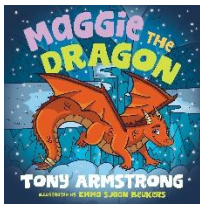


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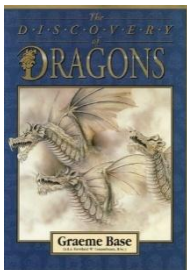
A search of the NCACL catalogue for books on Dragons will give you more than 700 entries. The titles range from a 1918 book by famed Australian author Ethel Turner though to a 2026 title just received. Dragons have long captured the imagination of creators as is evidenced by the number of titles the Centre holds.

The annotated bibliography is just a small sample of the books held. Some of the books listed are older iconic titles unfortunately a number are no longer in print it is hoped that they may still be available in school or public libraries. These titles cover a wide age range so please check that titles are suitable for your use.

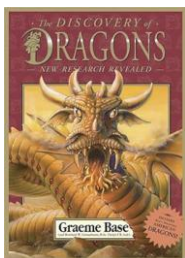
If there is an entry in one of NCACL's databases a link has been provided



1. ARMSTRONG, Tony. Illustrated by Emma Sjaan Beukers
Maggie the Dragon. Lothian Children's Books, 2025. ISBN: 978073442219
Maggie's job is to guard the faraway edges of the kingdom. She's not afraid of any creatures big or small even the scaly ones. The problem is everyone is scared of Maggie. However when green lighting flashes across the sky Maggie knows she must get to the nearest village to raise the alarm before the big storm hits and destroys everything but can Maggie convince everyone she is there to help and not harm.



2. BASE, Graeme (a.k.a. Rowland W Greasebeam B.Sc.)
The Discovery of Dragons. Viking, 1996. ISBN: 0734304226
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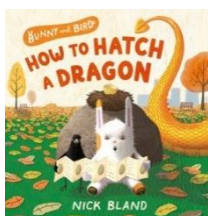


- BASE, Graeme (a.k.a. Rowland W Greasebeam B.Sc.)
The Discovery of Dragons- New Research Revealed. Penguin/Viking, 2007. ISBN: 9780670070480
A revised and expanded edition of the 1996 book in which a group of eccentric (and highly competitive) Victorian scientists describes and catalogues dragons from around the world everything from their natural habitats to their unusual eating habits. As funny as the first book



3. BASE, Graeme.

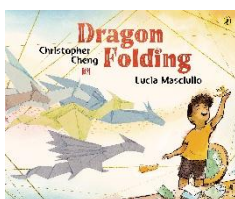
Dragon Moon. Changjiang Children's Press, 2017. Published in Australia by Puffin Books in 2029 under the title *Moonfish*. ISBN: 9780143791409
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/moonfish/>



4. BLAND, Nick

How to Hatch a Dragon. Harper Collins Children's Books, 2023. ISBN: 9781460764053

Bunny and Bird are best friends. When Bunny buys Bird a present, Bird is surprised to receive an egg. But it's no ordinary egg. It's a dragon's egg. While the egg hatches, the two friends learn that if the dragon is blue, it will make a fantastic pet. But if it's yellow, they're in trouble...



5. CHENG, Christopher. Illustrated by Lucia Masciullo

Dragon Folding. Puffin Books, 2024. ISBN: 9781761340949

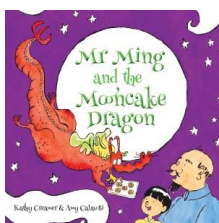
<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database/dragon-folding/>



6. CHENG, Christopher. Illustrated by Jacqueline Tam

Powerful like a Dragon. Roaring Brook Press, 2025. ISBN: 9781250829399

Young Shu Lok didn't know there was a war until it appeared on his doorstep. His parents send him away, tucking him into a basket alongside his cousins to be carried to safety. They travel in search of a place the war does not reach, over cloud-wreathed clifftops, and through cold, hungry nights where a rocky bed and cold bean curd cake are all that await him. But Shu Lok comes to find that war does not define him. He remembers his parents' words *be powerful like a dragon*. Even if food and comfort are scarce, strength, resilience, and kindness can always be found. Even in the harshest times, dragons can learn to fly.



7. CREAMER, Kathy. Illustrated by Amy Calautti.

Mr Ming and the Mooncake Dragon. Little Pink Dog Books, 2021. ISBN: 9780648652878

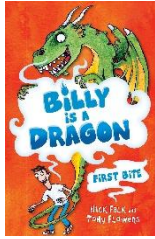
Everyone agrees that Mr Ming's mooncakes are the most delicious they have ever tasted. They all want to know the what the secret recipe is, but Mr Ming won't tell them or let them even peep inside his kitchen.



8. DRUMMOND, Liz and SHAFEI-ONGU, Jemima. Illustrated by Magie Khamaneh

Shirin and Amir and the Dragon Smoke. A Story of Response and Resilience to Bush Fire Smoke. Little Steps Publishing, 2024. ISBN: 9781922833532.

One afternoon, Shirin and Amir are searching for treasure and are surprised to smell smoke in the air. A bushfire has spread its haze over their neighbourhood. But is it bushfire smoke, or is it dragon smoke?



9. FALK, Nick. Illustrated by Tony Flowers
Billy is a Dragon: First Bite. Random House Australia, 2014. ISBN: 9780857983053

When nine-year-old Billy Fincher gets bitten by a lizard at his local pet shop, strange things start to happen. His fingernails turn into claws, his skin becomes green and he starts breathing fire. Billy can't hide it any longer - he's turning into a dragon. And when his parents decide to sell him to the zoo, Billy has to make a decision. Find a way to change back or lose his family forever. Being a dragon is more complicated than it sounds.



10. FOX, Mem. Illustrated by Linda Davick
Our Dragon. Puffin Books, 2023. ISBN: 9781761049828

Here is our dragon! He's a sweetie except when he's not. He never means to cause trouble, but he is a baby dragon after all.



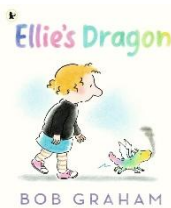
11. FOXLEE, Karen. Illustrated by Dale Newman.
Dragon Skin. Allen & Unwin, 2021. ISBN: 9781760526108.

How to save a dragon: 1) Assemble equipment. 2) Believe in everything. Pip never wants to go home nothing has been the same since her mother's boyfriend moved in. There's no more laughter and Pip has to go to bed early and pretend she doesn't exist. Everything changes when she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it came from. But how?
(Please note this book has an underlying theme of domestic violence)



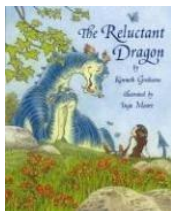
12. GILL, Nick. Illustrated by Luma Wildish
A Different Dragon. Little Hare, 2023. ISBN: 9781761212222

Donny is desperate to learn how to breath fire but as hard as he tries he just doesn't have the spark. Donny can only breath water! He so wishes he could but then one day he encounters a problem that only he can help with...



13. GRAHAM, Bob
Ellie's Dragon. Walker Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781406387629

When Ellie is very little, she finds a newborn dragon fresh from the egg on a supermarket shelf. She calls him Scratch. He is the sweetest thing and from that day on they do everything together. Ellie's mum and her teacher can't see Scratch but all her friends can. Over the years Scratch grows to be big, house trained and very affectionate but Ellie also grew and the inevitable happened.



14. GRAHAME, Kenneth. Abridged and illustrated by Inga Moore
The Reluctant Dragon. Walker Books, 2004. ISBN: 1844287645.

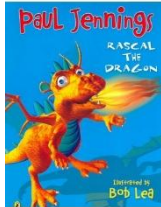
All the reluctant dragon wants to do is laze by his cave and write poetry. He certainly doesn't want to fight but it seems he will have no choice when St George arrives. Fortunately the dragon has one friend – a small boy with a great deal of sense and imagination.
A humorous tale from the author of *Wind in the Willows*.



15. HUTCHINGS, Maggie. Illustrated by Cheryl Orsini

Dragon! Affirm Press, 2020. ISBN: 9781925972931

Lena and Luka's friend Sam is usually chirpy but one day his smile is upside down- He's moving away. Lena and Luka promise to visit but no matter how hard they save flying is still too expensive. Will they ever be able to visit if only they had something scaly and winged with room for three.



16. JENNINGS, Paul. Illustrated by Bob Lea

Rascal the Dragon. Puffin Books, 2004. ISBN: 9780143501732

Ben desperately wants a pet but his dad won't let him have one. So what happens when Ben brings home Rascal the dragon. A beginner book and the first in the Rascal Stories series.



17. LIM, Rebecca. Illustrated by Cai Tse

Our Family Dragon: A Lunar New Year Story. Albert Street Books, 2023.

ISBN: 9781761180637

I can't wait till the dragon gets here! It's New Year's Eve -the Lunar New Year. We are in Australia but Bàba says people around the world have celebrated it for thousands of years. It's my very favourite time especially when the dragon is coming. A story that celebrates family, tradition and the magic of the season.



18. MCKENZIE, Heath

This Hungry Dragon. Scholastic Press, 2016. ISBN: 9781760151508.

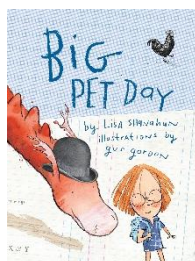
This hungry dragon is ready for a yummy meal and nothing is safe. He eats and eats and eats! Soon he's as big as a house. Can anything fill this greedy gobbler's guts?



19. ODGERS, Sally. Illustrated by Chantal Stewart

Dragon Mode. New Frontier, 2007. ISBN: 9781921042577

A story about a boy who has two modes when he's good he's in boy mode but sometimes when not so good he's in dragon mode. And as a dragon he's not always wanted.



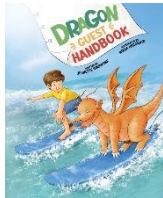
20. SHANAHAN, Lisa. Illustrated by Gus Gordon

Big Pet Day. Lothian Children's Books, 2014. ISBN: 9780733620997

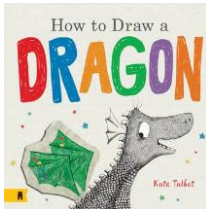
Today is Pet Day in Lily's class. All the children bring their pets parrots, mice, puppies -all sorts but Lily brings her dragon! Some say dragons are only in fairy tales so how could she have a dragon. But when all the pets misbehave in the middle of the pet parade, guess who saves the day?



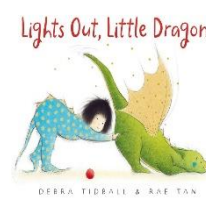
21. RODDA, Emily
Dragons of Deltora : Dragon's Nest. Scholastic, 2003. ISBN: 0439816874
The evil Shadow Lord has been banished but has leave behind the seeds of death and famine now stalks Deltora. Four vile creatures of sorcery are hidden in the land and the companions must find and destroy them – their only clue the fragment of an ancient map and their only help the last of the Deltora dragons. The first book in the Deltora Quest Series 3.



22. STAMPONE, Jeanette. Illustrated by Novia Heroanto
Dragon Guest Handbook. Wombat Books, 2024. ISBN: 9781761111686
A dragon tourist may arrive without warning and you don't speak a word of Dragon language! Don't panic! Simply red this essential handbook for welcoming your visiting dragon. You will be provided with step-by step instructions to ensure your dragon has a wonderful time. While this hilarious book is full of silliness, it also explore language barriers and non-verbal communication. A beautiful message of embracing differences and the universality of a hug.



23. TALBOT, Kate
How to Draw a Dragon. Albert Street Books, 2024. ISBN: 9781761180606
Everyone knows what a drgon looks like- don't they? Dragons have wings, dragons breath fire but may be they also waer rollerskates? Or shoot marshmallows from their tail. A hilarious exploration of imagination, creativity and teamwork. Perfect for those who love drawing or have opinions.



24. TIDBALL, Debra. Illustrated by Rae Tan
Lights Out, Little Dragon! Angus & Robertson, 2024. ISBN: 9781460763421
My Little ragon is so tired but he won't go to sleep. What can I do? It's bedtome and Little Dragon is trying every trick to stay awake. Can you get himto go to sleep> Maybe you have the magic touch.



25. WILKINSON, Carole. Illustrtaed by Dean Jones
The Dragon Companion: An encyclopedia. Black Dog Books, 2007. ISBN: 9781742030005
Stories have been told about dragons for thousands of years. Multi-headed dragons, fire-breathing dragons, dragons as big as mountains as some small as dogs. Some are moody some are brave or cowardly, they may be smart or stupid good or evil. This encyclopedia contains the most amazing dragon stories, Learn everything about dragons, here you can go around the world, go back in time and visit the fantastical.

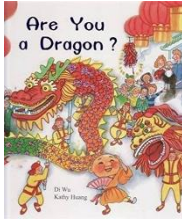


26. WILKINSON, Carole
Dragonkeeper. Book One. 4th edition. Black Dog Books, 2012. ISBN: 9781742032450
Ancient China, Han dynasty. A slave girl aves the life of an aging dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a dragon hunter the girl and the dragon begin an epic journey across China carrying with them a mysterious rock that must be protected. The story of a girl who believes herself so unworthy as to not have a name but finds within herself the strength and courage to make this perilous journey and do what must be done.



27. WILLIAMS, Rhiannon. Illustrated by Jenna Vincent
The Dragon Snare. Hardie Grant, 2026. ISBN: 9781761214868

The War between dragons and humans is over but the danger is just beginning. Ever since he was orphaned in the Dragon War, 13 yearold Henry has wanted to be a knight. To become one he must compete in the Twilight Tourament and when he discovers a magiac sword that will grant one wish he knows he can win that is until he accidentally uses the sword in a chance encounter with a terrifying dragon named Snare, the spell goes horribly wrong. Now there's a dragon in disguise stalking the streets and it's up to Henry to stop her before another Dragon War starts.



28. WU, Di. Illustrated by Kathy Huang
Are you a Dragon? Rainbow Dragon Publishing, 2009. ISBN: 9780980363456
In the Chinese New Year there are different signs of the zodiac and depending on when you were born you may have some of the gifts they bring to your life. Find ut here what zodiac sign you are and what it reveals about your personality and your future. You might be a any one of the twelve signs or may even be a dragon!