

The Village School Children's Book of the Month April 2019

*Raising Dragons* by Jerdine Nolan

reviewed by Martin Brown Kindergarten teacher

We have read and used *Raising Dragons* for many years in the Kindergarten when working with children making their own books and stories about dragons. It's a warm-hearted tale that immediately draws in the reader and paints a picture of a loving world that includes dragons. The first page begins with the sentence 'Pa didn't know a thing about raising dragons' and the second page 'I remember the day my life with dragons began.'

The story begins with a girl on a farm who discovers an egg. When the egg hatches into a dragon, we read, 'It was love at first sight,' and from there on we follow the girl's and dragon's lives intertwined.

Hank the Dragon grows up on the farm helping in unusual ways, including plowing the fields and popping corn with his breath. Soon the publicity catches up with Hank and our young dragon raiser finds a way to save the day with unexpected results. The book's illustrations are as bold, colorful, fun, and engaging as the story. This is a happy, endearing book that is sure to be a favorite with young dragon fans. The suggested audience range for this picture book is three to seven years.