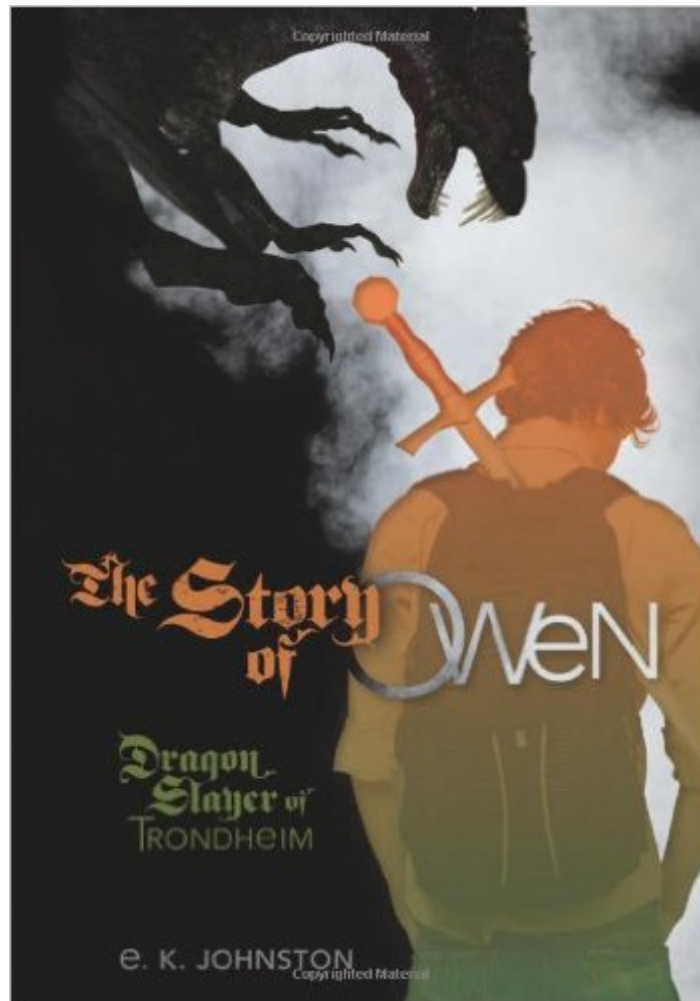


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# The Story Of Owen: Dragon Slayer Of Trondheim (Fiction - Young Adult)



## Synopsis

"Listen! For I sing of Owen Thorskard: valiant of heart, hopeless at algebra, last in a long line of legendary dragon slayers. Though he had few years and was not built for football, he stood between the town of Trondheim and creatures that threatened its survival. There have always been dragons. As far back as history is told, men and women have fought them, loyally defending their villages. Dragon slaying was a proud tradition. But dragons and humans have one thing in common: an insatiable appetite for fossil fuels. From the moment Henry Ford hired his first dragon slayer, no small town was safe. Dragon slayers flocked to cities, leaving more remote areas unprotected. Such was Trondheim's fate until Owen Thorskard arrived. At sixteen, with dragons advancing and his grades plummeting, Owen faced impossible odds armed only with a sword, his legacy, and the classmate who agreed to be his bard. Listen! I am Siobhan McQuaid. I alone know the story of Owen, the story that changes everything. Listen!"

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## Customer Reviews

(This review was crossposted from my blog)Ladies and gents, I'd like you introduce you to one of the most creative takes on dragons/dragon slaying that I have read in a very long time. Warning " I am likely to be less than coherent with this review. Babble tends to happen when I discover a story I love.The Story of Owen definitely falls into the category of "books I love." • Why, you ask?Well, for one, Johnston managed one of the most well thought out alternate histories I've

seen in years. The existence of dragons affect some of the major incidences in our history, the Suez Canal in particular, and you know that vast desert across North Africa? It was caused by improper dragon butchering after Rome defeated Carthage. Draconic existence also affects even the most ordinary parts of day to day life. Drive a car that still runs on fossil fuels? You definitely had to pass a class in how to avoid being attacked on the road by a carbon-eating dragon. Like the music of the Beatles? Thatâ™s probably because they paved the way for popular culture to not mention the large and scaly elephants in the room. These are the types of details that I just love, and this story has tons of them. It was like Easter egg hunting, and I was grinning with every one I noticed. On to the characters! Owen himself was the kind of teen youâ™d expect a budding dragon slayer to be â “ awkward, popular, and really terrible at homework but really incredible with a sword. I enjoyed how normal he was, if that makes sense at all. However, I have to admit that Siobhan, our narrator was definitely the character I connected with most.

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