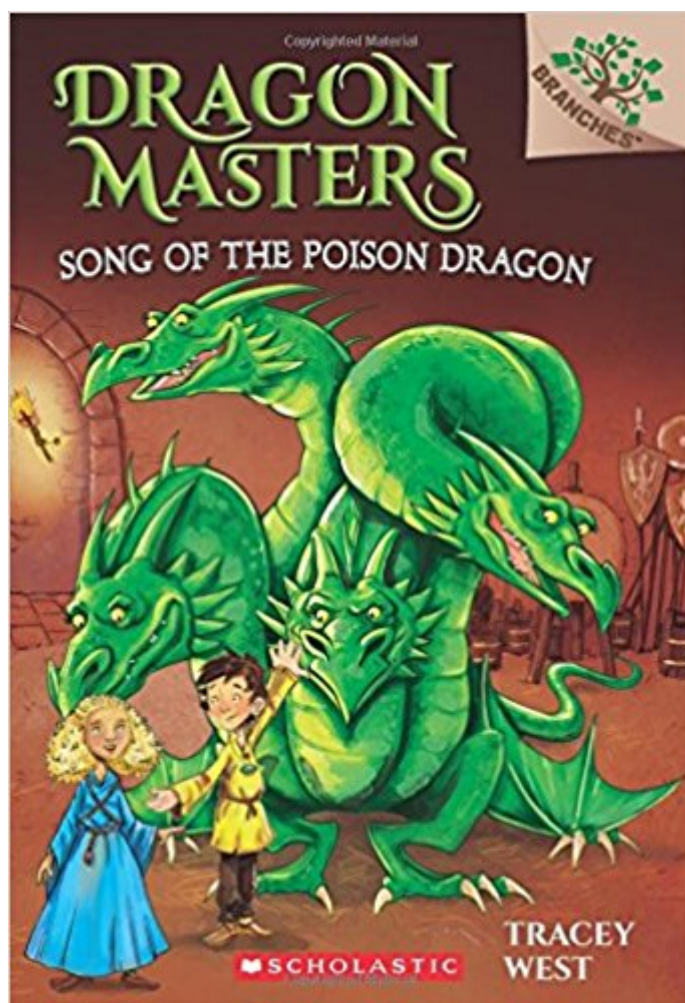


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# Song Of The Poison Dragon: A Branches Book (Dragon Masters #5)



## Synopsis

Pick a book. Grow a Reader! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! In book #5, the Dragon Masters are excited to meet the newest Dragon Master, Petra. But when she arrives at the castle, she doesn't fit in right away. She's a know-it-all, and she doesn't even try to connect with her four-headed dragon! Could the Dragon Stone have chosen her by mistake? Then something terrible happens to the king. Petra will have to work with the other Dragon Masters to save him before it's too late!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Praise for Dragon Masters #1: "In this first of the Dragon Masters series, vocabulary is accessible; sentences, paragraphs, and chapters are short; and dialogue moves the story along rapidly. Black-and-white sketch-type drawings add depth to the story and feelings to the characters (both children and dragons). Emergent readers will find happy success here." -- Booklist "The first of a new series of early chapter books, this entry is sure to attract fans. Brief chapters, large print, lots of

action, attractive illustrations in every spread including a maplike panorama, an enviable protagonist -- who wouldn't want to be a Dragon Master? -- all combine to make an entertaining read. With plenty left to be resolved, the next entry will be eagerly sought after." -- Kirkus Reviews"Each page features wonderfully detailed pencil illustrations which help to support the text." -- Library Media Connection

Petra, the new Dragon Master, has just arrived at the castle! But Petra doesn't really fit in. She's a know-it-all, and she's not even trying to connect with her dragon. Could the Dragon Stone have picked Petra by mistake? Then something terrible happens to the king! Will Petra work with the other Dragon Masters to save him before it's too late? --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Song of the Poison Dragon" is a story that will engage new readers and one that can be an enjoyable read-aloud for preschoolers and for kindergarteners. Tracey West has written another wonderful book involving magic dragons and diverse, multi-ethnic children who are learning to become Dragon Masters. A new Dragon Master is arriving in the Kingdom of Bracken. Eight-year old, Petra, from the southern lands has been chosen by the Dragon Stone for the unnamed four-headed hydra. Her know-it-all attitude makes an unfavorable impression on the four Dragon Masters already living at King Roland's castle. The king's desire to exhibit his dragons for his friend Queen Rose results in a near tragedy as Petra fails, when the dragon becomes agitated, to follow instructions and pat the hydra's heads. After a compassionate, understanding Drake succumbs to the hydra's poison mist, Petra must overcome her fears to save both Drake and King Roland. Perfect for the target group,

"Song of the Poison Dragon" is not a difficult book to read. Chapters are short; the vocabulary is not overly sophisticated or difficult. Sentences are simple and convey their message with the story and the characters' actions. Beginning readers will appreciate the less complex structure of the narrative. The subject matter of wizards and dragons will fascinate young readers who find many early reader books

"boring". The book has magic and action; the mythical creatures contained on its pages will engage children. Damien Jones' black-and-white illustrations are featured on almost every page. Unlike the simplistic drawings in some other children's books, these have depth, perspective, and dimension, making them

visually interesting and very appealing. These illustrations bring the characters to life. I appreciate that Tracey West has decided to include illustrations throughout the "Song of the Poison Dragon" for children who may have advanced to having chapter books read aloud to them at bedtime, but who still want pictures to accompany the story. Through the Wizard Griffith's teaching of the Dragon Masters, the books show the importance of following the instruction and guidance of those who have greater wisdom than those being mentored. They also provide some good lessons about cooperation and the importance of listening to and of understanding others. The books in the Dragon Masters series contain magic and action, and situations that engage and interest youngsters. I am thrilled Tracey West has continued the Dragon Masters books and am glad to see there is at least one more to be published. If you are looking for a series of books that will interest early readers, particularly boys, you will want to look at the Dragon Master series. It is not necessary to have read other books in the Dragon Masters series but you will want to do so - to enjoy "Song of the Poison Dragon". Tracey West provides enough background information in this book to allow you to enjoy it independent of the other four Dragon Masters books. Her books are fun to read, contain enough fantasy and magic to appeal to children, and teach some valuable lessons without becoming didactic.

My 7 year old son & I LOVE this series!! He reads independently, but we like to read this together before bed. The stories are suspenseful and captivating. My son is not particularly into dragons, so I wasn't sure if he would enjoy the first one, but he's hooked! We've read 1-7 and awaiting #8 to be released in the Fall. :)

I bought this book to read with my 6 year old son. He loved it and looked forward to reading together every night. There are plenty of pictures to help the imagination! We are now on the second book and plan to finish the series. I am hoping later this year (1st grade) he will be able to read them to me.

My 5 year old LOVES this series!!! Oh and so do I! We have every book so far. Not only are they very well written and have an intriguing story line, there are small pictures on every page - making it a seamless transition to reading him chapter books. He's also an early reader and often able to follow along. He already has plans to reread the books when he is older and a more independent reader as well. I especially love how key strong characters are both boys and girls. Making the

series relatable to all genders. There are no weapons or scary plot themes, but rather excitement with magic and dragon powers! The stories are creative, clever, and quite a page turner for us both! Only wish the next book would come out sooner!

My 4 year old is obsessed with the Dragon Masters series. We read a few chapters from one of the books every day. It is perfect because she is getting a longer attention span but still needs a book with lots of pictures and short chapters. The climactic parts have drama and tension but aren't overly scary. The stories about different dragons and kids from different parts of the world capture her imagination like nothing I have ever seen. This is an incredible series that I also enjoy reading with her, and I hope Tracy West continues to write many many more!

Great book - very entertaining - my 9-year old (who cannot stand to read) could not put it down. Very pleased with the content and storyline.

My son LOVES this series of books. They are an easy read, he started reading them when he was 8. He's now almost 10, and his reading level is above these but I enjoy him having an easier fun book every once in a while. 2nd - 3rd grade reading level

No idea what this is about but my 9yr old loves these books. Thin and easy to read, great for an elementary boy who loves dragons!

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