

Naughty Dragons Make Trouble

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Synopsis

In the Laidley Hundreds, dangerous wild dragons roam the Highlands. But dragons aren't born bad – just naughty!

When Ava and Jack's parents agree to foster two young dragons, the siblings can't believe their luck.

But teaching a mischievous pair of dragons how to behave isn't easy, and Jack and Ava will have their work cut out for them with Graun and Fafnine. They might look sweet, but don't let that fool you – these dragons can cause trouble like you wouldn't believe.

Author Bio

Natalie Jane Prior is the author of numerous books for children and young adults, including the bestselling Lily Quench series (Hodder), which has well over half a million copies in print worldwide. Natalie's books have won Aurealis Awards, Davitt Awards, CBCA Awards and numerous children's choice awards. She lives in Brisbane with her family and two miniature dachshunds.



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Illustrator Bio

I'm an illustrator and author with a broad appetite for children's literature, animation, storytelling and design.

I've worked with several major publishers including Scholastic and Allen & Unwin, and I'm currently illustrating furiously for Hardie Grant Egmont on the Naughty Dragons series by Natalie Jane Prior.

My first authored book, Shoosh!, will be published by the State Library of Queensland in late 2020.

I also regularly work with much-loved kids band, Teeny Tiny Stevies, designing, directing and animating their music videos. All of these animations are now screened frequently on ABC Kids Television.

From 2017-19, I helped found Pirate Size Productions, a small company developing and producing high quality entertainment for children, young people and families. Pirate Size works with domestic and international broadcasters and production companies as both a creative service provider, and a producer of original IP.



Discussion Questions

Looking at the text. What do you notice about some of the words on the page? Why do you think there is a larger font for some of the words?

Draw a dragon

The illustrations in the book are black and white, but the author describes what the two little dragons look like. Choose one of the dragons and draw it in full colour using the descriptions found on page 8.

- They are the size of a miniature horse
- One is shiny blue with a golden crest and tummy
- One is smaller, green and bronze
- Short wings
- Claws for hands
- Twisty tails

Dragons At Home Project

If you could have any animal as a pet what would it be?

Ava and Jack's dragons have to have rules to keep the humans safe:

- No flames
- No flying

What rules would you have to have with your pet to keep you safe? Why would it be hard to have this animal as a pet? Do you think you could have a lion as a pet? Or an elephant? Why? Why not?

Can you make a rhyme for your pet, about rules, like they have at the Dragonplay Centre?

- *At Dragonplay we never flame, If toys get burned, it's such a shame.*
- *At Dragonplay, We musn't try, To flap our wings, In case we fly*

Camouflage

Fafnine and Graun can change colour. What other animals can change colour?

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/10-animals-that-can-change-colors.html>

Why do they do this?

Dragon Food

There is a lot of dragon food mentioned in the book. Choose one of these products and design packaging for it. Look at how our everyday foods and drinks are packaged for ideas. What makes some food packing more appealing than others?

- Charcoal chips
- Fireade
- Volcano balls
- Magma jam
- Fire noodles
- Dragon porridge

Writing

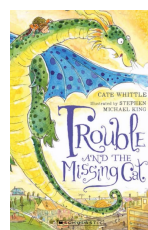
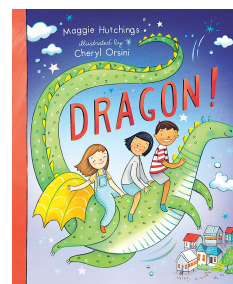
The next book in the Naught Dragon series is called Naughty Dragons At School – write a story about what trouble Graun and Fafnine could get into at school. You might like to present your story using large fonts for some of the words to emphasize them, like in the book.



Other dragon books

Picture books

Dragon – Maggie Hutchings
 Once Upon A Dragon's Fire – Beatrice Blue



Novels

Boy Who Grew Dragons, The - Andy Shepherd
 Trouble and the Missing Cat - Cate Whittle