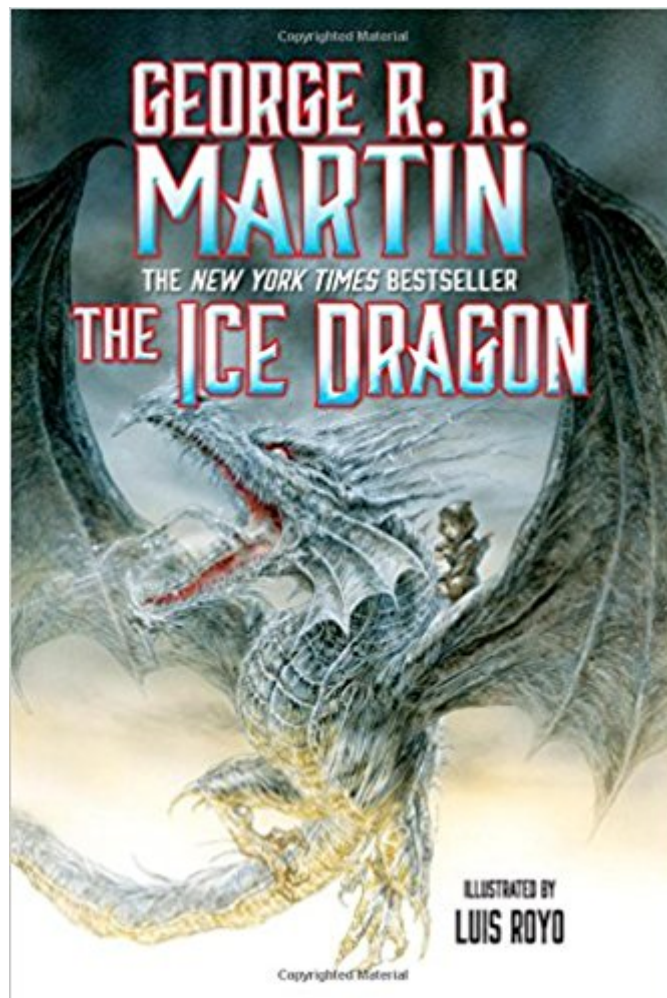


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The Ice Dragon



Synopsis

The Ice Dragon is an enchanting tale of courage and sacrifice for young readers and adults by the wildly popular author of the #1 New York Times bestselling Song of Ice and Fire series, George R.R. Martin. Lavish illustrations by acclaimed artist Luis Royo enrich this captivating and heartwarming story of a young girl and her dragon. In the world of A Song of Ice and Fire the ice dragon was a creature of legend and fear, for no man had ever tamed one. When it flew overhead, it left in its wake desolate cold and frozen land. But Adara was not afraid. For Adara was a winter child, born during the worst freeze that anyone, even the Old Ones, could remember. Adara could not remember the first time she had seen the ice dragon. It seemed that it had always been in her life, glimpsed from afar as she played in the frigid snow long after the other children had fled the cold. In her fourth year she touched it, and in her fifth year she rode upon its broad, chilled back for the first time. Then, in her seventh year, on a calm summer day, fiery dragons from the North swooped down upon the peaceful farm that was Adara's home. And only a winter child and the ice dragon who loved her could save her world from utter destruction. This new edition of The Ice Dragon is sure to become a collector's item for fans of HBO's megahit Game of Thrones.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 3
•Seven-year-old Adara was born during the coldest chill of the coldest year ever, a chill that killed her mother during the girl's birth. Ever since then, she has been a remote and chilly child, living for winter when the ice lizards come out and forming a bond with a mysterious ice dragon. When war comes and dragon-riding invaders threaten her home and family, the ice dragon helps her to thwart them, leading to its own demise. Filled with illustrations of swooping dragons and folks in medieval-type garb, this fantasy is a slim but rich introduction to the genre, one that should appeal to both boys and girls. Give it to readers who are not quite ready for Emily Rodda's "Deltora Quest" series (Scholastic) or to fantasy fans who want a quick but meaty read.
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"The Ice Dragon brims with the magic and beauty of Martin's velvety rich prose. Audiences of all ages will be enchanted by the fantastic delivery of this timeless tale of heroes and dragons, the strength of a family, and the coming-of-age of a very special girl. It is a great book to share."
VOYA "[T]his fantasy is a slim but rich introduction to the genre, one that should appeal to both boys and girls."
School Library Journal "A must-buy for all Martin fans."
SFRevu "Like the type, Royo's lush ink-and-wash illustrations are all set in blue, heightening the icy feel. They sprawl across spreads, complementing the generously leaded text and providing ample resting place for readers' eyes. Despite the war and destruction, this is very much a children's story, told in a distantly folkloric tone that evokes the stylings of Jane Yolen. Adult fans will find neither gore nor sex, but kids will find an evocative original fairy tale with an unexpectedly complex protagonist."
Kirkus Reviews

So far as fantasy story-telling goes, this story isn't radically different from a lot of what else you'd find in the fantasy market. It's a quit read, spaced out with quite a few pictures so the story is shorter than the page count would lead you to believe. There were few surprises, but still holds up.

A good children's story (for slightly older kids due to war theme though it is left unsaid). The art is lovely. The story to me has a theme of trusting your inner self and being true to oneself despite what parents or family or others may want you to be. It also reads like a fairy tale. Strange circumstances and hints of old folklore. I enjoyed it and enjoy sharing it with my 8 year old son who shares my love of dragons and of human and animal bonds.

Excellent little book for fans of the ASOIAF / GOT series or not

Great for tweens and even teens and a few young at heart adults. His stories are never flowers and joy but they bring to mind that if you believe it you can. Tolkien to Tolstoy George RR Martin has earned his space in literature.

This was good. It just went REALLY fast (like all GRRM works). Just as I was starting to empathize with the character(s) it ended.

Very nice little short story from George R. R. Martin.

It's a beautiful story of a girl and "her" dragon ice. It is narrated in the world of ASOIAF at the time of the first dance of dragons. While it is a short story, I think it's important for fans of ASOIAF, because it kind of helps you to understand how people relate to magic and/or how magic works in this world. I loved it! I do not remember all the details, but I think it can be read by children. So, I recommend to parents, but check it first ;)

I guess it would have been better if I'd known it was a tween book. I didn't pay attention to that detail when I ordered it. If I put myself into a 12 year old brain I would love it. It's written well...if you're 12. I found it to be short, even for a tween (I read it in a couple hours.) Cute story regardless. I could see J.K. Rollins (sp?) reading it out in a book store to eager children. Would make a good Disney like movie if expanded.

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