

***Dragon Drop***

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*Dragon Drop* tells the story of a dragon, Pyrolavadon, who has been exiled from his home planet of Dragondrop. In his attempt to escape from his pursuers, he tells the inter-galactic dragon transportation system to take him “somewhere far away.” The ambiguity of this direction finds Py in a very disoriented state on Earth.

After a couple days of wandering about learning various languages and studying human habits, Py peers into the window of a certain house to discover a little girl drawing a picture of a dragon. The dragon isn't just any old dragon though - it looks uncannily like him. Because of this coincidence, Py decides to reveal himself to this girl - Lily - and the two form a strong bond of friendship.

In the time the pair spends together, Ackerman reveals through Py's first person narration that both characters are keeping a secret from the other. Py refuses to tell Lily why exactly he chose to travel to Earth, and she fails to explain why her parents are constantly overly concerned about her.

While *Dragon Drop* was an easy read for me, I did enjoy the book quite well. The entire story is told from Py's point of view, and the writing style flows smoothly even though Py is constantly asking questions about some of the mundane things on Earth. All the characters and the interpersonal - and inter-dragon - interactions are very realistic, which makes the story feel believable.

The lessons of friendship and honesty that readers can learn from the development of Lily and Py's relationship are simple and applicable to everyone. Above all else, you must be honest to someone you consider a close friend. Even if you're upset or they're frustrated, telling the truth is better than crafting a lie to try and make yourself look better.