

The Sunflower Sword

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What's a little boy to do when he wants a sword to fight dragons with, and his mother says he may not have one? Instead, she gives him a sunflower, which whooshes and swooshes surprisingly well. Off he goes, to the top of Dragon Hill, where he slays three imaginary dragons with his sunflower sword. Just then, a real, fire-breathing dragon appears, and what happens next is testament to the beauty of changing one's expectations. For ages four to nine.

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