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From the award-winning author of *Princess Ever After* comes *The Tea Dragon Society*, a charming all-ages book that follows the story of Greta, a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons.

After discovering a lost tea dragon in the marketplace, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon care-taking from the kind tea shop owners, Hesekiel and Erik. As she befriends them and their shy ward, Minette, Greta sees how the craft enriches their lives—and eventually her own.

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may ↗ says

gay webcomic #3 of the day can you believe I'm really out here destroying my goodreads challenge

Romie says

THAT WAS SO CUTE OMG I LOVE IT SO MUCH!

Yes, I do realise I can't just say that and leave you.

This story is mostly about taking the time to remember the old ways, remembering them and honouring them because they deserve the recognition.

It's also about letting go of the past because sometimes trying to hold on to it is hurting you, and you don't deserve the pain, you deserve new and happy memories with people who love you deeply.

It's about finding your people, feeling at home with them and not caring if your life isn't exactly what you had planned it to be, because it's still a good life.

I loved the art, it's probably my favourite art style ever, it's absolutely beautiful - I loved the way the tea dragons were done.

I would seriously recommend this graphic novel to everybody, you just need it in your life.

4.75

Thank you Netgalley for providing me an e-arc in exchange for an honest review.

destiny ? [howling libraries] says

This is literally one of the best graphic novels I've ever read in my life. I can't even begin to express how much I cherished these precious characters, the sweet dragon babies, and the incredible range of representation. We have normalized QPOC rep all over the place (I mean, I'm not sure if *anyone* here is cishet and I'm so here for it), disability rep that is so beautifully done it made me cry, and I just loved the entire story endlessly. I know I'll be recommending this to anyone and everyone for a long, long time.

Lola says

4.5 stars.

One word: marvelous.

I can't think of a single reason why you should not read this cute graphic novel. Actually, I can only think of reasons why you should, because it's that adorable and wondrous.

It's about Greta, a little girl who finds a dragon in need of help. She later discovers it's a tea dragon and learns more about them as well as the art of making tea itself.

Dragons! They are so little and charming I want one myself. Granted, they do not play that grand of a role, seeing that they are unable to talk and this is a pretty quiet story about discovering and appreciating history and culture. But without the dragons this would be banal.

I sincerely wonder where Katie O'Neill got her inspiration from, because I had never heard of making tea out of the leaves growing atop the heads of dragons before. How peculiar and enchanting!

This is perfect for children, although I must admit the word "stupid" is mentioned. I have to say I prefer young kids not to be exposed to such words in their reads, but that's me. Otherwise, this is wonderful and I hope everyone reads it.

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April (Aprilius Maximus) says

hello this is the best little book in the whole entire universe can i please have 20 more books set in this world plz

Jane (It'sJaneLindsey) says

My heart is SO FULL.

[Shai] Bibliophage says

Reading this book made me want to have my own tea dragon! I love this book so much from the story up to how beautifully drawn the illustrations were! Even though the story is short, readers will definitely enjoy the drawings and yes, even those tea dragons!

Melanie says

"Memories don't just live inside you, Minette. They live in all the people and objects you share your life with."

Friends, this was the literally cutest and most heartwarming book I've read all year. Also, the art in this book is probably my favorite art style of all time. I recommend this with my entire heart and soul.

This story is broken down into five parts; one for each season and then an epilogue. And during Spring, an apprentice blacksmith, Greta (who is getting trained by her mother), rescues a little dragon outside! Greta's father recognizes the little dragon and knows who his owner is. And once Greta goes to return the little dragon, she gets an invite from the owner, Hesekiel, to come and learn all about the Tea Dragons!

Tea Dragons are basically just mini dragons that grow different herbs alongside their horns! And all the names of the dragons are because of their different herbs. The dragon that Greta saves is named Jasmine, but we also meet Rooibos, Chamomile, and a few others during the duration of this book.

Greta learns all about Tea Dragons, but also learns about a society that Hesekiel and his husband, Erik, are the last remaining members of. Greta also meets Minette, who is a young girl who was training to be a prophetess and is now having trouble remembering things. She left home, and is now working with Hesekiel and Erik, while also making a beautiful friendship with Greta.

But this story is truly about friendship, and how important it is to find a place in the world that will surround you with unconditional love. This is also a story about honoring the past, and traditions, and cultures, and not forgetting where you come from. And ultimately, this is a story about balancing those two aspects and living a life that you're proud of and that makes you happy.

Overall, I loved this more than any word combination I could come up with. Friends, if you are looking for a beautiful book, with even more beautiful messages, that star people of color, and people with disabilities (someone in a wheelchair and someone living with memory loss), and LBGTQIAP+ characters, then look no further. This was nothing short of a treat to read, and I hope you all pick it up. Also, I desperately want my own Tea Dragon companion now.

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Calista says

This is a cute Middle grade graphic novel about Tea Dragons. Tea Dragons are small counterparts to full size dragons and they can't take care of themselves. They also grow tea leaves out of their heads like Chamomile or Ginseng, etc. These leaves are special and magic.

The art is lovely and a little like anime. The story is good and simple. I wanted more development. I did enjoy this little read.

I would like to see more of this world.

Alison says

OMG I LOVED THIS SO MUCH

My only complaint is that it wasn't long enough!

The illustrations are some of the most beautiful I have ever seen and it is a lovely story on top of that.

It is about friendship and love across ages, genders, and statuses. It deals with having responsibility and carrying on traditions. I especially loved the dragon descriptions at the end! I just want one so bad.

David Schaafsma says

7/21/18 update: The Tea Dragon Society is the winner of the 2018 Eisner Award for Best Publication for kids 9-12! Yay, Katie O'Neill!

12/14/17: I admit I have not yet read Princess Princess Ever After, also from Katie O'Neill (I know! Where was I when the fairy dust was handed out?!). But I am on the bandwagon at last, following the story of blacksmith apprentice Greta in the world of tea dragons (What do you mean you don't know what a tea dragon is?!). Well, you like tea parties, right?! And you like dragons, right? so, perfect, there are certain dragons, tea dragons, from which you get tea dragon tea leaves (What?! You can't be serious! You aren't going to tell me you don't know where tea dragon leaves come from?! From the horns and antlers, silly, where else, duh??!)

Anyhow, Greta has this like friend, Minette, and they are very different but they are still good friends, and there's this like tea dragon shop owned by these two gay guys Hesekiel and Erik. Yes, of COURSE you can form your own Tea Dragon Society—ooooooh!—with all your friends, yay! (This is ALL about the queering of the fairy tale, kids, with disabilities, colors, and sexual orientations.) And ev'ry illustration is A-DOR-A-BLE, 'course! And I know what you're thinking: Might Greta and Minette be more than friends, like Hesekiel and Erik!? Ooooh! We'll just have to wait and see!

Blacksmiths? My grandfather, whose last name was Kuyper (or Cooper, or metal-worker) was a blacksmith, for a time, so I was in from page one! Anyway, in this book, blacksmiths were once as important as magicians, as they forged swords and stuff, in the old days. So: traditions, from the Old Days, awesome!

The question is: How can we hold fast to traditions (like blacksmithing and tea dragon care!) in a world that is changing SO FAST? Read on, I say! There's not a lot of plot here, but who needs it?! There is way much energy and colors and feels and sweetness to sustain you, if you need these kinds of things, and who doesn't?!

And there's like this cool appendix with info on tea dragon care and societies and different kinda tea dragons--like Jasmine, Peppermint or Chamomile! And the info pages are set up almost already in the form of Tea Dragon TRADING CARDS: I know! Ooooh!! Coming soon! So awesome!

But seriously, I do think it is cute. I am NOT making fun of it! I have a ten-year-old daughter who loves this!! But watch out: You recall what happened when the Teletubbies came on the Scene? Watch out, world! You want a tea dragon now, too, I can definitely tell!

Whitney Atkinson says

4.5 stars

I loved this!! So gorgeous and sweet, can't wait to own my own copy :)

Cam (abookeater) says

A copy was provided by the publisher through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

I was so glad to see this on the Read Now section because I'd seen it around on Good reads and it looked perfect for me. I was not wrong.

This short graphic novel is magical, soothing and beautiful. I loved the diversity of the characters in terms of skin color, disabilities and sexual orientations. Everything was so subtle yet wonderful; I felt immediately at peace while reading it. It's unlike anything I've ever read before with it's melancholic atmosphere and beautiful and colorful artwork.

I hope to see much more from this author!

Fafa's Book Corner says

GR Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge: One and Done.

Sam Quixote says

A fantasy world where tea leaves grow on tiny dragons and kids pootle around. No, I don't see a story there either!!

Just because a book is aimed at youngsters, doesn't mean it should get away with being boring and inane. Honestly: NOTHING happens in The Tea Dragon Society! A couple kids become friends, a pair of adults relate how they met and everyone sits about drinking tea.

What was the point of this book – “love is nice”?! There's some half-hearted piffle towards the end about sort of picking your own destiny that's unimpressive to say the least. The sheer amount of vapidity is stunning.

The art is very pretty – neat and skilful if derivative of anime-style – though it's a little too cutesy for its own good. The characters couldn't be blander and what I'll call the story, for want of a better word, is unmemorable tosh.

Katie O'Neill's mindless book is indicative of the overall lack of quality among most of this year's Eisner Award Winners. There are kids books out there that are imaginative, entertaining and actually about

something - see the work of Raymond Briggs, Vera Brosgol, Herge, Goscinny and Uderzo, and Faith Erin Hicks, to name some - but The Tea Dragon Society ain't one of them!
