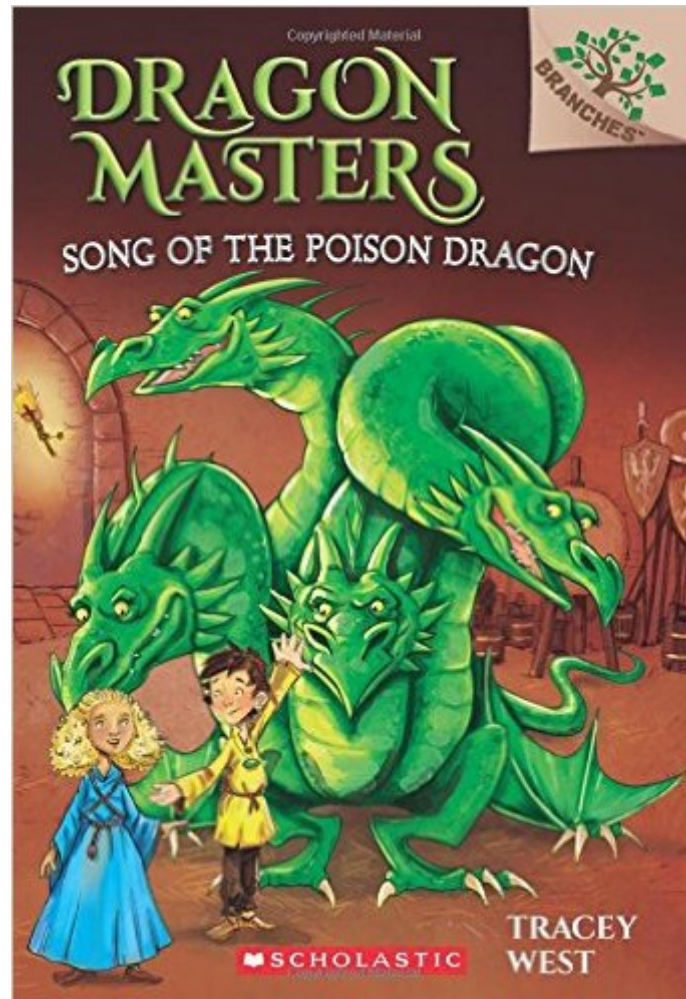


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# Song Of The Poison Dragon: A Branches Book (Dragon Masters #5)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

• *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.

This series really has staying power. With my two youngest children there are few chapter books that we have read more than once, let alone whole series. This is the first series I recall we have read through twice and are eagerly awaiting the next instalment. The Dragon Masters is a great series that children and those who read to them will both enjoy. One of the nice things about this series is that it is a true series. Each story builds upon the next. Now yes that are strong enough to be read on their own, but as a whole we get to watch the growth of the group as they come together as a team and learn to work together and support each other. In this latest offering the Dragon stone has chosen a new dragon master, Petra and her great uncle had also been a dragon master. She seems to know a lot about dragons and their abilities, but when it comes time for her to meet her Hydra and bond with it, something just seems off. Even though Petra seems like a know-it-all, she also seems afraid. She is far from home and knows that there are high expectations upon her. When King Roland plans on showcasing the dragons especially the new Hydra and Petra to Queen Rose the day after Petra's arrival, things go bad quickly. Soon the King is poisoned and all the dragon masters are searching for a cure. Will they find something in their books, or will Petra and the Hydra make connecting in time to save the King? My children love the illustrations by Graham Howells, they often go back to look at previous illustrations or sneak ahead to get a glimpse of what is coming next. Add to the excellent drawings wonderful stories and it makes for some great reading time. These books are enjoyed by the whole family. The younger kids like having them read to them.

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