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...in a world where
magic still hides
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fantastical
beasts!
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For the wonder seekers: Jonah, Ava, Evie & Mira.
May magic always find you. – *C. D.*

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In the beginning, the world was wild
And magic called to every child.
But when grownups learned to question and doubt,
That sparkling wonder began to wink out.

As more and more humans forgot to believe,
Our magical creatures decided to leave.
But I am *Sage Brightwing*, your fairy tour guide,
And I know the places where magic still hides.

We'll travel together to mystical caves,
Soar over white clouds and gargantuan waves.
We'll climb mighty hills, then go deep underground,
To all of the places where wild things are found.

But know that these wonders can only be spied
If you truly *believe* with your heart open wide.
That fizzing excitement inside that you feel,
Is magic from knowing these creatures are real.

Dragons

The Keepers of Treasure

The dragon's a *mighty* and *magical* beast,
As old as the *stars* and the *winds* in the east.
Their bodies are covered in *shimmering* scales
That spread all the way to their *powerful* tails.

The fearless will *soar* with large *wings* on their back,
The *lazy* will slumber in caves of *pitch black*,
The *swimmers* will scurry through seas *vast* and *cold*,
The *greedy* will sit on their *huge* hoards of *gold*.

All *snatch* up their prey with their *shiny*, sharp *claws*,
And *devour* them whole in their *wide*, crushing *jaws*.
But *what* do they eat? Well, whatever they *wish*!
Cattle and geese, and lizards and *fish*,

And sometimes a *human* (although this is rare),
Will *creep* deep inside their carcass-filled lairs.
For, meeting a *dragon* will bring you *good luck*,
If it has *bones* aplenty already to *suck*.

If you find yourself one of the *fortunate few*,
Make sure to bring with you a *treasure* or two
And when you are faced with those *gleaming teeth*,
Bow *low*, move *slow*... and beware of the *heat*!



A Field Guide To Dragons...



Chinese Dragon

Snakelike with long whiskers, this wingless wonder puffs out wind instead of fire. If you spot one high up in the clouds, you're in for good luck!



European Lindworm



Cockatrice

This beast has the head and wings of a rooster and the body of a snake. Don't get too close to its shiny golden eggs or its poisonous breath will knock you out.



Druk

The wise Druk is known as the Thunder Dragon. Often seen carrying a lightning-bolt, its long, thin body helps it fly to high, windy altitudes, where it lays its eggs in the snow.



Hydra

This lake-dwelling monster has impenetrable scales, a deadly scent, and lots of heads. Take care not to cut one off or two will grow back in its place!

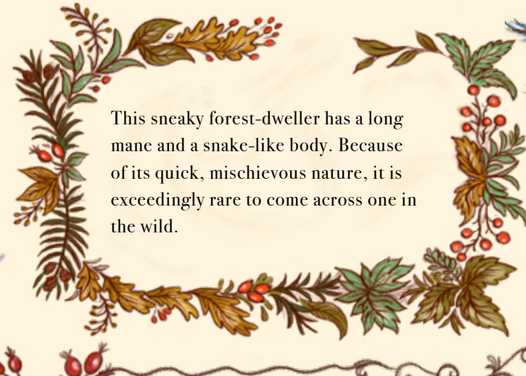


Japanese Dragon

This wild, wingless beast loves rainfall and water. Snake-like with clawed feet and three toes, you can often find it near temples or slumbering on a cloud.



This sneaky forest-dweller has a long mane and a snake-like body. Because of its quick, mischievous nature, it is exceedingly rare to come across one in the wild.



Knucker Dragon

This water dweller skulks in murky bottomless ponds called Knucker Holes. Beware of its cold snake-like eyes and dangerous hissing mouth.





Western Dragon

This fearsome, flying, fire-breathing dragon is a well-known hoarder of treasure. Owing to its speed of flight and shiny scales, it's often mistaken for a comet.



The Feathered Quetzelcoatl

This sacred beauty is a brightly-coloured bird and a powerful snake. It has long been a protector of humans. Known as a divine bringer of knowledge it can see into the future.



Hong Rainbow Dragon

This two-headed dragon is rumoured to appear in the sky to signify hope after a storm.



Naga

The Naga is a creature that occasionally takes on the form of a human. Friendly and welcomed by people, the Naga protects the villages around its home.



Wyvern

This smaller winged dragon has two legs instead of four, and a barbed, poisonous tail. When peckish, it may occasionally snack on a human... or two.

