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The Dragonling Collector's Edition: Volume 2



Synopsis

Darek is dismayed when his beloved dragonling, Zantor, and his best friend, Pola, disappear into the mists of Krad. He finds an unlikely ally in Rowena and the two set off on a daring rescue mission. But the mysterious land of Krad is even more dangerous than they had imagined. The leader of Darek's village wants to make war against Krad. He didn't count on the little Zynots, as well as the onetime king of Krad, to join forces with Darek, his friends, and their dragons against him. Before long, they all find themselves engaged in a fantastic struggle that will change their entire world...forever! Collected now in one volume: three additional stories continuing the Dragonling's exciting adventures among humans.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4-- Darek, nine, is envious of his older brother Clep's first dragonquest in spite of its inherent danger. When the hunters return to the village with their prize, the body of a Great Blue (one of the largest and fiercest of dragons), they also bring the body of Clep's best friend. Later that night, Darek discovers a whimpering young dragonling emerging from the dead beast's pouch. In spite of his lifelong conditioning to hate dragons, he finds himself befriendng the orphan; in helping him find the Valley of the Dragons, he learns that the few dragons left in the valley have no natural enmity toward humans and need not be feared or hunted. In a final confrontation between creatures and villagers, Darek speaks up for harmony, and changes the future for them all. Simple and

predictable stuff, indeed, but while this book lacks the depth or subtlety of Jane Yolen's or Anne McCaffrey's dragon books, it is entirely suitable for the intended beginning chapter-book audience. Full-page black-and-white drawings are scattered among the brief chapters, depicting villagers in vaguely medieval dress and a thoroughly adorable dragonling. Darek and his new friend are sympathetic characters, at once brave and timid, charging forward while hanging back, like children everywhere. Young readers will identify with Darek, share his fondness for the dragon, and applaud their final success. --Susan L. Rogers, Chestnut Hill Academy, PA Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"A briskly moving, satisfying story, and the dragons are nicely endearing".-- Kirkus Reviews, on The Dragonling --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I love dragons! Big, small, short, or tall. But baby dragons, or dragonlings, are the ultimate in cuteness for me. So when I found this series I was hooked. The Dragonling is an enchanting story of how a young boy, dreaming of going on his own dragonquest, finds a dragonling whose mother has been killed. Although the boy, Derek, has been taught to hate and fear dragons this dragonling tugs at his heartstrings. He decides to return the baby to the Valley of the Dragons, to his own kind. Along the way the two become friends and Derek names the dragonling Zantor. When at last they pair arrive at the Valley of the Dragons, Derek is amazed to learn that the dragons aren't to be feared as he'd been taught. And the prospect of staying with the dragons is not what Zantor wants. Will the village folk, and Derek's family, accept the dragonling into their midst? A perfect story to help children learn that while we aren't all alike externally, the same love beats in all hearts. Well told, easy to read, and full of likable characters, this story will charm readers of all ages. Great read for ages 7-10 but also works as a read-to book for ages 4-6. Short chapters, detailed artwork.

My all time favorite children's book.

My little girl is a HUGE dragon and dinosaur fan. This book, although she read it for school, she loved it. We read it once every 2 weeks, she now has certain lines memorized and loves to read it with me.

My son (8) enjoyed this book very much and would like to read the others in the Dragongling series. The book was interesting but too elementary for my 11yo daughter.

I have loved this book ever since I was in third grade. I remember reading it at school when we studied medieval times. I am now a third grade teacher, and I am purchasing several copies to use with my group of lower readers. I love how Derek's schema shifts throughout the story, as he realizes that maybe the way that his community feels about dragons isn't always right, and sometimes traditions need to change.

The Dragonling and its sequels remains one of the best examples of high fantasy for young people that I have ever had the pleasure to read. It is engaging and fun enough to keep younger readers interested, and beautiful enough to be appreciated and enjoyed many years later. The characters are dimensional and understandable; the plot is gripping, new, and a great deal deeper than it appears on the surface. These books first introduced me to the concept that dragons did not have to be brutal animals OR plush and ridiculous characters. The dragons form an important part of the story without degenerating into sidekicks. The story takes place on the world of Zoriac, in a village that has for generations been defined by the dragonquests--ritual hunts undertaken by the men of the village to "protect their families" from the threat of the nearby Valley of Dragons. Derek, the young protagonist, desperately wants to go along with his brother Clep and his father, but is still too young to take part. Discovering an orphaned dragonling with the corpse of its mother, the boy makes the decision to take the little creature back to its home--a decision that sparks the ire of the villagers and eventually a perilous adventure involving kidnapping, the last remnants of a species, a barbaric kingdom in the mountains, slaves, superstition, an outcast king, and one boy's journey to teach his people the truth about their prejudices. A truly stirring story! The Dragonling books skillfully replace the required romance aspect of adult high fantasy with the notion that boys and girls can be friends and equals. Apart from that detail, these books have every bit as much scope as the other fantasy greats; I simply cannot recommend them highly enough. I hope that any future readers out there will enjoy them as much as I have!

Dragonlings Think heavens the men are back from hunting dragons This book is about a kid who found a rare baby blue dragon. He's trying to save the Dragons from his Dad and the tribe. Because they slay Dragons. That boy is also trying to get the dragon a Mom to take care of the dragon. I think the author purpose for this book is that it doesn't Matter if your different or not .I give this book 5 stars because if you like adventures You should read this book DragonlingsbyDawson

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