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The Dragon Keepers have a new mission!

It's been raining for days, and dragon keepers Jesse and Daisy have been stuck inside with their dragon, Emmy. As soon as the rain stops, they are out of the house in a flash. First on their list of things to do? To find out what the villainous Dr. St. Georgeâ€"a dragon slayer in disguiseâ€"is up to.

But Dr. St. George isn't in his office at the college, and all of his stuff is gone! Jesse, Daisy, and Emmy quickly discover St. George's latest evil plan: to take over the forest and find the magic golden ax that is buried there. To make matters worse, he has also enslaved the mythical beings that are returning to Goldmine City. Can the two dragon keepers and their dragon free the hobgoblins and dryads under St. George's power and return the forest to right?

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Tisha says

This is a really fun series. The characters are great.

Liana says

Brilliant! I fell in love with the first book of the Dragon Keepers series, and I loved the second one too! Like the first book, I couldn't stop reading this one, and it had me laughing through every chapter.

This book caught me a little bit off guard, only because it was a LOT heavier on the fantasy side of things compared to the first book. But that's fine! Just in comparison to the first book, it was a lot different in that way.

I'm thoroughly enjoying this series, and I'd recommend it to any child who loves fun fantasy filled adventures! (And even adults like me...! Shhh.) :x

Conan Tigard says

In The Dragon in the Driveway, St. George is back, although he really doesn't make an appearance until the end of the book. You know that he is out there performing horrible deed, you just don't get to see him right away. He is a nasty piece of work, but that is what makes him a magnificent villain. Being a tree hugger, I was quite upset with him when he was bulldozing down all the trees in the forest. That, in my opinion, is just wrong.

Emmy is now a month old and a lot bigger than she was in the first book. Instead of sleeping in a sock drawer, she sleeps in a box in the garage that is filled with socks. I wondered about the amount of socks that Jesse and Daisy had to give up to provide a comfortable bed for a dragon the size of a pony. I would think that it would have to be hundreds. Where did they get that many socks?

If this book is about the earth elementals, am I to suppose that there will also be books about the air, water, and fire elementals? If so, that will be wonderful as Young Readers will have plenty of books in this collection to read and reread again. The more books in a series . . . the better.

Kate Klimo continues the story of Emerald the dragon in this second book. Young Readers will instantly bond with the two man characters and girls will especially like Emmy. Professor Andersson is a strange and interesting character that the reader doesn't really get to know because he is only accessible via the internet. Luckily, the internet is available to everyone, so all a young reader has to do to talk with the professor yourself is visit his website at www.foundadragon.org.

The artwork by John Shroades compliments the story nicely. I like the fact that there is a picture at the beginning of every chapter. They are all very well done.

The pace of the story is quick and the kids always seem to be in danger as they try to figure out what St. George is up to. With Emmy by their side, the three of them must put a stop to St. George's evil plans. After all, Emmy is the only dragon left in the world and she must be protected. Who better to serve as the ultimate guardians than two smart kids?

Overall, The Dragon in the Driveway is a great addition to the Dragon Keeper series. I look forward to seeing how big Emmy gets in Dragon in the Library. I wonder what sort of evil plans will St. George hatch in that book? I'm sure it will lead to no good.

I rated this book an 8 out of 10.

Elizabeth Mallory says

I loved it! The saga continued in its serious, charming way with Emmy the dragon growing more precocious than ever with her two human children Dragon Keepers. Klimo has a great style, accessible for kids, amusing for adults, and intriguing for readers of any age.

Rayshunj says

This book about two kids who gave there, dog a posion and it turned him him into a dragon. Daisy and Jesse went to find the person who made the posion before there parents come home from 2days vacation.

I have a connection to this book because i had to do something before my parents came home also find something my also went on vacation before.

I recommend this book cause it has a lot of aventure

Dustin Crazy little brown owl says

I sure hope this series continues and by the way this second book ended - it looks like it will :-) I like this book even better than the first (Dragon in the Sock Drawer). Elements of the first story which seemed unimportant were focal to the story in Dragon in the Driveway. In my opinion, this book is written better than the Secrets of Droon and better than most of the Magic Tree House books (the Merlin Missions are very good :-) There is more substance and more room in the pages for a better story than the early Droon and MTH books offer.

My favorite memorable passage:

"Beware, lest you judge any living creature based on physical appearance alone." - Chapter 14

The most absurd passage:

"Jesse had once been infested with parasites when they lived in Costa Rica. The doctor there had prescribed a medicine that tasted like skunk soup with mouse turd droppings." - Chapter 8

Silvara Wilde says

Check out my other reviews, discussions and link ups at Fantasy of the Silver Dragon.

In this book we get to meet dryads and hobgoblins, as well as old friends and enemies. I loved how Daisy and Jesse went from thinking the hobgoblins must be evil because they were so ugly, to being friends and finding them kind of cute.

Emmy is larger now, and just as adorable. She's speaking in full sentences, but with her own twists and flair. She's also learning new magics, especially if they help her get her way.

The art is still cute and I love how every chapter has a little glimpse of what's happening because of the pictures.

The book is a quick read, but totally engrossing. There are never any moments that fall into the 'too scary' areas, but at the same time, there's always that little moment of 'will they escape?' If you like books about dragons and haven't read this series yet, you need to give it a try.

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Shala Howell says

The 6YO told me I should give this book a six stars out of five. I did my best.

Lil Akili says

The Dragon In The Driveway

The Dragon in the Driveway by Kate Klimo is part of the dragon keepers series. Jesse and Daisy are the protagonists in this series. In this book, it is a rainy day and Jesse and Daisy are inside with their dragon, Emmy. When the rain stops, the run out of the house and are on a Journey. They are on their way to find their enemy, Dr. St George-a dragon slayer in disguise. They quickly go to the college he "works " at and can't find him in his office. Plus to add insult to injury, he has enslaved mythical creatures that were supposed to bring magic back to the world. They go on another journey to find Dr. St George? Read the book and find out.

Jonah says

I read this book and found it to be much better them the first one, but I'm not saying that I did not like the first one, I loved the first one. And this book really opened the background, the author really had you thinking about gold mine town. Jesse & Daisy were not staying in one place, no they where running every

were, from dell to miss Alodie then to there house. This book really made you think, & that is one of the reasons I loved it.

Bridget R. Wilson says

Jesse, Daisy, and their dragon Emmy mare back in this new book in the Dragon Keepers series. Emmy has a hard time remembering to be an English sheepdog. A disguise is necessary to protect her from the evil St. George. Speaking of, he's keeping a low profile. Jesse and Daisy haven't seen him in days. They decided to check up on him. He's apparently abandoned his ruse as a college professor. Discovering what St. George is up to leads the Dragon Keepers and their dragon on an adventure. They meet dryads and hobgoblins and discover their neighbor is magic. Can they stop St. George from completing whatever dastardly deed he has planned and keep Emmy safe?

What I thought: A fast paced magical read. I continue to enjoy the characters Klimo has created. I especially like the hobgoblin queen and her rhymes. (Reminds me of the dwarfs and their mirrors in 10th Kingdom). I can't wait to see what the next book has in store for Jesse, Daisy, and Emmy.

Darla says

(Genre:Children's Fiction/Fantasy) The sequel to "The Dragon in the Sock Drawer", this one was not quite as good as the first (for an adult....my 10 year old hasn't read it yet and given me his opinion. He will probably like it just fine). There was one particular action sequence that just didn't make a lot of sense to my husband and I, but maybe that is because we are adults. In this adventure, the evil St. George has disappeared from his office/lab at the college and something strange is happening in the deep woods near the Dell. Jessie, Daisy, and their dragon Emmy have to figure out what St. George is up to and try to stop him before it is too late. Fun series for the younger elementary age kids that will appreciate a "cute" dragon.

Anna Nesterovich says

This second book was a lesser success in our family. Even my 6-year-old thinks that there is something wrong with the plot. The heroes didn't get what's going on, have been manipulated all book without even questioning it, and won everything at the end. I hope the next one is better.

Dolly says

This is the second book in the Dragon Keepers series by Kate Klimo and John Shroades. We discovered this series by chance during a library visit and my oldest is enthralled. She read the first two book almost nonstop until she finished them and we've quickly put the next books in the series on hold at our local library. She really hopes that more will be published soon!

I found the book to be a quick, entertaining read. It's a great series to introduce children into the sci-fi/fantasy

genre and has some suspense and adventure without being too scary or weird. Jesse and Daisy, the main characters, are ten-year-old cousins. This preteen, sibling-like pair are brave and love to explore and they remind me of Jack and Annie from The Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne.

I liked the literary references and think that it's a good time to introduce our girls to The Chronicles of Narnia. I also think that it's interesting that Saint George is portrayed as an evil man in this story, since our only exposure to the character has been as a hero in Saint George and the Dragon. I thought that the last third of the book was a bit overly dramatic, but it made for an exciting ending.

Overall, we really enjoyed this book and I can certainly see this series continuing past the first four books that have been published so far.

interesting quote:

"B-b-b-beware, lest you judge any living creature b-b-based on physical appearance alone." (p. 52)

new word: cthonic

Marcia Towey says

The second installment of the Dragon keepers series does not disappoint. The stakes are higher for the kids as they try to protect their growing dragon from the evil Sir George. Lots of adventures with a fantastic trip underground to meet the goblins. (I love goblins - see also The Princess and the Goblin and the world's funniest goblin (or dwarf come to think of it) in the Artemis Fowl books).

I can't wait to read the next one!