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Dragonologists, look no further! Here, in a single handsome, indispensable volume, is gathered a lifetime's worth of knowledge about these magnificent creatures.

Call it an encyclopedia of dragonology — an authorized resource so definitive that dragon lovers everywhere are fired up with excitement. From the esteemed Dr. Drake comes a beautifully illustrated, lovingly assembled tribute to all things dragonological, featuring:

- A guide to dragon species, with entries on everything from the well-known European dragon to the lesser-known hydra — as well as pseudo-species such as the phoenix and the incognito
- Insight into dragon biology, from flight to reproduction (with tips on how to tell the males from the females)
- An in-depth look at dragons' habits, including migration, communication, camouflage, and notorious hoarding practices
- A section on humans and dragons, offering secrets of tracking and taming, deciphering riddles, and becoming a dragon master
- Practical essentials such as how to keep records, use spells, keep specimens, and care for sick dragons
- A comprehensive glossary, index, and much more!

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Daleb. says

I loved this book and would dearly like to have my own copy one day...Very nicely done but i'm appalled at the condition of this copy (only 2yrs old by the Library's stamp on the inside cover).

People!! Be Kind to your Library books!

Some of the material in this book can also be found in:

Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons (Ologies, #1)

by Dugald A. Steer, Wayne Anderson (Illustrator), Helen Ward (Illustrator), Douglas Carrel (Illustrator)

Both books are joys to read for Dragon lovers everywhere and Amatuer Dragonologists worldwide.

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Loretta says

I read this with my kids and found it very interesting and fascinating in the historical and global sense of the mythical dragon. I have always been intrigued by the differences of myth and legend as it pertained to different regions and religions. A very educational guide in a very easy to read manner for kids, as young as 7, I think.

Katy says

For those that have not get any of the dragonology books this maybe the book that you want to buy, it has most (if not all all) the dragons that the previous Dragonology books talks about, not only that it has extra dragons and information about dragons including:

- how to raise your dragon
- how to approach a wild dragon
- Learning and living with dragons

of course you may not have your own dragon and want to buy this book for the beautiful illustrations and vast information. Unlike previous books which are aimed towards a younger audience this should appeal to an older age range, it does not have lift up flaps, touchy feely sections and has a lot of text (and illustrations) which should keep anyone entertained!

This is my favourite book in the entire series!

Sarah says

I was impressed by the detail.

Brandielle says

I don't really know how to rate this. My 5 year old son loved it but reading it aloud to him made me crazy.

Cathy says

Reserved at the library. Read an online review that said there is a feature using your computer's webcam and a plug-in that allows illustrations to appear 3D. No info found yet whether this works with Macs. Sounds pretty cool!

Haven't figured out the computer thing, maybe it's something that comes with buying the book that the library doesn't have. It's quite a lovely book. Kids and adults who love dragons will enjoy it.

Kristin says

A very beautiful book, gorgeous illustrations! Very entertaining but somewhat less informative than I would have preferred. What I was expecting when I first came across this book was more of a heavy, rustic old book about dragon lore á la "Fantastic Beasts and Where to find them" straight from the Hogwarts library. Like it was a genuine book containing "facts" about dragons.

But this is more like the kid version of what I wanted, maybe because it really is meant for children and not teenagers with a frantic fascination for these darn scaled beasts.

Nevertheless, wonderful book with very interesting "facts". A book that I feel the need to own and paw through over and over again, just because it is so pretty to look through and is entertaining whether or not you are all grown up. But come on, who is really? Read it now!

Hannah Thomas says

This is a great guide to Steer's Dragonology Chronicles. I would recommend in reading his Chronicles first before diving yourself into this. This is for more if you want to explore the world Steer created in his series regarding the many dragons.

Laura says

My all-time favourite dragon book.

Duane says

This is a perfect coffee table book for any age reader! The book is so well made that just looking at the cover is a joy. The best illustrations of dragons I've ever seen! Done as a field guide so dragonologists can safely study dragons in their natural habitat. Chapters range from describing the different genres of dragons, to how to heal a sick dragon. A great read for anyone who is interested in dragons or fantasy style reading. You need this book in your library collection!

Truly says

Kenapa tdk ada penerbit yg mau menerjemahkan buku ini. Padahal isinya menarik banget. Apa lagi hal yang memuat informasi ttg Indonesian Dragon. Lumayan bikin penasaran

Aranruth says

A pseudo-encyclopedia on dragons. It is broken down into several parts, including: species, biology, habits and habitats, and dragons and humans. It also includes guides to tracking and studying dragons and other tidbits such as riddles to share with dragons and dragon runes. It is a fun guide for budding students of dragons.

Bobbi Rightmyer says

From an asthetic point of view, this book is beautiful! An oversized hardcover edition, this book is full of gorgeous illustrations and helpful "tips" and information for recognizing the dragons of the world. This Compendium would make the perfect gift for any dragon-lover in your family.

Divided into five sections, the book provides information on dragon species, dragon biology, dragon habits and habitats, dragons and humans, and dragonology. One of the very first sketches in this 182 page book is a drawing of "The Vitruvian Dragon" which reminds you of Da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man."

There are European Dragons, Frost Dragons, Dwarf Dragons, and Marsupial Dragons, just to name a few. Dragons have excellent night vision and this, along with their keen sense of smell, make them the perfect predator.

I found this to be a fun "niche" book that will appeal to children and adults alike, especially for those who have a love of fantastical creatures. Dragons hold a special place in mythical lore and this book will make a wonderful addition to such research libraries.

*Publisher's Note: In recent years the publisher has been fortunate enough to become custodian of the life's work of a certain Dr. Ernest Drake, Victorian dragonologist extraordinaire, and has republished many volumes for today's readers to great acclaim. This compendium appears to have been first published for a limited audience in 1912, and contains a summation of Drake's many years of research into the lives of dragons. Whilst every effort has been made to reproduce the book in its original form, it must be noted, albeit with considerable regret, that the publisher has been unable to find any dragons still in existence and therefore cannot verify the many interesting facts about them contain herein.

Marcayla Weidenbacher says

I remember when the first Dragonology book was released and the Dragonology Handbook. I was pleasantly surprised to find this book at a library sale, I bought it and granted it's a bit worn around the edges I think it adds to the book's charm.

I greatly enjoyed this book and I would recommend it to anyone else who loves dragons and nature books.

My favorite part was on the different dragon species (living or extinct).

It's just unfortunate that Dragonology is only a work of fiction.
