



Stoughton Public Library  
**Young Writers 2020**

During Summer 2020, a small group of young writers worked with Amanda, the Children’s Librarian at the Stoughton Public Library, to create stories and receive feedback and encouragement along the way. We collaborated using instructional videos posted on YouTube, picking materials up via Curbside, talking on the phone, meeting virtually via Zoom, and sending good old-fashioned snail mail. We hope you enjoy reading the stories our talented writers created!

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## Dragon Egg!

By Lily G.

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Hi! My name is Ava. I like to collect things! I want to tell you a story about something very **INTERESTING** that I found last summer. I hope you like the story! –AVA

### *Chapter One: Dragon Stone*

One day as Ava was walking to school, she spotted a bright blue stone on the edge of the sidewalk. Ava decided to add it to her rock collection. But she had to get to school first. She put the blue stone in her backpack and headed to school.

Soon Ava got to school. She put her backpack in her locker and went into her classroom. Class seemed to go on forever. But finally the bell rang. School was out. Ava hurried home and took out the blue stone. Wow, thought Ava. This stone is so smooth. And big too. She put it right in the middle of her rock collection. Then she went back outside to go for a bike ride. When she got back home it was about time for dinner!

At dinner Ava told her parents and her little brother all about the rock. After dinner as she was going to bed she thought she saw a faint blue glow. Probably nothing, thought Ava. Soon she fell asleep.



## *Chapter Two: Strange Things*

About a week later strange things started happening all over the country. There were a lot of big forest fires. There was house fires there were strange tracks of what scientists thought was some sort of large bird. There was sightings of the large bird too. And the blue stone's glow kept getting brighter! I wonder what is going on? thought Ava one night. The very next morning something very, very strange happened.

## *Chapter Three: Ouch, Hot!*

Ava woke up the next morning feeling very hot. Then she noticed her house was on fire.

"AVA!" her mom was yelling.

"I'm ok!" said Ava.

Her mom made her way up the stairs and helped her down and into the hall where her dad and her brother were waiting.

"We have to find a way out!" said Ava.

"We found one, but only you can fit through. You will have to go through and call the fire department. They will get us out. Go!" Her dad showed her the way out. He also gave her his phone so she could call the fire department.

She slowly made it out but on the way out she got a bad burn on her leg and couldn't walk. She crawled over to the sidewalk where she saw that the fire department had just got there and was starting to put out the fire. Three paramedics helped Ava to the ambulance so she could lay down while they looked at her leg. It turned out that the burn wasn't as bad as she thought. It was she needed to rest her leg for a few days, but that was it.

In a few days she was back on her feet, and that's when the strangest thing of all happened.

## *Chapter Four: Mom! or Dad*

Ava and her family had recovered a few things from the wreckage of their house. Oddly, a frying pan, a metal canister, and the stone. Ava noticed that there was a line of cracks down the middle of the stone, but then she noticed that it was quiet. Too quiet.

Then she heard the wing beats.

Ava turned around to see a beautiful but terrifying, sapphire blue dragon the size of a house land in front of her. It said to her in a very deep voice, "I WANT MY EGG BACK!"

"What egg?" said Ava.

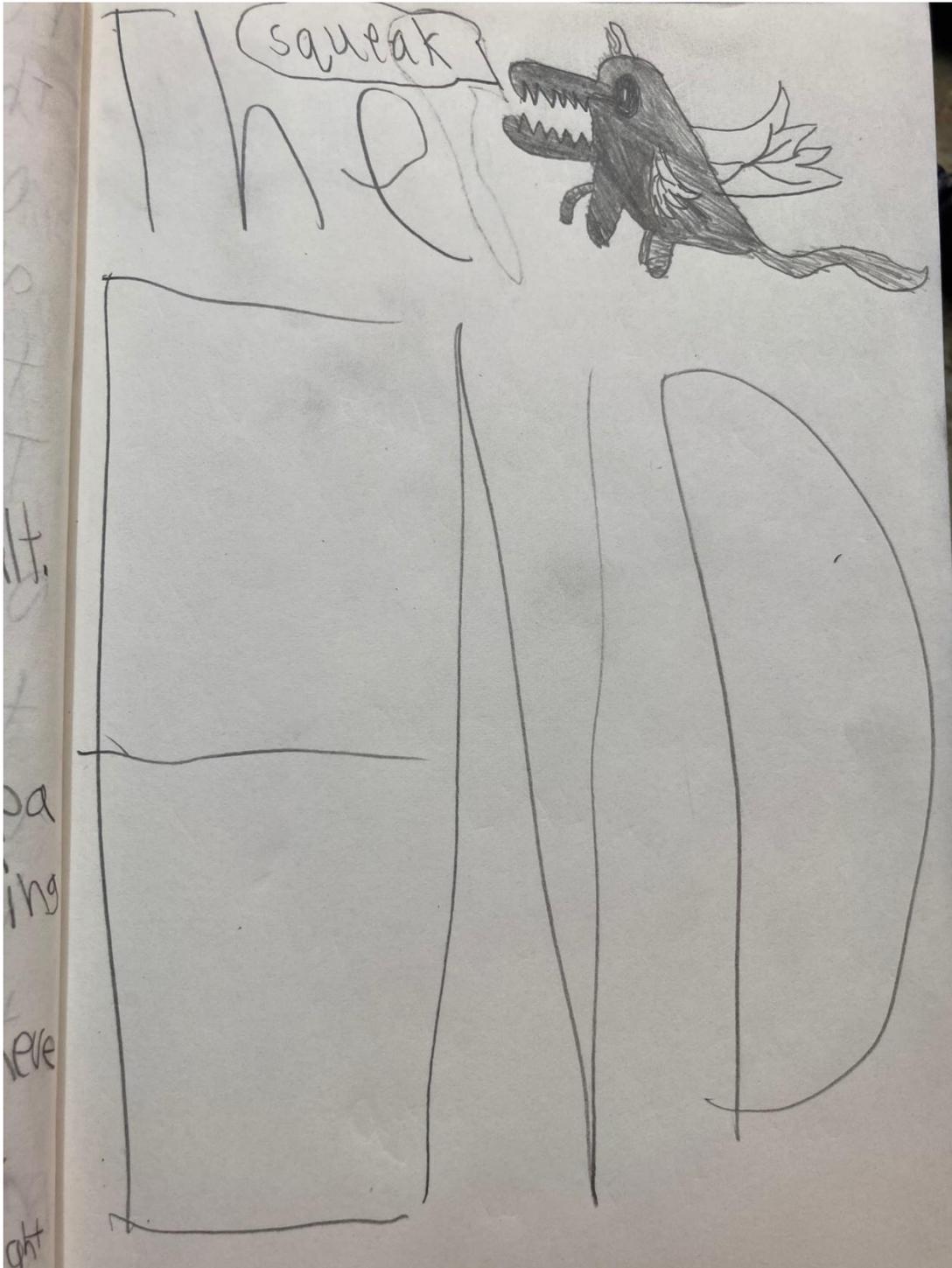
"THAT EGG!" The dragon pointed a long sharp claw at the stone in her arms. Then she realized. The strange things, the blue glow, the cracks on the stone. They were all connected.

Ava gave the egg to the dragon. The dragon blew fire on the egg! When the smoke cleared there was a little dragon in the dragon's claws. The little let out a tiny squeak and slowly flew off with its mom or dad following behind it.

*Chapter Five: Home Sweet Home*

A few months later their house was rebuilt. They had lived with their grandma and grandpa while their house was being rebuilt. A couple weeks after they moved into the new house when Ava went out for a bike ride she thought she heard a quiet squeak.

THE END



## **The Perfect Puppies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

By Kaliyah S.

Once upon a time there were 3 little puppies. Their names were Olivia, Osker, and Olive. They didn't have a home like most puppies, they were homeless puppies!!!!!! They were doing fine, but they were very hungry. They were lucky though, once a week a boy named Alex would feed them steak. When they saw it they always wagged their tails, he put the food on the ground and they ate it. They loved steak. Olivia said "Let's go get food from Alex."

"Ok" said the others.

On the way there they saw the dog catcher they were so scared and didn't know what to do...

## Our Crazy Camping Trip

By Braelyn S.

Hello my name is Sabrina and we just got back from going camping! It was my first time camping so I was really excited! But it didn't really turn out as planned.

When we got to the campsite, we started to pitch our tent and get the camp set up. Suddenly we heard a rustling sound coming from over by some bushes. Then all of a sudden a raccoon jumped out of the bushes, then we all screamed and then we all ran into our car. To pass the time we went on a drive around the campsite and the state park. That was not a good idea, because when we got back from our drive our campsite was trashed! It turns out the first raccoon had some friends and they all worked together to trash our campsite! By then it was already dinner time and now we have to clean up this massive mess we didn't even make. This camping trip was not going well so far.

It was finally time for bed, we all went into our tent and fell asleep. I woke up at midnight and I had to go to the bathroom. So I woke up my mom and we looked outside and we saw another raccoon. "So we obviously can't go to the bathroom with our little friend out there," my mom said. So my mom found a bottle of bug spray and hand sanitizer and started to bang them together to scare the raccoon away. Then I got to go to the bathroom. We ended up waking up my brother, my sister, and my dad. But luckily we all went back to sleep.

I woke up at 5:00am in the morning to the sound of one-thousand birds chirping. No one else was up so I had to read my book for two hours until the rest of my family woke up. Then we ate a very yummy breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausages. Then we decided to go on a hike.

When we were on our hike, everyone in my family got poison ivy! I mean not my dog (she is lucky). When we got back from our hike it was about 12:00 so we had lunch and then we decided we wanted to go to the beach so we packed up our beach umbrella, sunscreen and other things you would bring to the beach. So when we got to the beach we picked out a spot and were about to go in the water but then my mom yelled "STOP you guys are not wearing your swimsuits and your sunscreen"! It turns out we forgot our swimsuits at our campsite! So we had to go all the way back to our campsite to get them! When we got back to the beach we got to our same spot that we were at before but our stuff wasn't there! It turns out that someone took our stuff! Whoever took our stuff was very rude. So we left the beach because bad things kept happening. So when we got back it was time for dinner. The only problem was we had some raccoons visit our campsite while we were at the beach and they took our stuff that we needed to make dinner. So right then and there we decided we were going home. On the way home we went to the olive garden to eat dinner because the raccoon took our food. When we got home it was 10:00pm so we all went to bed right away. That was the story of our crazy camping trip. The end!