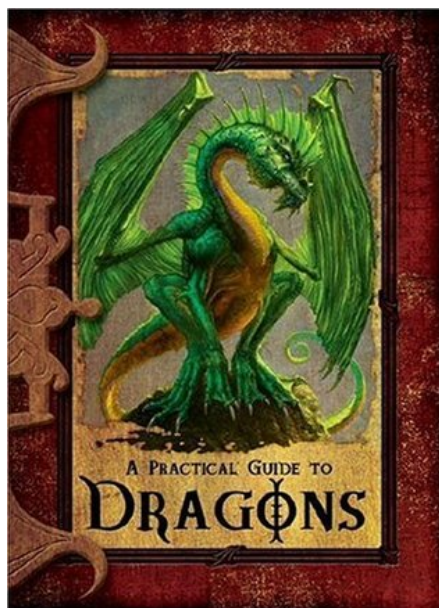




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This lavishly illustrated guide showcases the wide array of fantastic dragons encountered on the world of Krynn. Sindri Suncatcher—wizard's apprentice—opens up his personal notebooks to share his knowledge of these awe-inspiring creatures, from the life cycle of a kind copper dragon to the best way to counteract a red dragon's fiery breath.

The perfect companion to the Dragonlance: The New Adventures series, this beautifully illustrated title introduces readers to the looks and habits of dragons of the **Dragonlance** world. With tips and tricks every new adventurer can use on imaginary encounters with dragons, this book will enchant readers with both pictures and words.

## **About the Author**

**Sindri Suncatcher** is a three-and-a-half foot tall kender, who enjoys storytelling, collecting magical tokens, and fighting dragons. He lives in Solamnia and is currently studying magic under the auspices of the black-robed wizard Maddoc. You can catch Sindri in the midst of his latest adventure in *The Wayward Wizard*.

## **A Practical Guide to Dragons Details**

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### Harle says

The best dragon guide I've found. Of course, the species of dragons in it (red, gold, blue, etc.) aren't used in any other stories, so that bit's a bit pointless, but the diagrams, age process, language, and all the rest is simply amazing.

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### Douglas Summers-Stay says

I liked the illustrations (think Spiderwick) and the sketchbook style. The categories of dragons seemed familiar-- they're straight out of D&D. In fact, the book claims to have been written by a kender, which means it's from the world of Dragonlance (and in fact I still knew most of the breath weapons from the video game Dragon Strike set in that world.)

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### Noah says

My 7 y/o son read this today. He read it in a couple of hours, more like devoured it and he read most of it to me in amazement. He loved this book! He is very into dragons and he really enjoyed learning about them in this way. This is what he told me. It tells you about a whole bunch of dragons. Like the Black Dragon, it is really evil. I really like the Green Dragon, it has to put its eggs in acid. There are lots of neat Dragon Facts!!

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### Kirsten says

What a fun book! Similar to *Dragonology*, this book produced by Wizards of the Coast is a guide to the dragons in the *Dragonlance* D&D world. It's not necessary to be well-versed in Dungeons & Dragons to enjoy this, though. It's intended to be something like a field guide or scientific work. The artwork is truly gorgeous, and the text is humorous. Definitely a favorite from the latest load of new books we've gotten for the library.

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### Jim C says

This is part of the Dragonlance world. This is a detailed guide about the different kinds of dragons that inhabit this realm. It tells their desires, their habitats, and their enemies.

Firstly, let me say this is a beautiful book. From the cover to the illustrations it is a pleasant book to look at. The problem for me is that this not my type of book. There isn't a story as it just details the differences between the dragons. I appreciate the amount of work that went into this book but it did not entertain me. I need my world building information to be intertwined within the story. I am not a fan of just world building books.

I wish I enjoyed this book more as it is a nice looking book and I have no problem putting this on my

bookshelf. It is a book that provides information and geared more towards the world building readers. Unfortunately, that is not the case with me.

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### **Callan Fromm says**

Colourful, creative, and a whole pile of fun! The dragons are beautifully illustrated and the narrative style is engaging for young readers.

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### **Maria says**

This book has all you want to know about dragons (and some you don't)! The world of Krynn is full of all kinds of dragons, great and small. Learn their stats and how best to approach or avoid them. I loved the illustrations and the stats in this book.

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### **Conan Tigard says**

I have read many DragonLance books, both ones for adults and young readers. Yet, the dragons in these books have always remained somewhat of a mystery to me. Yes, I know about the dragonfear, and yes I understood that different types of dragons spewed forth different liquids or gases from their mouth. But, none of the books I have read really focused on the dragons, so I only picked up a little information about them here and there. It was kind of frustrating.

Well, I am happy to say that there is finally a book out which tells you everything you might want to know about the ten different types of dragons in the DragonLance world. The book I am talking about is entitled A Practical Guide to Dragons and is written by Sindri Suncatcher, a kender wizard I have read about in the DragonLance: The New Adventures books, although I never got to read them all.

Each chapter in this book is packed with highly interesting material on dragons and I was enraptured during while I was reading. The images are gorgeous and it was wonderful learning about the different types of dragons. I had no idea that they were all so different. Awesome!

Since Sindri Suncatcher is a character in the DragonLance world, the actual writing for this book was done by Lisa Trutkoff Trumbauer. She did an excellent job of compiling all of this information and writing it so it can be easily understood. The cover and interior art, by eight different artists, is perfect. I love all the different looks of the dragons.

Overall, A Practical Guide to Dragons is an outstanding book full of highly interesting dragons and what makes them tick. Young readers will spend hours and hours pouring over this information and images, which will help them better understand the dragons in the Dragon Codex series.

I rated this book a 9½ out of 10.

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### **Stefan Yates says**

This light-hearted fare is a quick but entertaining read containing basic information about the dragons of Krynn (the world that is the home of the DragonLance realm.) It is presented as a work created by Sindri Suncatcher, a Kender who may just be the Greatest Kender Wizard Who Ever Lived (according to him anyway!)

The book is chock full of wonderful illustrations and diagrams and give the reader a lot of information about the abilities and lifestyles of the ten major species of dragons that inhabit the world of Krynn. There is information about their habitat, social structure, combat styles and much more.

To make the work more fun, Sindri gives us all of this information himself in the light-hearted, open-eyed style that is typical of any kender character. This makes the book one that is wonderful for those of all ages and it seems that it ends all too quickly.

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### **Nicole says**

I just read this to my six year old boy and four year old girl and they were both enthralled.

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### **Talisa Timms says**

This book incorporates different types of text. It includes a letter in the beginning of the book, T-charts to list out facts about dragons, descriptions of their body parts and life cycles. This book can be used to introduce ways to organize information. This book was also visually appealing and engaging.

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### **Brooke says**

loved the details. mj really enjoyed.

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### **Almak says**

*A Practical Guide to Dragons* is a well organized, written and illustrated book that goes into detail of ten different classes of dragons. It includes such characteristics as anatomy, breath weapons, language, lifespans, distinguishing features of each dragon, and sketches and drawings of each types lairs.

A well composed and illustrated book that is personally one of my favorites.

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### **Travis Mueller says**

I like this book mostly for the maps of sample dragon lairs; they are a fun but rare combination of overhead

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plan views, and isometric side views of the layouts, or my favored ones are. Overall, not a bad book, though it is annoying that the narrator is a kender (seems to tie in to some series of children's books). But the fact boxes that start each dragon description are weird, or at least aspects of them are: all of the dragons are listed as having the same max weight, except red, gold, and silver, who all share a much heavier max weigh than the others. Max heights are again mostly the same (and it is a pointless measurement anyway: what is height on a dragon? why not use max length? Max wingspans are all over the place. Maybe it is quibbling, but why even bother including this information if you aren't going to put the minimum effort into imagining it?

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### **Alex says**

I had read a copy from the library but had to get a copy of my own.

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### **Moirra says**

See review on Practical Guide to Dragon Riding.

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### **Rachel says**

The illustrations are gorgeous, but the writing felt weirdly condescending. I think maybe trying to write from the perspective of an eager young student was the problem.

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### **Cyndy Aleo says**

I'd be lying if I said that I looked forward to taking my five-year-old son Sassa to the library each week to play the summer reading game. While the game DID help us get him to allow us to read to him, it didn't increase his love of books AT ALL and the task of checking out MORE books each week ranked right about the same level as a root canal for me. Luckily, he had another week that a game spin assigned him a reading topic (fantasy or fairy tale) and we found A Practical Guide to Dragons by Lisa Trumbauer with the rest of the librarian's suggestions for that category.

::: The A to Z of Dragons :::

A Practical Guide to Dragons is told from the perspective of an apprentice student of dragons as he learns information from his master. Written as a "non-fiction" book, it breaks dragons into categories (almost like zoology), and includes such "facts" as wingspan and weight, favorite nesting environments, schematics of the dragon's lair, personality type, and usual foes (including likely results from a confrontation).

The book is full of large, full-color illustrations that are beautifully detailed, appealing to the casual reader as well as fantasy/dragon fans. Since the book is written in the style of an apprentice, occasional hand-written "notes" are included as well, making it seem even more real.

::: A Practical Guide to Dragons Had More Than One Fan :::

Usually, my [ex-]husband and I would argue in the evenings over who had to take on the task of reading to Sassa; after all, 20 minutes with a reluctant five-year-old with ants in his pants seemed like a good 20 hours. When A Practical Guide to Dragons was on the schedule for that night, however, not only did we fight over who had reader duty, but Buster was also enthusiastic, often asking for more when his 20 minutes were up (we tried to keep it to his contracted amount to stretch the book out a bit!).

Each evening, our 20 minutes usually covered three dragons, and both Sassa and I eagerly looked forward to the following night to learn more about the next set we'd be reading about. The illustrations were vibrant and detailed, and included little tidbits about facial features like horns and teeth that got Buster talking about what we were reading.

A Practical Guide to Dragons appealed to everyone in the house, and usually, the other kids would make an appearance when it was time to read this book to Sassa. Both my [ex-]husband and I enjoyed it immensely as well with its cross-generational appeal. I need to go see if Ms. Trumbauer has written any similar books, because now that it's fall, Sassa is again reluctant to be read to. Unless, of course, we head back to the library to check A Practical Guide to Dragons out again.

This review previously published at Epinions: [http://www.epinions.com/review/Book\\_P...](http://www.epinions.com/review/Book_P...)

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## Go says

In one word this book was...CLEVER! My son has been interested in dragons recently and I found these Codex books along with this companion book. Amazing. It makes you feel as if dragons exist today. It describes each dragon; color, personality, distinguishing physical features, favorite foods and treasure, their enemy and so on. Some personalities were: evil, talkative, playful, foul-tempered. Each dragon had a specific breath weapon: fire, acid, paralyzing gas, frost. The illustrations were incredible depicting their lairs and showcasing their colorful physical characteristics. I am even more of a dragon fan than I was before I read this.

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## Sistora Neeley says

Beautiful work! Artwork gorgeous, ideas wonderful! The blue dragon babies were just so cute! The pages were well written, and the layout was awesome. The dragons themselves are magnificent, but sadly very hard to catch. I know because I've been trying for weeks, and not once have I even seen one!

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