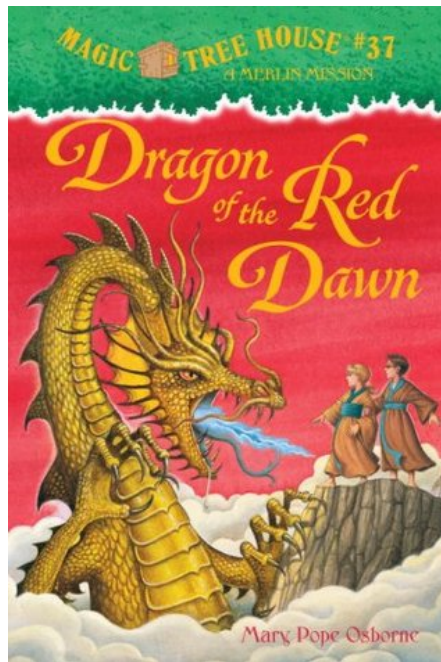




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Merlin the Magician will not eat or sleep or speak to anyone in Camelot. What can be done? The enchantress Morgan knows who to ask

for help: young Jack and Annie of Frog Creek, Pennsylvania! The brother-and-sister team quickly head off in the magic tree house on another magical and historical adventure.

Their mission: discover one of the four secrets of happiness.

Their journey: to a land of fierce samurai and great beauty, the capital city of Edo (now the city of Tokyo), in ancient Japan in the 1600s.

Their tools: a research book to guide them and a magic wand with three special rules.

In "Dragon of the Red Dawn," Mary Pope Osborne transports readers back to the splendor, rich culture, and magic of traditional Japan.

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Amy says

My daughter and I really enjoy these Magic Tree House books. They offer adventure, a plus for kids, as well as education, a bonus for parents. This is the seventh book of the Merlin Missions, where Jack and Annie help Merlin the Magician discover one of the four secrets of happiness. In this book Jack and Annie travel back to the village of Edo in ancient Japan during the 1600's, where they learn about samurai and meet Master Basho, a famous haiku poet. Jack and Annie use their magic wand of Dianthus to bring the Cloud Dragon to the village, helping to save it from burning in a fire. I highly recommend this series. You don't need to read them in order. There is enough back story given in each book to understand what is going on.

Dahlia Quijano says

I read Magic Tree House: Dragon of the Red Dawn by Mary Pope Osborne. Like the other Magic Tree House books, the main characters are Jack and Annie. This time they go to Japan. They meet a man that shows them around town and they learn all about Japan. I liked learning about Japan. It was interesting.

Beyondthebookends says

Another read-aloud for our bedtime repertoire, we love this entire series and have talked about it before. The author's ability to weave a charming tale while teaching about history and legends, this time in the form of Camelot and King Arthur.

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Melissa Maillet says

Another Magic Tree House adventure- the 37th, in fact! While my daughters and I have started moving forward with more mature series such as Harry Potter, Goosebumps and Goddess Girls, we always seem to come back to the safety of Magic Tree House. Dragon of the Red Dawn is the second book in the series that is set in Japan. I enjoyed the first one slightly more (I mean Ninjas are just super freaking cool), but this one was great too. I enjoyed the descriptions of the cherry blossoms and the book's over all feel. It was all very zen. The short lesson on Haiku poetry was also wonderful. I feel like my children got a great understanding of the vibe that Mary Pope Osborne was trying to give off, both through the poetry and the imagery. My daughters are already discussing which series we should read from next, but I will be looking forward to our next Magic Tree House mission.

Laura McLoughlin says

This was my first Magic Tree House book (but not my daughter's - she filled me in on the back story). It was a lot of fun to read a few chapters at bedtime the last few nights. I'm looking forward to reading more with

her.

Stan says

My grandson started a book club. This was our first book. It is a fun read and it has some profound thoughts. Mary Pope Osborne does a great job with the Magic Tree House series.

Jane says

This was my second book club book. My favorite part was the pictures. they were pretty. The pictures were of Japan witch is why I thought they were pretty. I like How Annie was not afraid of the Cloud Dragon. The Cloud Dragon breathes storm clouds. That is pretty cool. I liked that the book took lace in Japan.

Sarah Sammis says

Sean and I left off with the series at High Tide in Hawaii (#28). My son picked up Dragon of the Red Dawn because of the dragon on the cover. The Magic Tree House books build on each other and a lot has happened between those ten books.

The Dragon of the Red Dawn is a Merlin mystery. In the books we read, Merlin was a minor character. Now he's a recurring character and he's troubled. He's not eating and sleeping. Morgan needs help to cheer him up. Tim (the ex-dog) is also there to advise to the siblings and he has given them a wand to help them in their time of need.

Despite our initial confusion, once Jack and Annie leave for Edo (now Tokyo) to find the secret of happiness, Sean and I were in love with the book. Sean has been studying haiku in school so it was fun for him (and me) to see Jack and Annie meeting Matsuo Basho the poet who is known as a master of the haiku.

Besides Basho's poetry, the book includes a Japanese water spirit dragon. Sean is also learning about Chinese dragons at school and the dragon who comes to the rescue here is very much like Jin Jin by Grace Chang. It was fun to see Sean's face light up as he recognized the dragon and knew how it would be able to help.

After we had finished reading Dragon of the Red Dawn Sean asked me to check out a book of Basho's poetry. Fortunately our library was able to oblige his request without even needing a hold. We checked out The Essential Basho (review coming). Any book that inspires further reading or research gets top a rating.

Stina says

Book #23 for 2017
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Better World Books Challenge:

- A book with a color in the title
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- A fantasy novel

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This is also part of the "Merlin Missions" sub-series. I gave it to a friend's nine-year-old daughter, and she was delighted to have it. I probably would have enjoyed it when I was her age, but as an adult (and a non-mommy), I wasn't crazy about it. The story contained all sorts of interesting information, but the reportage-style exposition annoyed me. I gather that's common for this series, as several adults have mentioned it to me as something they *like* about the books. So, yeah, YMMV.

I also thought the plot wandered all over the place and seemed unrealistic, even for a story about a magic tree house and an ancient dragon. Probably what bugged me the most, though, was that there was zero explanation for everybody speaking English. No babelfish. No translator microbes. Not even an "it's just magic, get over it."

Nice illustrations, though.

Rohm1234 says

Plot

Jack and Annie travel through time on cool adventures to help their friend, Merlin. On this adventure of "The Dragon Of The Red Dawn" Jack and Annie are on a mission to find the secret to happiness. Through the long journey they dodge Samurais and ride dragons, but the one thing so many try so hard to find, Jack and Annie find in a matter of simple kind actions. The pursuit of happiness isn't as far as some think, sometimes it could be right under your nose.

Characterization

Jack and Annie are brother and sister who are usually called on by their friend, Merlin, who owns "The Magic Tree House." On their adventure to Japan, they meet a master poet named Basho. Basho is well respected by all the Samurai and all the village people. Basho is a very brave man who can fight flames and still care for so many people.

This is one of my favorites! Ancient Japan sounds good! I learned a lot about haikus and some cultures from Ancient Japan!

Danielle Katz says

My favorite MTH book so far. Takes place in old Japan and the theme of the book is finding happiness in nature.
