

The Boy Who Grew Dragons

When Tomas finds a dragon-fruit tree in his grandad's garden and a tiny dragon bursts out of one of the fruit, he discovers just how much more trouble than cucumbers they are.

But it's not all about the chaos and exploding dragon poo. The first time Flicker curls his tail around Tomas' neck and looks at him with those bright diamond eyes, Tomas finds there's a whole lot more magic in a dragon.

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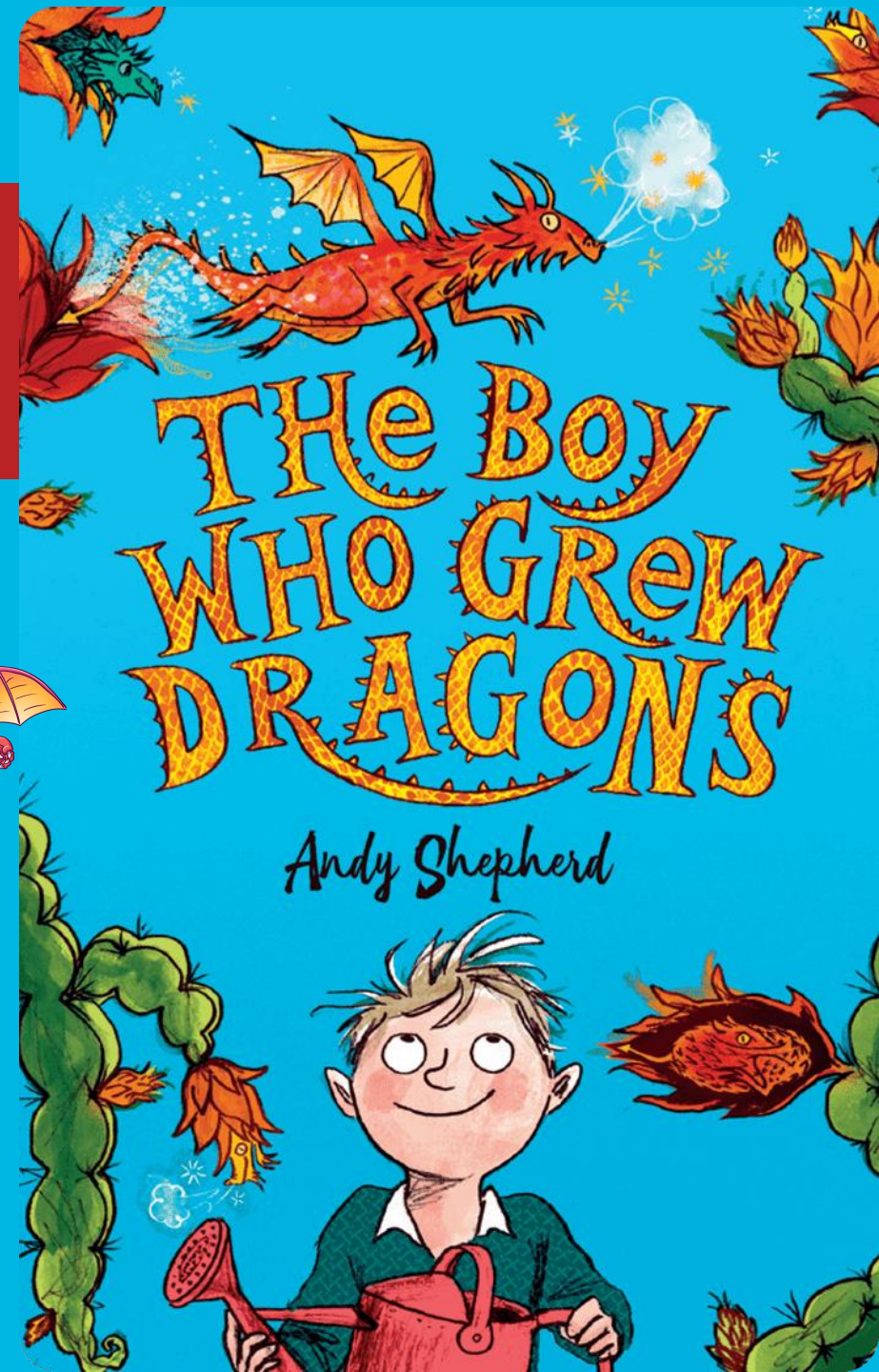


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What is a Dragon?

The dragon is a **legendary animal**, similar to a huge **lizard** or **snake**, that appears in stories and art from all over the world. Dragons typically are portrayed as having scaly skin, a powerful jaw with sharp teeth, four legs with long claws, and a long tail. Horns, spikes, and bat like wings also may sprout from their body.



Key vocabulary:

Tendrils-A thin, stem-like part of a climbing plant that holds on to walls or other plants for support.

Aloft-In the air or in a high position.

Gargantuan-Very large.

Vandals- People who damage another person's property on purpose.

Provisions- The act of providing something.

Pyromaniac- Someone who has a mental illness and has a strong desire to start fires.

Vivid- Very clear or brightly coloured.

Precarious- In danger or at risk of not being safe.

Loitering- When someone is waiting around acting suspiciously or waiting to do something they know they shouldn't do.



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