

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans

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Annotation

Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents.

Book Talk

Crusty dragon Miss Drake has a new pet human, precocious Winnie. Oddly enough, Winnie seems to think Miss Drake is her pet—a ridiculous notion!

Unknown to most of its inhabitants, the City by the Bay is home to many mysterious and fantastic creatures, hidden beneath the parks, among the clouds, and even in plain sight. And Winnie wants to draw every new creature she encounters: the good, the bad, and the ugly. But Winnie's sketchbook is not what it seems. Somehow, her sketchlings have been set loose on the city streets! It will take Winnie and Miss Drake's combined efforts to put an end to the mayhem . . . before it's too late.

Book Trailers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNz569hfiWI>

Author on the Internet

- Website: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/authors/laurence-yep/>

Items to use in a library display

- Dragon figurines
- Etiquette books
- Sketchbooks/colored pencils
- Pearls

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- What advice would you give for pet care?
- Why does Winnie mean when she says: "I think you could do a lot more damage with your tongue that you would with your fangs or claws?" (p. 21)
- Why did Winnie draw her dad and aunt in her sketchbook? Do you think this is a good idea?

- According to the book, why did dragons and other magical creatures have to start hiding from humans?
- Which character do you think is the pet – Winnie or Miss Drake?

First Line of the Book:

- “It was a lovely funeral for Fluffy, the best pet I ever had.”

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *1-2-3 Draw Knights, Castles, and Dragons : A Step by Step Guide* by Freddie Levin
- *The Anatomy of a Dragon* by Matt Doeden

What to Read Next

- Book 2: *A Dragon's Guide to Making Your Human Smarter*
- Book 3: *A Dragon's Guide to Making Perfect Wishes*
- The Menagerie Series by Tui Sutherland

Other Books by this Author

- *City Trilogy* (City of Fire, City of Ice, City of Death)
- *The Earth Dragon Awakes : the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*

Additional Resources

- Lesson ideas: <http://www.randomhousekids.com/brand/dragons-guide/>