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Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem!
New Picture Book Published by Little Fire Press
Debuts at McNear Elementary School
and Scholastic Book Fair

[Ross, California] - September, 2016: Debut Author Courtney Spain Aragon and Art Director Anne Digges showcased their new book, *Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem!*, at McNear Elementary School and its Scholastic Book Fair in Petaluma, California.

This new picture book, *Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem!* was read for the first time to McNear Elementary School's Kindergarten - 2nd grade classes.

"*Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem!* is a fun and humorous story for children about friends solving a problem together," said Author Courtney Aragon. "Fraydo the Dragon thinks he is a dog. And so the kids have to put their 'problem solving' hats on and to figure out why. Afterwards, we dive into many topics in the post reading discussion that can range from serious stuff like friendships and differences to the silly stuff like finding all the 'easter eggs' throughout the picture book. The conversation is never, ever dull and the kids have a great time."

In addition, Mrs. Aragon and Mrs. Digges presented the book at the Scholastic Book Fair that was hosted by McNear Elementary School.

"We were able to set up a table at the fair where the kids could come over and thumb through the picture book," said Art Director Anne Digges. "The children were fascinated by the level of detail in each of our illustrations —something we went to great lengths in developing by working with award winning illustrators Xi Luo and Bo Wu."

"When New York Art Agent, Stacey Endress, brought the *Fraydo The Dragon: A Very Big Problem!* manuscript and storyboards to the attention of illustrators Xi Luo and Bo Wu," continued Mrs. Digges. "The creative team was immediately drawn to the story and its big hearted main character Fraydo the Dragon. Persistent and sometimes naughty, energetic yet well-intentioned, Fraydo the Dragon reminded them of their own son and they folded these characteristics into the design process."

“We are incredibly grateful to our award winning Shanghai based team and the 20 years of children illustration experience they drew upon to illustrate *Fraydo The Dragon: A Very Big Problem!*” Author Courtney Aragon added. “And we look forward to working with them on the entire *Fraydo the Dragon Series.*”

Where to Find Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem:

Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem! is published by Little Fire Press, a boutique children’s publishing house in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is available through select book stores including [Diesel Book Store / Marin](#) and [Copperfield’s / Petaluma](#) as well as direct from the publisher, www.littlefirepress.com, or via the title website, www.fraydothedragon.com. It is also available via amazon.com.

About Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem!

Fraydo the Dragon: A Very Big Problem! is a fun and humorous story for children about friends solving a problem together. This book and supporting discussion guide aim to invoke critical thinking skills around these important topics: understanding friendships and differences, developing empathy, and building upon one’s own self-awareness to problem solve. Visit fraydothedragon.com and join **Fraydo The Dragon Club** to be part of all the adventures in the Kingdom of Aragon.

About Little Fire Press

Little Fire Press is a team of artists that believe in the power of story telling. Our picture book themes that we publish focus on the ever developing emotional intelligence of a young child. Through the art of story telling, we aim to help children find their voice and begin a conversation with the people in their lives that they trust the most. We also aim to provide those caregivers with access to early prevention resources to support their child's developmental needs. Visit us at: www.littlefirepress.com

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