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A child describes all the possible advantages of having a Stegosaurus for a pet.

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Kathryn says

Full of things I do not want my boys thinking about, such as how to incessantly beg, thinking vegetables are gross and feeding them to the pets under the table, having to worry about being safe and that you're safe if you take a pet with you, that presents are what matter most and that there really are monsters in the closet. The last thing I want to do is coddle my boys but come on, why would the author assume that all children are badly behaved and that such behavior is funny.

Emily Pinnick says

This is a really fun book that takes you into the persuasive imagination of a young boy who just really wants a Stegosaurus. Throughout the book he is trying to convince his Mom that he really really NEEDS a Stegosaurus and that it will make his life better and her life easier. By the end of the book, the boy has already moved on to a new dream, he wants a T-Rex.

Meg McGregor says

This boy will most likely grow up to be a great lawyer because he can sure put up a terrific argument as to why his Mother should let him have a stegosaurus!

Maggie says

My nieces and nephews love this book, makes them laugh every time we read it.

Hannah Grosse says

This is a super cute book, full of all sorts of reasons why a certain young boy should be able to keep a stegosaurus. Complete with immaculate pictures, this story invites us into the imagination of a child who is pleading desperately for his mother to let him bring home a stegosaurus. There is also a poetic repetition which gives the book some character and added charm. Finally, the ending to this book is completely different than I had expected, in a good way. This is an excellent book to read to a younger group of students because it encourages them to soar off in their own imaginations and gain a new perspective on the world.

Misty says

This was read aloud by Jadin at the Dorsch Memorial Library for the summer reading program, and this is possibly the best read aloud she's done for the program so far. It was very entertaining, from her voice to her faces, and she brought life to the story well. Whether I would have rated the book a 4 without her reading, I don't know, but that shows that this is the type of thing to read aloud and get your kids into.

Michel Butler says

This book is absolutely adorable! As I read the narrator's reasons for why he should have a stegosaurus, I found myself wanting him to have one! The illustrations are the cutest. Eventually, the audience finds out why the little boy wants a stegosaurus so badly: he's found a dinosaur egg! In the end, the egg hatches and the boy begins to beg his mother for a T-Rex! This story is a great example of a persuasive narrator, and I would use this book to show students the power of persuasion.

Jared White says

First off I'll say, I could see how this book could get annoying if you had to read it a bunch of times (for instance, because your little one wants you to) but, I will also say, I can see this book being one your child loves enough to be read again and again. Why would it be annoying? Because the boy is just so very persistent in trying to talk his mom into letting him have a stegosaurus for a pet. Why would they want you to read it again and again? Because the little boy is so imaginative in his reasons why his mom should let him have his pet. I admit, they're some pretty awesome reasons.

A fun story and great illustrations. If your kid likes dinosaurs, be sure to check this one out.

Jenna Parsons says

This book is a very cute book. This book is perfect to show younger children what the definition of persuasion is with a book. I also like how this is so purely fiction that it makes it a easy and fun read for both youth and even adults reading this book to children.

Anne Smith says

A boy is desperate to have a stegosaurus for a pet. He gives many reasons explaining why his mum should get him one.

He puts his argument across in a variety of ways; explaining that if he had one he would sleep better at night as he wouldn't be scared of monsters. He then decides he could feed it the vegetables from his dinner that he didn't like. It would also help him win the tug of competition at school as the other children would not stand a chance!

The reason for his insistence for a stegosaurus becomes clear at the end of the book, as he has found a huge egg and has been sitting on it waiting for it to hatch. I shared this book with a mixed class of years 2 and 3.

They all enjoyed the story and found the ending funny. The children also enjoyed discussing what else could be in the egg. This would be a great book to share before a fantasy writing activity with the storyline being used as a writing frame.

Ckolleen says

I love the illustrations in this book. This book is about a boy who really wants a stegosaurus, and comes up with ways that the dinosaur will benefit him and everyone else.

Lesley Looper says

The boy in this story gives a number of reasons for having a stegosaurus around, but most of the reasons are to make him the center of attention (riding it instead of the bus on class field trips and riding on its head, while his classmates ride on its back) or to get out of things (like eating vegetables). This kid does lots of begging, too.

Gabriel Huff says

its a good book my favroite part is when he gets a trex

Karen says

Cute story with a kids reasoning :)

Janice Redding says

This is a great book to read to students when they are discussing persuasive writing during writer's workshop. A quick lesson that the teacher can conduct is to have the students write to their mom and tell her why they should have a stegarous and should write detailed reasons. It is very engaging. I would begin reading this book in the second grade.
