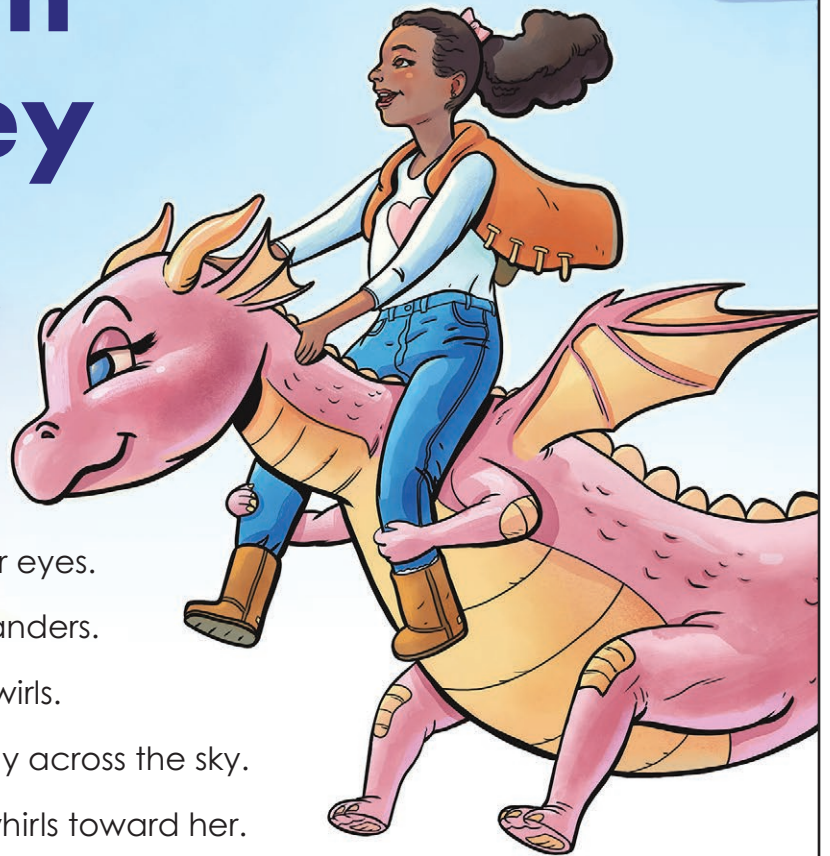


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A Dragon For Hailey

By Roy Kindelberger

Hailey gazes up into wispy clouds.
A light breeze ruffles her hair.
Fire blazes over the horizon.
Illuminates the mountain tops.
Hailey places her hand above her eyes.
"What in the world?" Her mind wanders.
Something coils back and forth, twirls.
A swimming dragon sweeps gently across the sky.
Hailey, eyes wide, watches as it whirls toward her.
Hailey, frozen, opens her mouth and closes it, wonders.
The dragon gently lands next to Hailey.
The dragon snorts, smokes, and nods its head.
Hailey climbs aboard, gazes forward then whispers, "Wow!"
The dragon launches, soars, swirls, and spins skyward.
Hailey smiles. The dragon sets the sky afire.
I hope this isn't a dream. Yet so dreamy.
Hailey and the dragon continue their spiral toward nightfall.
A new journey, over the mountains to which neither knows.



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A Dragon For Hailey

By Kelly Hashway



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- d. reading a book

2. What time of day do the events in the poem take place?

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- c. graceful
- d. clumsy

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A Dragon For Hailey

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| 2. ____ illuminates | b. sends something into the air |
| 3. ____ wispy | c. a line where the earth and sky meet |
| 4. ____ gazes | d. winds in circles |
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When Hailey sees the dragon she is actually looking at clouds in the sky that remind her of the shape of a dragon.

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