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Critic's Report

**Title:** The true story of the komodo dragon

**Author:** Sébastien Bourbeau

**Genre:** Fiction/Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

**Audience:** YA/Middle Grade

**Word Count:** 30000

**Assessment:**

**Plot/Idea:** The plot is innovative and delightful. Giving voice to Squeak is intriguing, and his adventurous quest provides plenty of entertainment and excitement.

**Prose:** Bourbeau delivers scenes that are imaginative and rich with visual detail, alongside amusing dialogue developed from an innocent and witty voice.

**Originality:** The conversation between the animals in this story is both engaging and immersive, giving the book a creative edge.

**Character/Execution:** Bourbeau's characters are well-developed, likable, and diverting—and Squeak's transformation to Ignatius is a memorable journey.

**Score:**

- **Plot/Idea:** 9 out of 10
- **Originality:** 9 out of 10
- **Prose:** 9 out of 10
- **Character/Execution:** 10 out of 10
- **Overall:** 9.25 out of 10

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