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A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon!

Lord Sparr has found a new weapon to use against the city of Droon. He's woken up a mean old giant that will now obey his every command! It's a good thing Eric, Julie, and Neal are around to help their friends try to stop Lord Sparr. It's a giant job, but somebody's got to do it!

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Tara says

This book has an awesome cover! What could be better than a dragon fighting a giant robot? Nothing. Seeing it made Adam want to try reading the series. This is another good, creative chapter of this series.

Jeremy says

I've decided to read The Secrets of Droon series entirely for Christmas since i've been feeling a bit nostalgic. I want to be able to live a bit of the magic of being a kid and what better to help than this incredible series. The action starts later in this book but it is more intense. We also get to meet new characters and the old characters have more participation or do more in this book I feel. I think this one has a bit more depth to it than the past books.

Gavin says

Good for younger kids and probably for slightly older ones to read alone (7-12). It's pretty standard fantasy fare with dragons, giants and wizards. There are three kids as the main characters, surely not an idea obtained from a certain J. K. Rowling?

Matthew says

Maybe this is just me, but I found the giant to be a bit of a letdown in all. I was expecting this book to amp up the adventure a bit making the suspense a bit greater, but in the end, this was just about what I've come to know would end up the case in this series. The child heroes manage to take down the new problem with relative ease and the help of Keah's dragon mother. An okay book.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

The Sleeping Giant of Goll (The Secrets of Droon, #6), Tony Abbott, Tim Jessell (Illustrator)
The evil Lord Sparr has used magic to wake up a sleeping giant! Now Eric, Julie, and Neal must join forces with a brave dragon and the Oobja people of Panjibarrh to help save their Droonian friends.

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Ruth Omunda says

This book is very enjoyable for students who like fantasy stories.

Maximilian Lee says

I liked this book because I like dragons. I also liked this book because I like giant robots.

Kirsten Simkiss says

As far as the books go, this one was fun, but perhaps not as inventive as others have been in the past. It has the quick resolution you'd expect from a book at this reading level and cool monsters, as well as interesting creations and inhabitants invented up for the world of Droon. Still, submarines not being invented yet but giant bronze automatons being ancient? Seems a little backwards to me.

Harold Ogle says

Another Secrets of Droon book, which my son told me some time ago was his favorite, back when he'd read the first ten or so. I've only read through this one - book six - but I have to agree. I actually enjoyed this one a good deal more. Sure, it has the super-fast resolution common to all the books (though for a time I thought that might not be the case - it seemed like maybe the situation was so dire that the kids would remain in Droon until the next book), but it felt like there was more development of interesting ideas in this one. The giant Zor, mentioned in earlier books, turns out to be a magical mecha, and the book speeds its way to both a magic duel (with the wizards blazing away at each other as they plummet into vast underground caves) and a giant monster battle straight out of kaiju or Ray Harryhausen movies. Needless to say, this all grabbed my attention as the previous ones haven't. It also helped that the illustrations of the kids were at a minimum; most of the drawings are of Lord Sparr, the Teddy Ruxpin-like Oobja, or giant monsters, all of which are drawn in a less cartoonish fashion than the kids.

Summary: the kids have had weird dreams, but Neal's and Eric's dreams seem unrelated to Droon, and they're depressed because it's been two weeks since their last trip to Droon. Julie appears, shares her dream of being crowned a princess flying over Droon, and they enter via the rainbow stairs. They are assaulted by animated trees, which release them when the sun rises. Dusting themselves off, they are met by Max, Galen and Keeah in Galen's amphibious submarine. While traveling under the sea to Panjibarrh, they watch in Galen's magic mirror as Lord Sparr discovers the ancient ruins of the evil Goll empire, and within finds the last resting place of Zor, the bronze giant which will reactivate when Sparr uses the Heart of Zor to complete it. Sparr mentions his plan to conquer the upper world - our world - after he has completed his conquest of Droon, and also mentions that the upper world is his world (shades of Guardians of the Flame, perhaps). The gang arrives at Panjibarrh, a dusty hill country, and Galen leaves them to reconnoiter a dark cave, solemnly declaring that he must face Sparr alone. While he's gone, a whirlwind appears and swoops Julie away. The kids and Max chase the twister, finding Julie being crowned a princess in the village of the "mole people"

Oobja. I guess this means she's been adopted by Batamogi, the Oobja king. They have a whirlwind machine that they can use to fetch things. They all sneak over to the Goll dig site. A shapeshifting Galen rejoins them just as Sparr reactivates Zor. A giant blue dragon appears and begins to fight Zor as Keeah and Galen attack Lord Sparr, so intent on blasting him that they dive into the pit of the ruins as he drops into it. Zor evades the dragon long enough to make his intentions clear: he's going to destroy the Oobja. The kids rush back to the village while the dragon delays Zor further, and Julie uses the whirlwind machine to knock Zor off of a mountaintop so that he breaks into scrap metal at the bottom. Sparr is cornered by the dragon (Keeah's mother, Queen Relna, in another guise), the kids, and the swarm of furious Oobja. He flies away, vowing revenge, and the kids ride Relna back to the ring of trees where the wizards transform the trees back into the nine princes of Oobja, Batamogi's brothers. The kids ascend the staircase home.

Kristine Hansen says

Either I'm getting more used to the author's style of writing, or maybe I've come to like the world that he's created. Either way, this book, while still aimed at easy readers, was actually a bit meatier than the ones that came before - and to me a little more interesting. The series still has its flaws - too much coincidence, too much worldbuilding in such a limited space which gets confusing. But all the same, it's still fun and a good way to start early readers out in the world of fantasy.

Pamela says

Secrets of Droon #6: The Sleeping Giant of Goll

SUMMARY: The continuing magical adventures of Eric, Julie, and Neal as they are needed again to help the secret world of Droon which can only be reached through a secret portal in Eric's basement. This time they find Lord Sparr looking for the ancient buried giant which when woken will obey his every command and destroy the city of Droon and proceed to the Upper World. Can they stop him before he succeeds?

NOTES: I really like this series, but it is hard to find them all and in the order you need. So I'm reading #6 without reading #5 which I'm having trouble finding. However, I still enjoyed the story and should be able to catch up when I find it. -- The books are short and makes for a good, fast read. However, sometimes it goes so fast that I'm on to the next one before I have processed what happened in the last one. -- I would like to see them bring back the Droon series with three volumes in one binding to make it easier to find and read.

Books Kids Like says

While Jaffa City was frozen, Lord Sparr stole the amulet of Zorr. Now he's on his way to the ancient Kingdom of Goll to wake up the sleeping giant. Sparr hopes Zorr with help him find the Golden Wasp, another magical object. Eric, Julie, and Neal arrive in Droon where Max picks them up in a submarine. While on their way to Goll, a cyclone carries Julie to the land of the Oobjas who crown her princess. Finally arriving at their destination, they are attacked by Zorr, the formidable metal giant. Luckily, a mysterious blue dragon comes to their rescue.

Major says

This is the sixth book in a series called, The Secrets of Droon. In this episode, best friends, Neal, Julie, and Eric return to the land of Droon. They go there to help stop Lord Sparr from awakening a sleeping giant, named Zor. They get help from their Droon friends, Princess Keeah, the wizard, the spider troll, and Queen Relna. Queen Relna is Princess Keeah's mother and a flying blue dragon.

Denae Christine says

The magic is too convenient without enough rules and limitations.

Victoria Whipple says

The Secrets of Droon is a fantasy series where 3 kids find a secret entrance to another world in the basement of one of the kids. They have MANY adventures with their friends in Droon, fighting with good to overcome evil. A good series to keep kids interested and always wanting the next installment.
