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There are more troubles in Spooksville. A dragon has appeared out of nowhere and it is looking for its treasure. In fact, it intends to destroy the entire town unless its jewels and gold are returned immediately. The only trouble is that Adam and his friends don't know where this treasure is. Worse, the creature is rather hotheaded and won't listen to reason. It is a fire-breathing dragon, and soon it is laying waste to all that stands in its way. Even kids -- it doesn't mind burning them to ash. Soon Adam and his friends are fighting for their lives.

The Hidden Beast Details

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Katies_Faves says

My kindergartener picked this out at the book fair and we've been reading a chapter a night. He is really enjoying it, surprisingly, as I thought this might be over his head. We have had to stop a bit to explain things but overall it's been a huge hit!

This is our first Sppoksville book, btw. Nothing like starting with book #12. It's been fine to read this alone but I'm def curious about the 11 Books previously written.

I couldn't wait for the ending and one night finished it after he fell asleep. I thought that 3/4 of the Book was fantastic. My interest was held, I was curious about the plot and enjoyed reading it ... until the end! I didn't like the ending at all. It was wrapped up in 2 minutes and voila! The story was done. Ugh. I don't like when books rush the ending. I feel cheated out of the true ending that takes more time to go into details.

That said if you have a Mystery Book Report coming up for your 2-4 grader this would be a great choice. And if you're trying to get your son to read more... another great option for that as well.

I'm hoping Mr. Pike doesn't end all of his stories so quickly. I'm going to the library for the rest.

Kenna Obtea says

When a group of teenagers, who are extremely intelligent, go on a hunt for treasure they find themselves in a bad situation. They run into a fire breathing creature who blames them for the stealing the treasure, it threatens to destroy their town unless they bring the treasure back right away! Although the problem is, they don't know where the treasure is. I was definitely hooked on the book but was disappointed by the ending, I wanted more! I wanted a more elaborate explanation on how it comes to an end but felt it was cut short. The author does use intertextuality referencing the other series but not enough where you'll get lost, it makes me want to read the other books to know what other adventures this group of friends went on. This is a children's fantasy book not only because of the fire breathing creature but also the special abilities the treasure hold. The narrator does switch perspectives towards the middle of the book but a child reader can still keep up. The cover of the book definitely caught my attention because you get a glimpse of the creature they run into. Overall I like the book for children, it creates an opportunity for imagination and is easy to follow.

Erin says

The Hidden Beast didn't go in the direction I was expecting, but I enjoyed it just the same. Harve was an adorable addition to the book and an even cuter resolution to the conflict. I was surprised by Sally who, I assumed based on other books in the series, would simply betray Leah as this was the simplest solution. But, like I said, this book definitely threw me for a loop, though it certainly was not an unpleasant one.
