

## Just for Kids!

Complete this activity and bring this page back to the Library to collect a prize. We will hang it up in an art display!

Elizabeth wore a paper bag to battle with the dragon. What would be your ultimate rescue-a-prince-from-a-dragon outfit? What would you need to wear or carry for a successful rescue? Draw it here or make it a costume at home, take a photo of yourself wearing it, and glue it in the box:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I read *The Paper Bag Princess* with my \_\_\_\_\_  
(family, classroom, grandmother, parents, dog, etc.)

# THE PAPER BAG PRINCESS FAMILY READING KIT

## *The Paper Bag Princess*

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Ronald are all set to marry and live in their castle until a dragon smashes it and kidnaps Ronald. Join Elizabeth on an adventure to save Prince Ronald!

**Author:** Robert Munsch

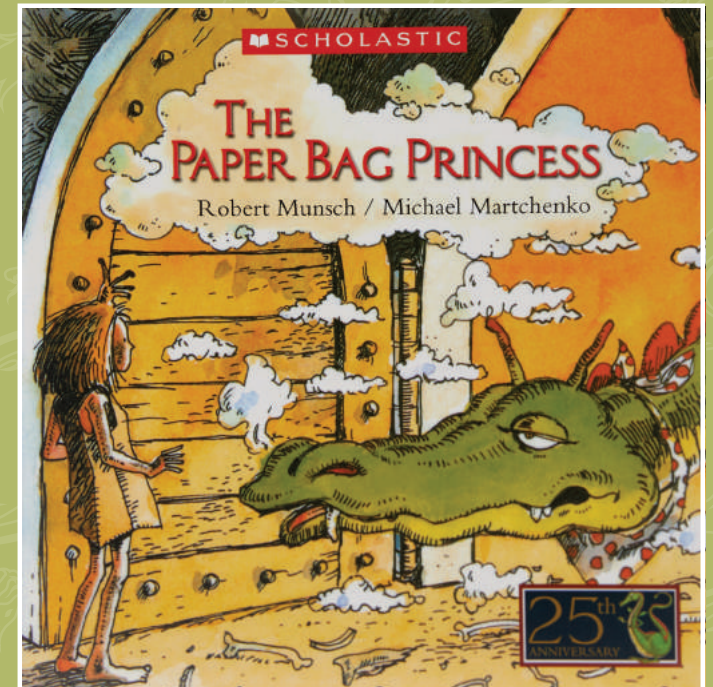
Robert Munsch is an American-Canadian author who has published more than 90 children's books. His first book, *Mud Puddle*, was published in 1979. He quickly became a beloved storyteller and his books have continued delighting new generations for years.

**Illustrator:** Michael Martchenko

Michael Martchenko is a Canadian illustrator and frequent collaborator of Robert Munsch. *The Paper Bag Princess* is the first book he worked on with Munsch, starting a decades-long partnership. Martchenko uses pencils, watercolours, and gouache for his illustrations.

**Historical Context:** An instant classic children's picture book first published in 1980. It has sold more than seven million copies worldwide.

**Recommended for:** ages 4 and up.



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### Discussion Questions

Read each question aloud and share your answers. Don't worry about staying on topic! See where the conversation leads you and encourage everyone to ask questions of their own.

Picture books are special experiences for readers of any age. Illustrations are an important way for pre-readers and beginning readers to make sense of the story, learn new vocabulary, and more. Make sure to ask questions about the pictures in the book.

- What words would you use to describe the three characters: Prince Ronald, the Dragon, and Princess Elizabeth?

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- The dragon flew all around the whole world in 10 seconds. If you could be anywhere in 10 seconds, where would you like to go right now?

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- Were you surprised by Ronald's reaction to being rescued? What do you think he could have said instead?

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- Why didn't Ronald and Elizabeth get married in the end?

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- Is Elizabeth the same as or different from other princesses you've read about? What makes her similar or different?

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### An Activity for your Family to Do Together

The dragon in this story does not have a name. It likes to eat princesses and horses and burn up forests. The dragon is very athletic. As a family, think about what the dragon's story might be if *The Paper Bag Princess* was from the dragon's **perspective**. Write it, tell it, draw it, and share it with each other. Consider:

- Why does it live alone in a cave?
- Why did it want to carry off Prince Ronald? Why didn't it also carry off Elizabeth?
- Is the dragon cruel, or just pretending to be? Why?
- What do you think its name should be?
- What is the dragon's history? Who are the dragon's family and ancestors?

**Perspective:** a way of thinking about and understanding something; the way you see something; your point of view.