

WTBBL Book List:

Dragons

We're here to talk to you about DRAGONS! Anytime I think about dragons and remember that they're not real, I cry a little inside. Luckily, we have books! Books filled with dragons! Enjoy these books stuffed to the brim with our favorite fire-breathing lizards.

To Shape a Dragon's Breath by Moniquill Blackgoose, 2023.
([DB118278](#))

The remote island of Masquapaug has not seen a dragon in many generations—until fifteen-year-old Anequs finds a dragon's egg and bonds with its hatchling. Her people are delighted and Anequs is revered as Nampeshiweisit—a person in a unique relationship with a dragon. Unfortunately for Anequs, the English conquerors of her land have different opinions. The English reluctantly allow Anequs to enroll in a proper dragon school on the mainland. If she cannot succeed there, her dragon will be killed. Anequs and her dragon may be coming of age, but they're also coming to power, and that brings an important realization: the world needs changing—and they might just be the ones to do it. – Book description adapted from publisher's website

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros, 2023. (in process [BR025277](#), [DB115206](#), en español [DB116920](#))

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general – also known as her mother –

ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away...because don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them. She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise. –description adapted from library catalog

Eragon by Christopher Paolini, 2003. ([BR021177](#), [DB057232](#), en español [DB061002](#))

When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it's the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he's stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered, and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic, and power. – description from Goodreads

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman, 2012. ([BR019821](#), [DB076170](#))

Four decades of peace have done little to ease the mistrust between humans and dragons in the kingdom of Goredd. Folding themselves into human shape, dragons attend court as ambassadors, and lend their rational, mathematical minds to universities as scholars and teachers. As the treaty's anniversary draws near, however, tensions are high. Seraphina Dombegh has reason to fear both sides. An unusually gifted musician, she joins the court just as a member of the royal family is murdered—in suspiciously draconian fashion. While investigating the sinister plot to destroy the peace, Seraphina struggles to protect her own secret, the secret behind her musical gift – one so terrible that its discovery could mean her very life. –description from Goodreads

I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons by Peter S. Beagle, 2024.
([DB123463](#))

Dragons are common in the backwater kingdom of Bellemontagne, coming in sizes from mouse-like vermin all the way up to castle-smashing monsters. Gaius Aurelius Constantine Heliogabalus Thrax (who would much rather people call him Robert) has recently inherited his deceased dad's job as a dragon catcher/exterminator; a career he detests with all his heart in part because he likes dragons, but mainly because his dream has always been the impossible one of transcending his humble origin to someday become a prince's valet. Needless to say, fate has something rather different in mind. – description from library catalog

When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Regan Barnhill, 2022. (in process [BR025259](#), [DB107951](#))

Alex Green is a young girl in a world much like ours, except for its most seminal event: the Mass Dragoning of 1955, when hundreds of thousands of ordinary wives and mothers sprouted wings, scales, and talons; left a trail of fiery destruction in their path; and took to the skies. Was it their choice? What will become of those left behind? Why did Alex's beloved aunt Marla transform but her mother did not? Alex doesn't know. It's taboo to speak of. Forced into silence, Alex nevertheless must face the consequences of this astonishing event: a mother more protective than ever; an absentee father; the upsetting insistence that her aunt never even existed; and watching her beloved cousin Bea become dangerously obsessed with the forbidden. – description from library catalog

Flight of the Dragon Kyn by Susan Fletcher, 1993. ([DB042628](#))

When Kara was four, she came down with vermillion fever, and her parents, thinking there was no cure, left her in a cave to die. A month later she walked back into her parents' home as healthy as if she had never been sick. It is said that a mother dragon lived in that cave, and she nursed young Kara back to life. Now, 11 years later, the only reminder of Kara's illness is a small scar on her cheek. Of her contact with the dragon, there is more. Her eyes, which once were blue, are now green. And she can call down birds, which many believe is a sign that she can also call down dragons, for the two are distant cousins. Only Kara has her doubts. How can a beast as huge and terrifying as a dragon be related to a sweet, gentle bird? But could this explain why the king has sent for her? Does he think she has power over dragons? For Kara, the answer to this question means life or death—not only for her, but for all the dragons. – description from publisher's website

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott, 2018. ([DB093368](#))

When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother—but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don't let them out of the bag, and don't feed them anything sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? Or will they be lost in Brooklyn forever? – description from library catalog

A Natural History of Dragons by Marie Brennan, 2013.
([DB078261](#))

All the world knows Isabella, Lady Trent, to be the world's preeminent dragon naturalist. She is the remarkable woman who brought the study of dragons out of the misty shadows of myth and misunderstanding into the clear light of modern science. But before she became the illustrious figure we know today, there was a bookish young woman whose passion for learning, natural history, and, yes, dragons defied the stifling conventions of her day. Here at last, in her own words, is the true story of a pioneering spirit who risked her reputation, her prospects, and her fragile flesh and bone to satisfy her scientific curiosity. – description from Goodreads

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin, 2009.
([BR018712](#), [DB070391](#))

In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli spends her days working hard in the fields and her nights listening to her father spin fantastic tales about the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon. Minli's mother, tired of their poor life, chides him for filling her head with nonsense. But Minli believes these enchanting stories and embarks on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon and ask him how her family can change their fortune. – description from Goodreads

Heartstone by Elle Katharine White, 2017. ([DB087371](#))

They say a Rider in possession of a good blade must be in want of a monster to slay—and Merybourne Manor has plenty of monsters. Passionate, headstrong Aliza Bentaine knows this all too well; she's already lost one sister to the invading gryphons. So when Lord Merybourne hires a band of Riders to hunt down

the horde, Aliza is relieved her home will soon be safe again. Her relief is short-lived. With the arrival of the haughty and handsome dragonrider, Alastair Daired, Aliza expects a battle; what she doesn't expect is a romantic clash of wills, pitting words and wit against the pride of an ancient house. For those who wished for a little more dragons in **Pride and Prejudice** ([DB020513](#)) – description from Goodreads

Tooth and Claw by Jo Walton, 2003. ([BR016100](#), [DB083077](#))

A family experiences conflict and strife after the death of the patriarch. The children left behind argue over inheritances and arranged marriages, all in an alternative version of the Victorian era that is completely populated with fire-breathing dragons. – description from library catalog