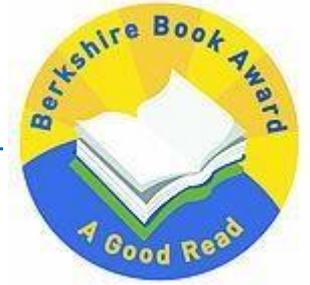
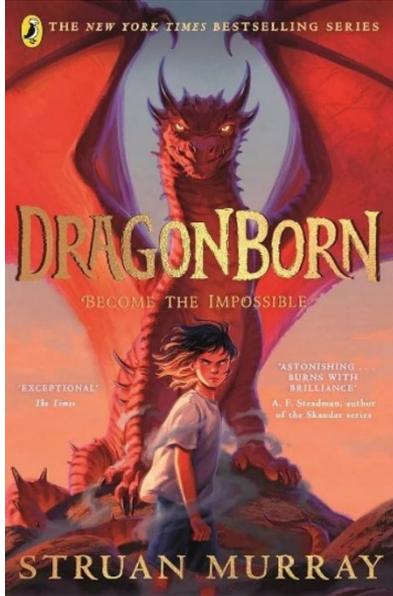


Berkshire Book Award 2026: Longlisted title



***Dragonborn* by Struan Murray**



Since Alex's father died, her mother has suffocated her with overprotective rules. When the frustration inside Alex becomes too much fire spills from her mouth.

Alex is a dragon, one of many who live hidden among us. Alex must now train alongside fierce, frightening dragon children on the island of Skralla, if she is to unlock the power of her birthright.

But other dragons are rising too. Drak Midna, the greatest dragon of all, seeks to free himself from the curse that has trapped him for three thousand years.

Can Alex harness her powers to keep the world safe from this powerful dragon?

Discussion Questions

- Dragons like to collect a hoard of treasure, what does Alex like to collect? What would you have in your hoard?
- Why do you think Alex struggles to transform into a dragon?
- Skralla is a dragon school. Is Skralla similar to boarding schools in other stories? What are the differences?
- Some characters were not who they seemed. Who were you most surprised by? Alex's mother? Erik? Pupps?
- If you could pick a dragon name, what would it be?