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**Renowned for their courage, their chivalry, and their ability to fight mythical creatures, the Knights of the Round Table must face their most dangerous opponents yet—DINOSAURS!**

This heavily illustrated middle grade novel from award-winning author and artist Matt Phelan is a hilarious, rip-roaring tale of derring-do perfect for reluctant readers and fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Terrible Two*.

Let me tell you a secret about the Knights of the Round Table: they don't have much to do. The realm is at peace and dragons are few and far between. So Merlin decides to send the knights out on a *real* adventure to a world filled with the most terrible lizards of all: DINOSAURS!

*Knights vs. Dinosaurs* is a highly illustrated, fast-paced adventure full of uproarious knightly hijinks, surprising secrets, and terrifying dinosaurs. With art on nearly every page, including an epic fight scene depicted in several graphic-novel style spreads, this engaging story is Monty Python for young middle school readers.

A great choice for reluctant readers, aspiring knights, and fans of Peter Brown's *The Wild Robot*.

## **Knights vs. Dinosaurs Details**

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## **From Reader Review Knights vs. Dinosaurs for online ebook**

### **Susan says**

Fun!

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### **Mary says**

As you can tell from the 4 stars I gave this book, I really enjoyed it! It was fast-paced, funny, and filled with Phelan's quiet and amazing illustrations. This book follows four knights of Sir Arthur's Round Table on a quest to defeat a terrible monster. Merlin sends these four knights, and squire Mel, to a time when dinosaurs roamed. We see many different dinosaurs, some which lived at different times, but Merlin explains at the end that this was done to add more excitement. An underlining point to this story is that when you work together to accomplish something, or defeat a monster, you will have more success than if you tried to do it alone. The other reason I really enjoyed this book is I can see myself handing this to patrons and them also enjoying it. I am excited to see the final illustrations, and with the ending I know I'll get to see more adventures of these knights!

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### **Cynthia Parkhill says**

With the irresistible lure that dinosaurs hold for some of my readers, this book seems a good fit for my library. #GoodreadsGiveaway ends July 20.

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### **Kathleen says**

This was a cute, quick read for children. I would probably say that 12 is a little old for this book, but, heck, I read it so they might enjoy it as well.

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### **Kristy McRae says**

I scored an advance galley of this one for my son, and we both loved it! Fast-paced adventure, with just the right amount of humor. Along with the terrific illustrations, it was a win all around.

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### **Tasha says**

King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table love to tell tall tales of their adventures, but they are all lies. There just aren't enough mythical beasts for them to battle. When Sir Erec brags that he'd slain forty dragons, he knew that he'd pushed the storytelling too far. It caught Merlin's attention and Merlin suggested

that Sir Erec, Sir Bors, Sir Hector and the Black Knight explore one particular cave. As they did so, along with Bors' brave squire, they are transported back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Now there were more than enough "dragons" to battle! But they may just prove to be too much for our hearty knights. The question becomes who would win in a battle, a knight or a dinosaur?

Phelan clearly has had a ball writing this book. It is filled with jaunty references to King Arthur's court and has a humor that children will love. The knights have distinct personalities from one another and beautifully grate on one-another's nerves. The knights enter a world of real peril where Phelan creates moment after moment of battles, dangers and sword-swinging good times.

There are a couple of reveals here that invite young women to see themselves as knights too. In fact, the female knight completely rocks! The dinosaurs who battle one another with a joyous abandon add so much to the tale, something that dinosaur fans will love to see. The book has illustrations sprinkled throughout, breaking up the text for young readers.

A boisterous, battle-filled book that will appeal to young knights and young dinosaur experts and anyone looking for a good read. Appropriate for ages 6-9.

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### **Lynn says**

Absurd fun for the 2nd-5th set and kids looking for short chapter books. Kids will love being on the inside of the joke and knowing more than the knights!

In King Arthur's court, the bored knights mostly fight among themselves or invent battles to boast about because real battles are pretty scarce. When Erec carries the exaggeration a bit too far, Merlin challenges him to take on a "terrible lizard" and some of his fellow knights join in the quest. Merlin sends the unsuspecting group back to a time of dinosaurs and the battle is on!

Lots of comic silliness ensues but there are also a gender role theme and a wonderful pointed jab at the value of actually reading the book sent along. Lots of illustrations including action panels make this a great choice for fans of graphic novels or needing short chapter books with plenty of clues.

Read in galley and am really eager to see the finished copy. Looks like there is to be some back matter on the various dinosaurs along with a note saying these various species of dinosaurs didn't all live at the same time.

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### **Karin says**

Read this in e-galley form and would like to see finished book. Totally entertaining story of a bunch of medieval knights, bored in a time of peace, who are taught a lesson by Merlin when they are sent back to the time of dinosaurs. Super-fun, and completely different from other stuff by this author. Can't wait to share with my 7yo.

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### **Robin says**

It's fun to read well-written children's fiction like this and when I saw that Matt Phelan had a new one, I requested the ARC but didn't get to it before the book was published. Just finished it and I can't wait to give this book to a child reader at the library. The plot? Knights of the Round Table battle dinosaurs! What more could you ask for?!

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### **Melanie Dulaney says**

What a great book for the 3rd through 6th grade crowd, especially for those wanting (or requiring) a shorter chapter book. Knights vs. Dinosaurs offers plenty of excellent black and white drawings to augment the exciting tale of 4 knights and a squire off to slay dragons, ah, terrible lizards, making it a promising pick for the reluctant to read students. Terrific tale for those who enjoy action-adventure, a bit of magic, and plenty of clashing weaponry but without a bunch of blood and gore. Readers of both genders will find plenty to enjoy with this one as several key characters are female and who doesn't love a good tale of Merlin and King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table? I will be adding this Matt Phelan book to one of my orders for Fall and am certain that it will be widely circulated. Thanks for the dARC, Edelweiss!

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### **Munro's Kids says**

This was completely ridiculous, but lots of fun. King Arthur's knights don't have enough to do, so spend too much of their time fighting each other and lying about all the dragons they've slain. An annoyed Merlin decides to teach them a lesson and sends them on a quest... to fight dinosaurs! Sillyness abounds as the knights bicker, reveal hidden identities, and eventually team up to brawl all your famous dinosaurs (I appreciated the afterward which acknowledged that these dinosaurs did not actually live at one time, but that he wrote it that way for the fun). Anyway, a wonderful, ridiculous, action-packed book that is ideal for reluctant or beginning readers.

-Kirsten

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### **Mikayla says**

Fun to flip through, cute illustrations, but I thought it was called knights AND dinosaurs (I don't like when the dinos are the bad guys) so I was a little sad, I guess.

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### **Paul Hankins says**

When the bravado of one knight gets the better of him at the Round Table, a new story of daring and danger unfolds.

No spoilers here, but friends in the business will really want to think through who this book is for by way of

recommending and for independent reading.

Journey back to Camelot in this humorous story of a group of knights challenged by Merlin to seek out the most terrible lizard of them all.

The mix of text, illustrations, and graphic novel/panel inserts make for a fluid reading of the story.

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