

Night Sky Dragons

The ancient Aztecs dwelt at the center of a dazzling and complex cosmos. From this position they were acutely receptive to the demands of their gods. The Fifth Sun represents a dramatic overview of the Aztec conception of the universe and the gods who populated it—Quetzalcoatl, the Plumed Serpent; Tezcatlipoca, the Smoking Mirror; and Huitzilopochtli, the Southern Hummingbird. Burr Cartwright Brundage explores the myths behind these and others in the Aztec pantheon in a way that illuminates both the human and the divine in Aztec life. The cult of human sacrifice is a pervasive theme in this study. It is a concept that permeated Aztec mythology and was the central preoccupation of the aggressive Aztec state. Another particularly interesting belief explored here is the "mask pool," whereby gods could exchange regalia and, thus, identities. This vivid and eminently readable study also covers the use of hallucinogens; cannibalism; the calendars of ancient Mexico; tlachtli, the life-and-death ball game; the flower wars; divine transfiguration; and the evolution of the war god of the Mexica. A splendid introduction to Aztec religion, *The Fifth Sun* also contains insights for specialists in ethnohistory, mythology, and religion.

From the award-winning author of *TAMAR*, a time-shifting thriller about a vanishing soccer star, occult secrets, and the dark history of slavery. As the city of San Juan pulses to summer's sluggish beat, its teenage soccer prodigy, El Brujito, the Little Magician, vanishes without a trace -- right after he misses a penalty kick and loses a big game for his team. Paul Faustino, South America's top sports reporter, is reluctantly drawn into the mystery of the athlete's disappearance. As a story of corruption and murder unfolds, Faustino is forced to confront the bitter history of slavery and the power of the occult. A deftly woven mystery flush with soccer and suspense, this gripping novel is a thrilling read not to be missed.

Dragons in space? A preposterous legend. But when star pilot Jael defies an abusive ship's master and rigs "the mountain route" through the hyperdimensional Flux, the dragons indeed appear—and challenge her to duel. If she escapes, she would be wise never to return. But the currents of the Flux are fickle, and when fate steers her this way again, she finds Highwing the dragon under sentence of death for the kindness he showed her. Only Jael can intervene—and so she must, for the sake of one who risked his life to save hers. A genre-bending novel of the Star Rigger Universe, from the Nebula-nominated author of *Eternity's End* and *The Chaos Chronicles*. Original print publication by Tor Books. Also available in *Dragon Space: A Star Rigger Omnibus*. "Carver writes powerfully and clearly and has produced a book that is likely to find an audience among hard SF readers." —Booklist "An interesting and entertaining blend of genres." —Science Fiction Chronicle "Carver's prose effectively lends a spare yet evocative resonance to the draconian realm. Like a good stage performer, this story should leave its audience wanting more." —John Bunnell, *Amazing Stories*

Matthew Lattimer is an average fourteen-year-old: he loves his computer and MP3 player, he hates bullies and losing at Mindset (his favorite collectible card game). But one day, in the fields behind his house, he has an amazing encounter...an encounter that will expand his horizons in ways he never dreamed possible. Part adventure story, part parable, *Chorus of the Dragons* is the story of a young man's journey of spiritual awakening. Join Matt as he learns ancient sacred truths from a teacher of legendary kings.

Anonka Lalonde has a grandson, Tracy Jr. who asked her to write about her special dragon.

Ulf is an orphaned werewolf who has lived all his life at Faraway Hall, the home of the RSPCB and a sanctuary for rare and endangered beasts. When a dead dragon arrives and a ghost reveals a dark secret, Ulf sets out to investigate, uncovering a plot by the world's most villainous beast hunter to resurrect the cruel sport of dragon fighting.

"In easy-to-follow, step-by-step detail, *Drawing Dragons* teaches you all the tricks and techniques you'll need to create your own amazing dragons"-- P. 4 of cover.

The Caretakers of the Imaginarium Geographica are at war. The last stones from the Keep of Time are falling, and, at the request of an old enemy, a new tower is being built in our world. The old enemy is the Winter King's Shadow, and he wields a terrible weapon - the Spear of Destiny - which can be used to command the shadows of anyone it touches... including the protectors of the Archipelago, the dragons. The Shadow King returns to the Archipelago using the ship, the Iron Dragon, and enlists an unstoppable army of Dragon Shadows... While WWII rages in our world, all the caretakers, both past and present, must come together to save the Archipelago. All hope lies with a small group of companions, along with mythical knight, Don Quixote, who must sail beyond the very ends of the Archipelago in search of a broken sword, and the only being alive who can repair it: a scholar, who, once upon a time, was called Madoc.

A volume of essays exploring some of the best genre fiction of the last 40 years, including work by Reginald Hill, Thomas Harris, Dorothy L. Sayers, Nora Roberts, J. D. Robb (since 2000 the world's best-selling novelist), J. R. R. Tolkien, Ursula Le Guin, Anne McCaffrey, Ian McDonald, Octavia E. Butler, and *The Tortallan World* of Tamora Pierce. Stargazing is among the most peaceful and inspiring outdoor activities. *Night Sky*, the award-winning book by Jonathan Poppele, makes it more fun than ever! Take a simple approach to finding 62 constellations by focusing on one constellation at a time, instead of attempting to study dizzying charts. Start with the easy-to-find constellations during each season and work toward the more difficult ones. Better yet, you'll learn how to locate any constellation in relation to the Big Dipper, the North Star and the top of the sky. With two ways to locate each constellation, you'll know where in the sky to look and what to look for! Along the way, you'll be introduced to mythology, facts and tidbits, as well as details about the planets, solar system and more! As an added bonus, the book comes with a red-light flashlight for night reading.

Follow three sexy dragons as they find their mates in swoon-worthy romances! *Rage* What's a mercenary dragon to do when he meets a woman who makes his body surge with an energy he's never felt before? Drake's part of an elite group of dragon mercenaries. He's a dragon for hire. Tara's a senator's daughter who's been kidnapped and is being kept underground. Until a dragon shows up to rescue her. A dragon! Soon, one dragon turns into a baker's dozen of dragons. And they're living in a secret compound that's more like a luxury hotel on the inside. Then, one fight breaks out in the cafeteria and Tara learns she's so much more than a kidnap victim. And it's somehow tied into Drake, a guy that's beyond hot. *Fury* What's a mercenary dragon to do when he meets a woman who has bruises and cuts on her face instead of joy and happiness? Braxim's part of an elite group of dragon mercenaries. He's a dragon for hire. Renee's a waitress at a local diner in Charlotte. She wants to leave her abusive boyfriend Freddie, but it's not as easy as it seems. Sure, Braxim can save her from Freddie, then what? He's a dragon. They're supposed to stay private and secret. Where can he take her when he's expected to report back at the compound. Can't take her there and risk pissing off Xedron, can he? Or can he? *Rush* Xedron broke a rule and now it's cost him. He's the prisoner of a madman scientist who wants his dragon blood for nefarious reasons. Sadly, none of Xedron's brothers know where he is. Cody's just recently met the man who fathered her. *Fletcher*'s finally a part of her life. It's especially bittersweet now that her

mother's dying of cancer. Cody's not normally a nosy sort, so she can't explain why she's gone poking around in Fletcher's basement. What she didn't expect to find is a hot guy in a cage. Fletcher tells her he's a serial killer but something doesn't seem quite right about her recently-found father's explanation. Who is this gorgeous hunk? Why is he her father's captive? Rage What's a mercenary dragon to do when he meets a woman who makes his body surge with an energy he's never felt before? Drake's part of an elite group of dragon mercenaries. He's a dragon for hire. Tara's a senator's daughter who's been kidnapped and is being kept underground. Until a dragon shows up to rescue her. A dragon! Soon, one dragon turns into a baker's dozen of dragons. And they're living in a secret compound that's more like a luxury hotel on the inside. Then, one fight breaks out in the cafeteria and Tara learns she's so much more than a kidnap victim. And it's somehow tied into Drake, a guy that's beyond hot. Fury What's a mercenary dragon to do when he meets a woman who has bruises and cuts on her face instead of joy and happiness? Braxim's part of an elite group of dragon mercenaries. He's a dragon for hire. Renee's a waitress at a local diner in Charlotte. She wants to leave her abusive boyfriend Freddie, but it's not as easy as it seems. Sure Braxim can save her from Freddie, then what? He's a dragon. They're supposed to stay private and secret. Where can he take her when he's expected to report back at the compound. Can't take her there and risk pissing off Xedron, can he? Or can he? Rush Xedron broke a rule and now it's cost him. He's the prisoner of a madman scientist who wants his dragon blood for nefarious reasons. Sadly, none of Xedron's brothers know where he is. Cody's just recently met the man who fathered her. Fletcher's finally a part of her life. It's especially bittersweet now that her mother's dying of cancer. Cody's not normally a nosy sort, so she can't explain why she's gone poking around in Fletcher's basement. What she didn't expect to find is a hot guy in a cage. Fletcher tells her he's a serial killer but something doesn't seem quite right about her recently-found father's explanation. Who is this gorgeous hunk? Why is he her father's captive?

Darkness Meets Light tells the story of Tate Kidman, who is intertwined with the fate of the universe and was trapped inside a tomb by his twin brother, Xenos. A virgin witch's blood is the only hope for him to be released. After ten years, Tate was released by a fire moon witch, Cynthia Redd. She is a fierce seventeen-year-old farm girl waiting for her adolescence to arrive when she finds out her whole life has been a lie. The pair started on an incredible, dangerous journey with two others to help find her estranged father and to reach a high priest. The travelers gain each other's trust, receive wisdom, and overcome their obstacles.

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Requiem. A mythical kingdom whose people could grow wings, breathe fire, and rise as dragons. A kingdom all but forgotten. The Cured Temple now rules over the ashes of that fallen nation. Yet some still remember Requiem. Some still carry the magic inside them. For the first time in a hundred years, dragons take flight. For the first time, they cry out the forbidden name of their kingdom: "Requiem! Requiem!" The paladins of the Cured Temple gather their armies. They take flight on the backs of fire-drakes, mindless reptiles of the sky. They seek to slay the last dragons of Requiem . . . and to erase all memory of that ancient realm. The skies burn with war, with rage, and with dragonfire. The kingdom of Requiem is reborn. _____ THE REQUIEM SERIES: Requiem: Dawn of Dragons Book 1: Requiem's Song Book 2: Requiem's Hope Book 3: Requiem's Prayer Requiem: Song of Dragons Book 1: Blood of Requiem Book 2: Tears of Requiem Book 3: Light of Requiem Requiem: Dragonlore Book 1: A Dawn of Dragonfire Book 2: A Day of Dragon Blood Book 3: A Night of Dragon Wings Requiem: The Dragon War Book 1: A Legacy of Light Book 2: A Birthright of Blood Book 3: A Memory of Fire Requiem: Requiem for Dragons Book 1: Dragons Lost Book 2: Dragons Reborn Book 3: Dragons Rising Requiem: Flame of Requiem Book 1: Forged in Dragonfire Book 2: Crown of Dragonfire Book 3: Pillars of Dragonfire Requiem: Dragonfire Rain Book 1: Blood of Dragons Book 2: Rage of Dragons Book 3: Flight of Dragons Fire isn't the only thing that's heating up. Shadow-dragon brothers Baron and Duke are on a mission. The Paranormal Protection Agency has assigned them to protect Honor Croft, the daughter of a wealthy businessman. But Honor's father is up to no good, suspected in the illegal trading of paranormal slaves. Baron and Duke are forced to go undercover as humans at the Croft house and suppress their natural calls to mate. It's a change of pace, especially when the brothers face off against redcaps and trolls who only want them dead. As the stakes grow higher, a stunning realization emerges – because Honor Croft is Baron's mate. And when a crazed warlock kidnaps Honor, is Baron willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to save her? Or will this shadow-dragon be forced to extinguish his own passionate flame? In Dragon's Honor, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Mina Carter presents the latest installment of the Paranormal Protection Agency series. In this dark and steamy tale, passion is on a collision course with destiny. Because in this paranormal world full of conflict, the call of duty is no match... for the call of the wild. Keywords: dragon shifter romance, dragon romance, shifter mate romance, fairytale romance, paranormal romance ebooks, paranormal romance, paranormal romance series, paranormal romance adult.

It is to be their last summer of freedom. When it's over Thalynder will not be able to escape her duties as Princess of the Realm. Shieldmaiden Bryn will watch her childhood friend marry and rule, her own words of love forever silenced. Before their predetermined fate overtakes them, however, one last quest to please the Druids and the King sends Bryn, Thalynder, a dragon, and a Knight on a journey across The Realm That Touches Two Seas in an adventure perilous to their lives—and their hearts.

- The most comprehensive GMAT Grammar book - 500+ exercises and 500+ test questions in this 294 page book!- Covers all tested subjects from Articles to Parallelism but excludes some of the ones not covered- List of common idioms (plus examples), prepositions, commonly confused, misused words- Includes 3 tests

Carnegie Medalist Mal Peet takes a searing look at the world of soccer and pop-celebrity culture -- and the lives of three street kids caught in its glare. (Age 14 and up) When a black South American soccer star signs on to a team in the country's racist south, headlines blare. And when he falls for the sensual Desmerelda, a stunning white pop singer and daughter of a wealthy

politician, their sudden and controversial marriage propels the pair to center stage, where they burn in the media spotlight. But celebrity attracts enemies; some very close to home. And its dazzle reaches into the city's hidden corners, exposing a life of grit and desperation the glitterati could never imagine. When a girl is found murdered, reporter Paul Faustino is caught between worlds as he witnesses the power of the media in making -- and breaking -- lives. Inspired by Shakespeare's OTHELLO, this modern tragedy of desire and betrayal, incisively and compassionately told, is a truly enthralling work of crossover fiction.

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[Siren Classic ManLove: Erotic Romance, Alternative, Fantasy, Shape-shifters, Action/Adventure, MM, HEA] In a world of wizards, Dawn Caithis has no magic, but that's never been an issue for him. He just doesn't want to stand out. And if he's maybe just a little too hard-working, too desperate to be liked by everyone in his tiny village, well, chalk it up to him not having a family of his own. But in reality, Dawn hides a terrible secret. See, Dawn does have magic. He has the kind of magic he can't ever let anyone know about, or he'll be banished from his home for good. When Dawn's soulmark appears, however, his secret comes to light and Dawn's life crashes down around him. Cast out to await his death, Dawn is bitterly determined to ignore the fate his soulmark is trying to lead him to. Malixar, the dragon of madness, has other plans. He intends to take what's his, whether his soulmate likes it or not.

Welcome to Dragon Country! Here Dragonfire sears the grass and the wind dances with Dragon-song. Here you'll find true Dragons, real flesh-and-blood creatures that are as fiercely alive and majestic as they were thousands of years ago. • Learn about the three true species: Eastern, Western, and Feathered • Explore how Dragons evolved and the various types of pseudo-dragons • Study the science of Dragons: size, diet, temperament, habitat, and more • Discover how Dragons impact religion, art, literature, and occult studies • Find out how to safely interact with Dragons This essential, comprehensive introduction to Dragons is filled with what everyone must know about these extraordinary creatures. Whether a casual dracophile or a dedicated Dragon keeper, come explore what Dragons have to teach us about the world and our-selves. Discover how, with care and devotion, you can help save them from extinction.

Son Goku's adventure begins! Join me in Dragon Ball Culture Volume 2, as we travel along with Goku on his epic journey for greater strength. With each step that Goku takes, you'll discover more of the hidden spirituality and symbolism in Dragon Ball that makes the series so successful. You'll see how author Akira Toriyama synthesizes Chinese culture, Western technology, and Buddho-Daoist philosophy to create a series that speaks to your humanity. Not because of the action or the humor, but because it reminds you of what it means to be alive. Along the way you'll learn of Goku's ancient origin. You'll hear how the legend of a wild monkey-man begins in India, evolves across 2,000 years of Chinese and Japanese history, and leads to the Goku you know and love. I'll walk you through the journey from the first page to the last. And by the time we're done, you will be an expert on Dragon Ball's culture. Volume 2 explores Chapters 1 to 23 of the Dragon Ball manga. So let's take our first step with Goku!

Magical New Childrens Novel 'Wizards Spell Magic In The Legends Of Mere Leander' An exciting magical adventure story that children can't put down. When four children find the magical dark gemstone in the grounds of an old haunted castle they suddenly develop magical supernatural powers, and their adventures are only just beginning. Stepping through the magical vortex of the dark gemstone into the enchanted realm of Mere Leander on midnight of Halloween the children befriend forgetful wizards, changeling dragons, unicorns, ghosts and elves helping them find the lost magical spell books, the Legends of Mere Leander. Discover wizards duels, dragon jousting, flee the dark phantom and his dragons in search of the last magical entities. Dare you discover if the children can save the dragon lords from their curse and find the last magical entities before the dark wizard Delverasteon, saving enchanted Mere Leander in time ?

From acclaimed British sensation Mal Peet comes a masterful story of adventure, love, secrets, and betrayal in time of war, both past and present. When her grandfather dies, Tamar inherits a box containing a series of clues and coded messages. Out of the past, another Tamar emerges, a man involved in the terrifying world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland half a century before. His story is one of passionate love, jealousy, and tragedy set against the daily fear and casual horror of the Second World War -- and unraveling it is about to transform Tamar's life forever.

An enthralling story of a poor and gawky kid who mysteriously becomes the world's greatest goalkeeper — a seamless blend of magic realism and exhilarating soccer action. "And you found it, this thing you were looking for?" It was darker now, and the city below Faustino's office was a jazzy dance of neon signs and traffic. The big man went to the window and looked down at it all, spreading his large hands on the glass. "No," he said. "It found me." When Paul Faustino of LA NACION flips on his tape recorder for an exclusive interview with El Gato — the phenomenal goalkeeper who single-handedly brought his team the World Cup — the seasoned reporter quickly learns that this will be no ordinary story. Instead, the legendary El Gato ("The Cat") quietly narrates a spellbinding tale that begins in a mythic corner of the South American rain forest, where a ghostly but very real mentor, the Keeper, emerges to teach the gangly boy the most thrilling secrets of the game. Combining vivid imagery and heart-stopping action, this evocative, strikingly ethereal novel about loyalty, passion, and magic will haunt readers, regardless of their love for soccer, long after the story is ended.

The Florida night sky is a source of fascination, inspiration, and enjoyment. Whether your aim is a casual appreciation of the heavens or a serious study of astronomy, The Florida Night Sky will get you started on a rewarding journey of cosmic discovery, beginning with how the known universe is organized and where Florida fits into the picture. Every place on earth has its own singular view of the stars and Florida is no different. There's an enviable openness to the Florida landscape and flat horizon, allowing for a broader view of the sky in all directions. The warm, snowless winter nights, with their long periods of darkness, are ideal for stargazing, and Florida's position near the tropics offers a view of the four stars in the Southern Cross in the spring and early summer. The two coasts offer stunning views of the sun rising and setting in the water--watch for the Green Flash as the sun finally drops into the ocean on the Gulf Coast. An ideal starting point for those who want to learn about the Florida night sky and enjoy its treasures, this book also serves as a helpful reference for serious amateur astronomers. Step outside, look up, and get acquainted with the Florida night. The rewards will surprise and delight you.

Skye's life is being threatened. A madman is going around telling her and whoever else will listen that she needs to die for the glorious new world to come. He has assured her more than once that he loves her and she will come back after she dies to spend eternity with him. She has given that scenario a hard pass. Zeno wants to find his dragon mate. He has lived centuries being the little brother everyone thought needed to be taken care of. He is over that. Now he is living in the human world looking for the one female who was always meant to be his mate. Together they find the chance for love as well as death. The enemy of the dragons

won't stop, and this time he's sure that if he kills Skye, he will be able to walk the world again as it's master. Skye and Zeno must find a way to keep her alive while defeating the evil after them.

Requiem. A forbidden word. The name of a lost kingdom, the homeland of dragons. Yet there are some who remember Requiem, who will fight to see it rise again . . . This bundle includes all three novels in Requiem for Dragons, an epic fantasy trilogy about myth, memory, and dragonfire. BOOK 1: DRAGONS LOST: The kingdom of dragons is all but forgotten. The Cured Temple now rules over the ashes of that lost realm. Yet some still carry the dragon magic. Some still whisper the forbidden word: "Requiem..." BOOK 2: DRAGONS REBORN: The last dragons in the world, only a handful of souls, bind together. They fly again. They fight the Cured Temple. They cry out in the open sky: "Remember Requiem!" BOOK 3: DRAGONS RISING: The Cured Temple's armies swarm across land, sea, and sky. The world's last dragons fly to face them... vowing to defeat the Temple and see Requiem rise again.

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Howdy, I am Orlo James Goodson. You may have read one of my other books, the Jacksonville Norseman Society or The Scorpion. I would like to tell you about another one of my stories Abducted. In my reading I found this quote from Bob Lazar a former Government Scientist who worked at S4 near area 51 in southern Nevada. Obviously the ET craft do exist, something had to build them. So their must be aliens and since there are and the craft are there. There must be some sort of factory and an entire civilization somewhere, and if in fact that is true and it apparently is, then there must be others. Bob Lazar Former Government Scientist. One of the greatest fears faced by any parent is the fear of one of their children being abducted. Imagine that your child has been abducted and you are an eye witness to a strange craft lifting off the ground with your child inside, it goes straight up disappearing into the star studded night sky. You call for help, you tell the truth, but no one believes you. You are accused of killing your child, you go to jail, lose your job, your spouse divorces you, and you go to court for murder. You are acquitted through strange circumstances. In order to retrieve your child from among the stars and to clear your name, your only hope is to do what cant be done at a place that doesnt exist. You must steal an alien ship you know is held on a secret military base in the deserts of Southern Nevada. Once you acquire the ship, before you can go after your child you must out smart an ultra secret government organization that is determined to stop you. After you step off the planet in search of your child among the stars, you encounter a race of cold blooded hateful reptilian aliens that consider you and your child to be animals to be experimented on or a source of food. This book is available in bookstores everywhere and on the internet. You can get an autographed copy or the E-book from my Website at orlojamesgoodson.com. I also have other products available. Enjoy the read.

When West leaves his bedroom window open, little did he know his scent was luring the most ancient of species. It was a scent that the reptile had searched for its whole life. Through this window came Ral, the tiny leader and oracle of the Dragons of Asgard. This was a dragon clan that had gone unnoticed on Earth for thousands of years, awaiting the one called Zod, who was predicted to rise up and fight for the Dragons of Asgard, freeing them from their enemies grasps forever. Ral reveals to West that his clan of dragons will soon die out, because the Golden One, a massive golden dragon that awoke from its thousand year sleep, has begun to hunt them down, devouring their flesh and quenching its thirst with their blood to gain the tiny dragons unique powers. Ral speaks of a ship that was sent, but never arrived, which was to rescue the tiny dragon clan. When West and Michelle hear about a UFO crash that many eyewitnesses had seen over the city of Needles, California, they quickly put two and two together. West and his two friends decide that the only way to save the tiny dragons is to get their ship back and send them home. Believing the UFO to have been taken to a secret military base nearby, West borrows his father's classic 68 Corvette and they go on a road trip to Area S4, 13.5 miles southwest of Area 51. This sci-fi/fantasy novel is based on a true UFO crash that took place on May 14, 2008 in Needles, California and can be read in a supplement at the end of this book.

Garrik le Fey, First King of Tarlis, has pledged his life to destroying his Kingdom's deadliest enemy, Narokah, Dark Priest to the crazed God of Blood. After finding Narokah sacrificing a young girl, Garrik slays him, but with the powers bestowed on him by his dark god Arahman, the priest is able to transform himself to a red dragon. Garrik counters by having his sorcerer friend, Arkron, change him to a black dragon. Garrik tells Arkron that should he not be able to defeat Narokah, he is to perform the spell that will trap them both between the pages of the ancient spell book, Arkgeld, Book of the Stars.

Yazul, a young boy, spends most of his time with his grandfather in his workshop, making kites. More than anything, Yazul wants the approval of his father, the lord of the han, but this love of kite-making only ever seems to elicit disappointment: "Travel and trade are what matters," his father says.

On a mythical island alone in the vast sea, there lived dragons. These mystical beings lived alone in peace until a vicious lone dragon arrived to their island, took over and enslaved them all. It's not until the bravery of a young dragon, Midnight, who finds the strength within to try and defeat the evil dragon and save the last of the dragons.

How hard can it be to write a fantasy trilogy? From Carnegie Medalist Mal Peet comes an outrageously funny black comedy about an impoverished literary writer who makes a pact with the devil. Award-winning YA author Philip Murdstone is in trouble. His star has waned. The world is leaving him behind. His agent, the ruthless Minerva Cinch, convinces him that his only hope is to write a sword-and-sorcery blockbuster. Unfortunately, Philip—allergic to the faintest trace of Tolkien—is utterly unsuited to the task. In a dark hour, a dwarfish stranger comes to his rescue. But the deal he makes with Pocket Wellfair turns out to have Faustian consequences. The Murdstone Trilogy is a richly dark comedy described by one U.K. reviewer as “totally insane in the best way possible.”

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Beasts (RSPCB) operates a rescue center for werewolves, dragons, fairies, giants, sea monsters, and other fantastical creatures. The RSPCB has stopped crimes against beasts, but there are still some people out there who will do anything to get their hands on one of these mythic animals . . . even if that means crossing the members of the RSPCB. In the first book, Werewolf versus Dragon, a dragon's mangled body arrives at the RSPCB, and the Society knows that they've got a real monster on their hands. Ulf, a werewolf-boy, and his

friends must stop the most evil beast hunter before it's too late. The adventure continues in the second book, *Sea Monsters and Other Delicacies*, for Ulf and his friends, Orson the giant, Tiana the Fairy, and Dr. Fielding. A sea monster has suffered a life-threatening injury, and it looks like the evil Baron Marackai is back—and this time beasts are on the menu. Ulf must stop him again—the future of the RSPCB depends on it.

Zoe and Sam have deciphered the scroll revealing the prophecy. Now they must follow the clues to find the Dragon Stone. Zoe must take possession of the Dragon Stone before the witch Gullviæg. Otherwise, life as you and I know it will be lost. Just at the brink of discovery the evil witch Gullviæg sends her minions to capture Zoe. Are the minions successful? Does Zoe find the Dragon Stone? Follow Zoe and Sam with their magical friends to find the Dragon Stone and learn the secrets of the power the Dragon Stone holds.

Monarchs often face the consequences of a predecessor's actions—but death is asking too much. Kitlyn and Oona never wanted power, only to love each other... a potentially deadly desire in a kingdom obsessed with a twisted notion of purity. After years hiding the truth, even from themselves, they sit on the throne together as queens. It only took bringing an end to a horrible war—and the direct intervention of a goddess—for the citizens to accept a marriage between two young women. Earning the respect of two kingdoms affords them the opportunity of learning how to lead, but goodwill won't last forever in the face of complacency. Their resolve is tested as beasts long thought mythical are spotted around the kingdom, threatening the citizens. The sightings take an ominous turn when a stranger wielding unknown powers strolls into the throne room. Worse, the ancient curse still stalks Kitlyn. A cryptic message from a ghost offers her only chance to survive... if she dares risk the safety of the kingdom to spare her own life.

For centuries, folk tales about fierce, fire-breathing dragons have fascinated children and adults alike. Sometimes scary, sometimes surprisingly friendly, dragons are major characters in legends from all around the world. *Dragons* collects 20 of these mythical beasts from Chinese, Japanese, Babylonian, Mediterranean and Nordic mythology as well as examples from more recent fantasy literature, such as J.R.R. Tolkien's dragon Smaug in *The Hobbit*. From the rage of Beowulf's dragon to the victory of St. George over the dragon, *Dragons* brings together the most exciting of these mythical monsters. Illustrated throughout with outstanding, full-colour artworks for each dragon, each entry includes easy-to-follow accounts of the myth, maps of the geographical origins, and factfile boxes describing the different strengths and weaknesses and characteristics of the dragon. This engaging and accessible volume reveals the spectacular world of some of mankind's most sensational creations.

The Hour of Twilight. She'd spoken of it at the meeting, tried to warn the others of it, but the warning had gotten lost; a little bright fragment of . . . something . . . had been briskly swept away like a broken bit of pottery beneath an industrious broom. It was— She gnawed her lower lip, thinking. It was the greatest challenge the dragonflights would face, but she did not know against whom they would be fighting. It might come soon . . . or aeons from now. Could it have something to do with the return of Deathwing? Surely it had to . . . did it not? This breaking of the world was one of the worst things that had ever happened to Azeroth. How could she persuade others of the direness of the situation when she herself could not articulate it? She uttered a little noise of annoyance and frustration. One thing she knew for certain. There were many pieces missing from this puzzle, but there was one core piece that was necessary before any of the others could fall into place. It was a very strange piece, an unlikely one at best, and she was uncertain as to how he would fit in. She only knew that he had to. Ysera had seen him, floating in and out of her dreaming. She had thought she understood his role in things, but now, peculiar as it seemed, something—some inner certainty that even she did not fully understand—was leading her to think she had not seen the full breadth of his contribution to Azeroth. He was not a dragon. But he had the interests of the dragonflights in his heart—whether he knew it or not. He straddled worlds—but did not seek to rule or command or destroy them. He was unique. She tilted her head, let the wind play with her long green hair. Perhaps that was why he fit in. Even the Aspects were not singular beings, although each had unique abilities. Not one but five there had been at the beginning, when the titans had come and shared their power for the good of Azeroth. Four there were now, but there would soon be five again, when the blues determined how to choose the one who would lead them. But there was only one like this being. There was only one Thrall.

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