But can a story be as mighty as a sword? Praise for *The Snatchabook*: #1 Indie Next Pick "I dare you to try to read *The Snatch-a-book* silently to yourself. You can't do it. The book is so wonderful it demands to be read out loud. And besides, if you didn't read the book out loud, how would the *Snatch-a-book* hear it?" — Caldecott Medalist Brian Selznick "This ever-so-sweet story begs to be read out loud." — Booklist "The gorgeous illustrations are a perfect match for the lively text. This book is a fabulous fit for both storytime and one-on-one reading. Children will be begging for this book to be read to them every night; clever ones will claim they want to keep the *Snatchabook* happy." — School Library Journal "The husband-and-wife team of the Dochertys have a winner in this heartwarming tribute to the essential role of bedtime reading in the lives of families." — Publishers Weekly "The story is sweet and the illustrations darling." — Kirkus "This whodunit with an uplifting ending will appeal to fans of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* . . . [it] celebrates bedtime reading as a ritual to be revered, and features a thief who merely wants to share in the fun." — Shelf Awareness Pro

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## Customer Reviews

"The Storybook Knight" is an absolutely delightful tale of Leo, a knight (mouse) who doesn't like to fight. He is sent on a quest to defeat a dragon who has been terrorizing people. He encounters a scary griffin, troll, and the dragon on his quest. Instead of fighting them, he offers to read them a story and then gives them the book, sating their anger and giving them something more productive to do. He returns home victorious to be left in peace to read. The prose is quite poetic and the story is very fun! I loved the way he dealt with the bullies (mythical beasts). The pictures are absolutely gorgeous with so much color and beautiful combinations of color on fur and wings. It's a lovely and fun story that will have children giggling and mesmerized! I think this is one I will need to purchase to keep on my shelf! Please note that I received an advanced digital copy from the publisher through netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

The story is fun; the drawings are charming; the rhymes are delightful. The framing story here is pretty direct - Leo the mouse is sent out to find glory as a knight, but he'd rather read a book than fight. It turns out that the book is mightier than the sword, and Leo tames and befriends a number of scary critters during the course of his quest. Some "reading is good!!" books are so pushy or heavy-handed that I sometimes suspect that they may actually turn off some kids. Not so with the Docherty books. Just as in their earlier and very successful title "The Snatchabook" the Dochertys tell a story loaded with charm and excitement that just happens to highlight the pleasures of reading. No preaching or table pounding here. Leo has adventures and finds himself in some sticky situations, but his imagination and cleverness always see him through. He is gentle and kind and friendly, and he is drawn in exactly that fashion, which makes Leo very appealing and inviting. Full color pastel shades are comfortable and the slightly cartoony line work makes everything on the page kid friendly. I'm sometimes surprised by the poor meter and rhyme scheme in some kid's books, considering that the idea is to make the poems accessible and engaging. That's not a problem here. The narrative is very readable, with a strong rhythm and pretty ambitious vocabulary. The overall effect is upbeat, but mellow enough for bedtime. So, a cheerful and inviting find that feels like it could be a happy family choice. (Please note that I received a free advance will-self-destruct-in-x-days Adobe Digital copy of this book in exchange for a candid review.)

Let me start off by saying this..I LOVE THIS BOOK!! It might be because I am a huge bookworm myself, but it could also be because the artwork is gorgeous and that I really enjoyed the story itself too. The Storybook Knight is about a little mouse knight. However, he isn't what you normally think of when you think of a knight. He is not much of a fighter, he is more of a reader (much to his

parents dismay). So one day, his parents find an ad looking for a knight to tame a dragon and they send their son off! However, he doesn't fight like a knight normally would. He never even lifts his sword (except to point out that he has one). Instead, he takes out a book about whatever creature it is that he encounters on his journey and reads it to them! This settles down the creatures and allows him to continue on. Not a conventional method for a knight by any means, but it is very effective. I really like how this book doesn't condone that you need to fight to be brave and to solve your problems. That you can use a book (and your smarts) and find a solution. Also, I like that it shows that books bring people (or creatures!) together! And the artwork...it is gorgeous! So beautifully done. It is bright without being over whelming and it is a lot of fun to look at. It has a watercolor and ink quality to it and is just gorgeous. It really adds to the story. Needless to say, I am a huge fan of The Storybook Knight! This review is based on a copy provided by the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own. Find more of my reviews here:[...]

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