

Staff Picks



Dragon Chapter Books

Stories about dragons and some nonfiction, too, for school-age children.

Compiled by: Children's Services Staff

Fiction



Dealing with Dragons

Patricia Wrede (Juvenile Fiction - J Wr)

Series: Enchanted forest chronicles: book 1

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragon's kingdom.



Dragon Keeper

Carol Wilkinson (Juvenile Fiction - J Wilkins)

An orphan slave girl becomes a Dragon Keeper when she heroically comes to the aid of an aging dragon and both go on a dangerous journey across China to protect a mysterious stone vital to the dragon's legacy.



Dragon Rider

Cornelia Funke (Juvenile Fiction - J Funke)

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.



Dragon's Blood

Jane Yolen (Juvenile Fiction - J Yo)

Series: Pit dragon trilogy: book 1

Jakkin, a bond boy who works as a Keeper in a dragon nursery on the planet Austar IV, secretly trains a fighting pit dragon of his own in hopes of winning his freedom.



Dragon's Nest

Emily Rodda (Juvenile Fiction - J Rodda)

Series: Dragons of Deltora: book 1

Battling famine and monsters, the people of Deltora must depend on the last dragons for help.

Dragonsong

Anne McCaffrey (Juvenile Fiction - J McCaffr)

Forbidden by her father to indulge in music in any way, a girl on the planet Pern runs away, taking shelter with the plant's fire lizards who along with her music, open a new life for her.



Eragon

Christopher Paolini (Juvenile Fiction - J Paolini)

Series: Inheritance cycle: book 1

In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.



Falcon's Egg

Luli Gray (Juvenile Fiction - J Gr)

Taking care of her younger brother and a loving but flighty mother has made Falcon very responsible for an eleven-year-old, but she needs the help of her great-great aunt, a friendly neighbor, and an ornithologist when she finds an unusual egg in Central Park.



Hatching Magic

Ann Downer (Juvenile Fiction - J Downer)

When a thirteenth-century wizard confronts twenty-first century Boston while seeking his pet dragon, he is followed by a rival wizard and a very unhappy demon, but eleven-year-old Teodora Oglethorpe may hold the secret to setting everything right.



How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell (Juvenile Fiction - J Cowell)

Series: Heroic misadventures of Hiccup the Viking: book 1

Follow the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hair Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.



Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

Bruce Coville (Juvenile Fiction - J Coville)

Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.



The Deliverers of Their Country

Edith Nesbit (Juvenile Classics - J Ne)

Effie and her brother Harry find a way to save Britain from a plague of dragons.



The Hunting of the Last Dragon

Sheryl Jordan (Juvenile Fiction - J Jo)

In England in 1356, as a monk records his every word, a young peasant tells of his journey with a young Chinese noblewoman to St. Alfric's Cove and the lair of a dragon.



The New Kid at School

Kate McMullen (Juvenile Fiction - J McMulla)

Series: Dragon Slayers' Academy: book 1

Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.



The Tiger's Apprentice

Laurence Yep (Juvenile Fiction - J Ye)

Series: Tiger's apprentice: book 1

A tiger, a monkey, a dragon, and a twelve-year-old Chinese American boy fight to keep a magic talisman out of the hands of an enemy who would use its power to destroy the world.



Dragon Prince: a Chinese Beauty & the Beast Tale

Laurence Yep (Juvenile Nonfiction - J 398.2 Beauty Yep)

A poor farmer's youngest daughter agrees to marry a fierce dragon in order to save her father's life.



Saint George and the Dragon: a Golden Legend (Juvenile Nonfiction - J 398.2 Saint George Hod)

Retells the segment from Spenser's "The Faerie Queene", in which George, the Red Cross Knight, slays the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.
