

## **Dragon Skin**

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### *Blurb:*

From the bestselling and multi-award-winning author of *Lenny's Book of Everything* comes a magical tale about a girl who saves a dragon and rescues her family.

How to save a dragon:

- 1) Assemble equipment. Water, Weet-Bix, sugar, syringe, sticky tape, scissors.
- 2) Believe in everything.

Pip never wants to go home. She likes to sit at the waterhole at dusk and remember Mika, her best friend. At home her mother's not the same since her boyfriend moved in. They don't laugh anymore and Pip has to go to bed early, turn off her light and pretend she doesn't exist. When she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole, everything changes. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it comes from. But how?

A story about surviving and saving those you love, by the multi-award-winning author of *Lenny's Book of Everything*.



### *Lamont Review:*

Pip hates going home. Her mother's new boyfriend controls everything, and her Mum is not the same funny and laughing Mum that she used to be.

Pip loves spending time at the waterhole, where she hears the voice of her best friend, Mika. When Pip finds a tiny, almost dead creature, she knows it is somehow her responsibility to look after it. When this small creature turns out to be a dragon, she needs all the help she can get. As it turns out, help comes from unexpected places!

This story is about healing, helping and friendship, with the underlying theme of domestic abuse, in the form of controlling behaviour. Pip is a wonderful character and is full of determination, resilience and love for her dragon and for her Mum. The interactions between Pip, her dragon and her two new friends are wonderful.

A book that will introduce a touch of fantasy, but it is also a story of survival and hope. It would make a perfect group novel, and is suited to those in Year 5 and up.

*Reviewed by Michelle*