

Dragons Beware!

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Grade Levels:

- 2-6

Synopsis:

- When Augustine goes after the dragon that ate his legs and his hand to retrieve his magic sword, Claudette, Marie and Gaston want to help. When Grombach, an old foe escapes Calavera Island, wanting the same prize as Augustine, can the three friends save the day... Again?

Author Website: <http://dragonsbeware.com/>

Author Interview: <https://www.parent.co/get-ready-for-dragons-beware-with-our-interview-with-jorge-aguirre-and-rafael-rosado/>

Curricular Connections:

- Literal and Figurative Language
- Tall Tales
- Legends and Myths
- Art: Drawing illustration
- Story Elements
- Fluency

Lesson Ideas:

- Discussion questions for *Giants Beware* (also apply to *Dragons Beware*): <http://images.macmillan.com/folio-assets/teachers-guides/9781596438781TG.pdf>
- Read to page 21. Augustine insists on going after Azra alone to retrieve Breaker. Will he be able to retrieve Breaker without help? After reading the book, list examples of using teamwork to solve a problem.
- Analyze the relationship between Amélie and Grombach. Create a backstory for these characters.

- The person who wields Breaker can communicate telepathically with the sword. What object would you like to communicate with telepathically? Create comic panels illustrating the conversation.

Common Core Standards:

- RL4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- RL4.9 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
- RL5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.
- RL5.7 Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).

Suggested Companion Titles:

- *Giants Beware! Bu Jorge Aguirre*

Professional Reviews:

- *Booklist* (05/15/15)
- *School Library Journal* (0401/15)