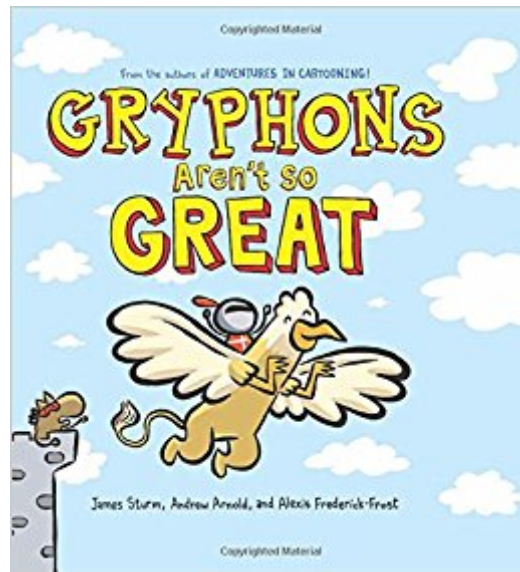




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Gryphons Aren't So Great (Adventures In Cartooning)



Synopsis

The Knight's best friend is her horse, Edward. They go everywhere together and do everything together! But when the Knight gets a gryphon, suddenly all she talks about is how awesome her new pet is. Edward can't help it—she's jealous! But the gryphon turns out to be more of a peril than a pet, and it's Edward who comes to the rescue in the end. It turns out that gryphons aren't so great...but Edward sure is! The second of four adorable picture books from the creators of *Adventures in Cartooning*, *Gryphons Aren't so Great* is a sweet and accessible story in the *Adventures in Cartooning* universe.

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3—The Knight and his horse, Edward, enjoy jumping from great heights into the lake below, but the Knight is soon entranced with the idea of flying after a chance encounter with a gryphon. The "Adventures in Cartooning" cast returns in a medieval story told through sequential art, reminding readers of the loyalty of a good friend and that sometimes taking a ride on a gryphon isn't all it's cracked up to be. Much of the art is composed of simple shapes drawn in a thick line, producing characters that stand out and can be easily drawn or replicated by young readers. The story progresses quickly through the paneled art and the speech bubbles are illustrated to emphasize the emotion conveyed in the dialogue. The character design is great and the art works

hand-in-hand with the text to move the story forward. VERDICT The memorable tale will be enjoyed by a wide range of readers time and again. — Matthew C. Winner, Ducketts Lane Elementary School, Elkridge, MD

"This lively frolic is sure to please young readers." — Kirkus Reviews "The memorable tale will be enjoyed by a wide range of readers time and again." — School Library Journal "Beginning readers new to comics can enjoy the simply drawn, colorful panels and the madcap antics, while parents and teachers can appreciate this story of friendship and loyalty." — Booklist

This is a sweet little book with simple yet ingenious drawings and a short but telling story. Mr. Sturm has a real knack for cartooning, all the pages are a feast for little eyes and his characters are very likeable and very true, even if you never really meet a gryphon of your own. As the book points out, sometimes your best friends are the ones closest to you !

I highly recommend all the Adventures in Cartooning books. I love them as much as my kids do. Edward is my favorite.

We're all big fans of this series in this house, after having been enchanted by the sweet and funny Sleepless Knight, so we were very excited to see this new installment was imminent. This time around, the brave knight and faithful steed Edward face a new problem when a gryphon shows up on the scene and threatens their stalwart friendship. The knight is thrilled by the novelty of this new companion, and Edward can't help but feel jealous and left behind. As you can probably tell from that summary, this is at heart a story about learning how to navigate the ever-changing tapestry of social lives, which is a great topic for young children. My six-year-old son liked talking about the story and how Edward felt badly because the knight was so excited to spend time with the gryphon. In the end, the knight learns that true friendship is to be protected and not taken for granted. If I have one slight critique with this book it's that I would also have liked to see the gryphon become part of the circle, with the three learning that enlarging your circle of friends can be a good thing. Still, I liked that the book has a gentle message about how real friends are the ones who stick by you, even when they're nursing hurt feelings as a result of your actions. The art is very bright, colorful, and playful, as with previous books. Each page is divided up into multiple panels, so it's a great starter graphic novel for budding readers. My son especially liked this aspect of the book, as his dad and sister are very into graphic novels, but the books they read are typically too mature for him. This

series offers him a nice go-to, with storylines that work really well for kids his age, and language that's simple enough for most kids to be able to handle reading it independently. If they need help, it also makes for a great read for Mom, Dad, or another loved one to share. As with previous books in this series, the insides of both the front and back cover contain simple examples of how to draw various characters from the book, which just adds to the overall enjoyment of the story. I really like how these books both encourage a love of reading comics while also making the idea of drawing your own comics accessible. We look forward to more!

Brought to you by OBS Reviewer jerjenThe Knight and Edward, her horse, are best friends and they love to play together and go on grand adventures. But when the Knight spots a gryphon and is actually able to play with the gryphon, she leaves Edward behind. Edward becomes sad and jealous and misses his friend. After the gryphon gets a little too wild and endangers the Knight, Edward manages to save her. The Knight realizes that there is really nothing that special about a gryphon, but there is something very special about her best friend, Edward. I thought this book was very cute. The writing style and word choice are age appropriate for a young reader. The length of the book seemed appropriate, not too long or too short. The illustrations were simple, colorful and complemented the story well. The book looks like a comic book, so the younger reader can have some exposure to the world of comics. I thought the lesson learned from this book is a good one for children to learn, that lesson being that all friends are important. Reading this book reminded me of the song I learned in Girl Scouts-Make New Friends But Keep The Old, One Is Silver And The Other Gold. As soon as I finished reading this, that song came to mind. And in my opinion, as I have grown older, the old friends are the truest friends. After reading the story to my granddaughter, we had an opportunity to talk about friendship and how important it is to treat someone the way you want to be treated. In my opinion, any book that helps with a discussion is a great book. Another thing that I liked about the book, besides the story and lesson to be learned, is the instructions included to help with learning to draw. Children and adults alike can learn some basic drawing skills and try their hand at creating their own Knight and horse. This helps stimulate creativity in a young child, which is a great thing. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading to the young child in their life. This book would be a great addition to a family or school library. My granddaughter and I also enjoyed reading Sleepless Knight by these authors and I look forward to reading even more of their books.

I have not seen a Adventures in Cartooning book before, but I could not resist picking this up

because of the title alone. Gryphons aren't so Great, just sounds like the perfect public service announcement for kids. (And it kinda is, haha!)The cartoon/graphic novel styling is perfect for my younger reader who is always looking into taking his older brothers graphic novels. It's easy to read, with bold words and easy to follow panels.The story was cute, and our main character learns that being friends with Gryphons comes with some unique challenges.What really reels you in is the great illustrations, simple yet super expressive graphics had my son laughing.Highly recommend, this is great for reading aloud, great for reluctant readers, and great for avid readers. I would say this is perfect for the 5 year old age range.

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