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# Merlin And The Dragons



## Synopsis

When the young King Arthur visits Merlin, the old magician tells him a story about Merlin's childhood--a time of dragons, the cruel King Vortigern, and Uther Pendragon, the High King before Arthur.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

(...) Merlin and the Dragons is a very good book, because there are dragons in this book. Dragons are my favorite animals because they breathe fire, and they look cool. There were lots of cool action scenes. My favorite action scene was when the tower falls because the dragon's eggs are rumbling. The illustrations looked real. The illustrations helped me understand the book, because the words aren't very descriptive. I recommend this book for 7 to 70 years old. The theme is that some people are sometimes alike. There were lots of conflicts. There were dragons fighting. And there were kings fighting the dragons. These are some of the characters. There were the kings armies; they were really strong, because they killed a dragon. There were two dragons, they had red and white scales, long tails, and they breath fire. The king has a gold crown. Now I will tell you some of the story. Once upon a time there was a boy named Arthur he did not want to be a king yet. One day he had a bad dream so he went to Merlin. Merlin told him a story about another boy, who's a king too, and he wanted to build a watchtower. And the king's workers finished building it and the next day it fell down, then the king's workers built it again and again but it still fell. Later the king's workers dug

under the rocks and they found two dragon's eggs, then the king's workers smashed the eggs and the eggs hatched into fierce dragons. If you want to know the end read the book.

The King Arthur legend is a treasure trove of children's stories. The worst way to approach the legend is to try to tell the whole story in one book. The legend is just too rich with detail for this approach to work. It is better to select individual stories and rework them for children. This is the approach Jane Yolen uses in "Merlin and the Dragon". The story takes place soon after Arthur has pulled the sword out of the stone and centers on how Merlin revealed to Arthur that he is the son of Uther Pendragon. The book is well written and beautifully illustrated and is a pleasure for both adults and children. Highly recommended.

This is a nice large format book with an more of an original story than the usual rehash of Arthurian tales. The illustrations are very nice. I wish the book was a little bigger, a little longer, but perhaps this is just the right length for a short read and the feeling of accomplishment that comes from reading a book to the end. Dragons and Merlin. What's not to like?

It is about a boy named Emrys. He lives in a small village. One day a cruel and ruthless king named Vortigern wanted to build a watchtower in the village. He told the men to work as slaves to build the tower. When they had finished building the tower it fell! So they built it again and it fell again. What they needed was Emrys's blood. When the guards had found the right child Emrys told them that you needed to kill two dragons. They dug a hole where the dragons lived. I don't want to tell you what happens next. You'll have to read the fantastic book Merlin and the Dragons. What I liked about the book is that it had a lot of verbs, adjectives, and nouns. What I liked about the illustrations was that they had a lot of detail. I liked the characters because they were greatly drawn and they were very cool. It was a great book and I really enjoyed it. I would compare this book to MERLIN. What ages I would recommend are 6 and up it is also a great read aloud book. The moral of the book is even if you are different you can make a change.

This was read to me as a child in elementary school, and I loved it. I bought it for my son when he was 4 and it was as engaging and striking as I remember. The illustrations alone are beautiful, and the story is a great retelling of one of the most famous young Merlin myths.

this is a great story with details, twists etc...if your child enjoys story telling, this is a good book for

the 5 to 7 year old. It has enough text and details to keep a child who likes stories interested for the 20/30 minutes or so that it takes to read this (parent reading to the child). The only warning is that if your child is bothered by talking about death or blood (in a fictional way), then this might not be the book for you. It does not focus on those topics but it does talk about a cruel king enslaving people and wanting a sacrifice.

who will be enchanted by the story of the young Merlin. This is the tale of the boy (Merlin) and his confrontation of Vortigern. The tyrant needs a boy 'without a father', whose blood must keep Vortigern's crumbling tower upright. But Merlin has a dream that foretells of a battle between a red and a white dragon. On his instruction, a lake beneath the tower is drained, and two eggs are found. A red and a white dragon burst forth..they fight.. Spellbinding! Jane Yolen is a renowned writer, and this great book is illustrated beautifully by Li Ming.

Amazing pictures! Beautifully written. Such lovely language that children need to be exposed to in order to learn how lovely language really is!

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