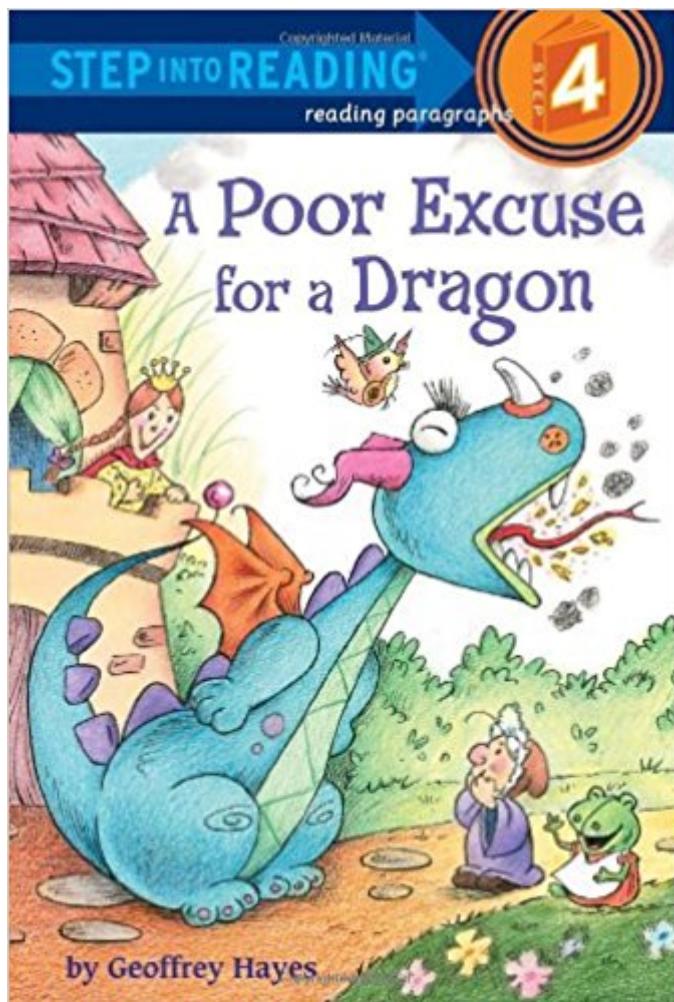


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# A Poor Excuse For A Dragon (Step Into Reading)



## Synopsis

"Punchy dialogue and compact sentences should make this a read-aloud delight." *Publishers Weekly* "Part-slapstick, part-fairy tale, the gently humorous plot has enough twists and turns to keep newly independent readers engaged." *School Library Journal* Fred the dragon has a list of tasks he must complete in order to be a successful dragon—none of which comes naturally. But he's determined to make #5—eat people—work. Before you can say "pass the salt" he's gobbled up three people even though he doesn't have the stomach for it. Luckily a local shepherd, with the help of a giant and a witch, knows how to cure what ails him and get those pesky people out of his belly. It's happily-ever-after for everyone in ways you'd never expect. Geisel award-winning author/illustrator Geoffrey Hayes is a stepped reader maestro. The common threads between his wildly popular Uncle Tooth and Otto SIRs and the more recent Benny and Penny series (Toon Books) are clear and constant. The art is adorable, the characters are bursting with personality, and the stories are humorously subversive. From marauding pirates to misbehaving mice to a dragon who swallows people whole (and then continues to communicate with them in his belly!), Geoffrey always hits that sweet spot for the stepped reader audience—easy to decode, illustrative tales that tickle the funnybone.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Geoffrey Hayes has written and illustrated more than forty children's books, including the popular series of Otto and Uncle Tooth mysteries (Step into Reading), the beloved Bear By Himself, and the Patrick Bear books. In 2010 Geoffrey received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for Benny and Penny in the Big No-No.

A pretty good book but could be scary for smaller children (spoiler alert: the dragon eats some of the other characters). Also, I'm not sure about the illustrations, the princess looks awful whereas the other characters look cute.

I bought this for my son who is seven and loves books. It was quite funny, a little modernized with some crude humor, but fine in my opinion for my seven year old. He thought it was hilarious and we read it over and over quite a few nights before bed. Highly recommend for kids who love silly books and like the independence of being able to read on their own.

Grandson really enjoyed reading this one

This is a cute story that I shared with my kindergarteners and first graders during summer school. We then did illustrations based on the story. These were used as covers for our fairy tale sketchbooks/storybook.

Great book

Bought this for my granddaughter who loves to read and who read this book to me. The story is a typical story for children, but it is really fun.

Cute story for our little reader, it has been read several times, before passing on to others.

this author was a favorite of my children, 15 years ago! Now my granddaughter and I enjoy his work. The stories are cute and funny, and most important the vocabulary is pretty well controlled, which means if a child can read at this level, he or she can really read the book independently, with help

on only a few words. It isn't easy finding a book with all those features.

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