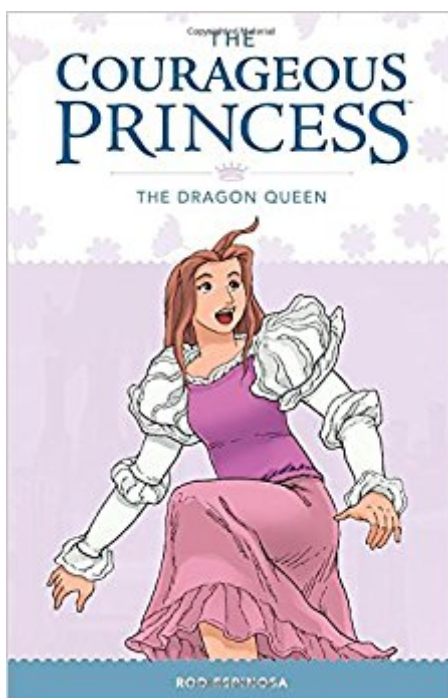


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# The Courageous Princess Volume 3 The Dragon Queen



## Synopsis

Princess Mabelrose has journeyed far and saved herself and others from danger and tyranny, but she has yet to make her way home. In the conclusion to the *Courageous Princess* trilogy, Mabelrose must use her generous spirit, as well as her brains, to melt the heart of the Dragon Queen and gain her freedom. But she still has to bring her father and her friends back from the queen's unreachable Unremembered Lands . . . Author Rod Espinosa proves once again that compassion and intelligence are more than a match for any danger!

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 "Mabelrose, the Courageous Princess, discovers who was behind all her adventures in this third and final installment. The Dragon Queen, who works the most powerful magic in the land and happens to be Mabelrose's Aunt Ursula, once battled the Terrible Eight and received their powers as a reward. As it turns out, she was behind Mabelrose's kidnapping and has plans to take over all the lands. Ursula also banished Mabelrose's father and her friends, who were trying to rescue her, to the Lands of No Return. Oddly, Ursula does not want to hurt Mabelrose; instead she wants them to join and rule together! As Mabelrose explores the cloud castle in which she's trapped, she starts to understand her aunt's background and discovers that there may be a way to save all

that she loves. This adventurous tale of a kindhearted and courageous girl will speak to readers. Espinosa's artwork leaps from the pages with action and vivid colors, with clean and easy-to-follow panels. Animal and human characters are distinctive and diverse. VERDICT Though this series is best enjoyed when read in order, this third volume could be picked up by any graphic novel fan. A strong addition.â "Mariela Siegert, Westfield Middle School, Bloomingdale, IL

Rod Espinosa is a comics creator, writer, and illustrator. In addition to his lengthy work Neotopia, for Antarctic Press, Espinosa has done extensive work adapting and illustrating literary classics into comics form, as well as creating comic book stories of important events from American history. Espinosa was born in the Philippines. He graduated from the Don Bosco technical college with a certificate in architectural drafting and got a degree in advertising art from Santo Tomas University in Manila. He worked for various companies in the fields of advertising, software entertainment and film before finally settling into a life of a comic book author. Espinosa's work on The Courageous Princess at Antarctic Press earned him a nomination for Promising New Talent and Best Artist for the 2000 Ignatz Awards and a 2002 Eisner Award nomination for Best Title for Younger Readers. The author lives in San Antonio, TX..

The mashups fly fast and furious as things head towards the climax of the storyline. It FEELS like most of the book is devoted to the final battle, although on checking back I see only about a third of it is. The core theme of the series is driven home quite well: personal power corrupts, but the power of friendship does not corrupt and will always win in the end. Strongly recommended.

The story of this entire series is cute and what I like most is there's no romance subplot even though it's teased upon. The main character is fun and one I would like my nieces to read about. In fact, my niece loves the first two books and I'll be giving her the third for her birthday. ^\_^

Always loved Rod Espinosa's work. I was so excited to know he completed the story of the "Courageous Princess".

Most certainly the best book of the series! Mabelrose is separated from everyone. They all have a journey full of danger to make their way to her. But meanwhile, Mabelrose is planning a cunning ruse to outwit the Dragon Queen. Ends with the perfect "happily ever after". Highly recommended for young girls.

I love this trilogy! Beautifully drawn. The idea that how you act is more important than how you look like is really what young girls need to hear. I bought these books for my neighbor's daughters who had difficulty reading, and they thought the books were worth the effort to learn to read by themselves. All my daughters are grown up, so I have to wait for a grand daughter to buy them again, but I assure you, I will. Rozanne Ohmes

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