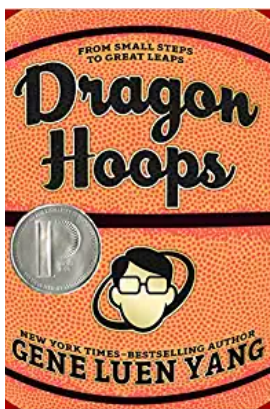


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Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



What's It About?

Gene understands stories—comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins.

But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him 'Stick' and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships.

Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well.

Who Wrote It?

Hi! I'm Gene Luen Yang. I began making comics and graphic novels in the fifth grade. In 2006, my book *American Born Chinese* was published by First Second Books. It became the first graphic novel to be nominated for a National Book Award and the first to win the American Library Association's Printz Award. I've done a number of other comics, including Dark Horse Comics' continuation of the popular Nickelodeon cartoon *Avatar: The Last Airbender* and DC Comics' *Superman!* In addition cartooning, I teach creative writing at Hamlin



University. In January 2016, the Library of Congress appointed me the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

AR Reading Level: 3.9

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