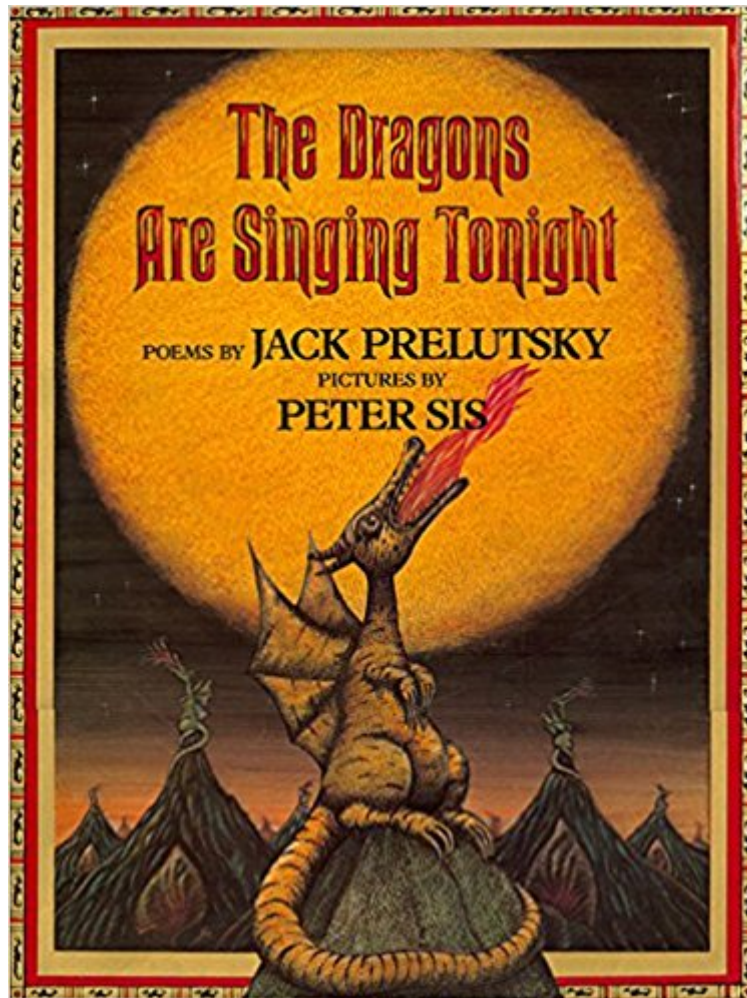




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# The Dragons Are Singing Tonight



## Synopsis

An "excellent collection....Prelutsky and Sis...bring to life so many sorts of dragons: the large, the small, the ferocious, the technological, the gentle, the ominous, and the disconsolate. There's a 'just right' quality to the verse that makes it a pleasure to read the words aloud. Their sounds fit together with seamless craftsmanship and their sense rewards listeners with humor, imagination, and occasional poignancy....Because it appeals on so many levels, this is one poetry book that won't sit on the shelf for long."--Booklist.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"If you don't believe in dragons, / It is curiously true / That the dragons you disparage / Choose to not to believe in you," matter-of-factly claims America's premiere children's poet Jack Prelutsky. Dragons aren't all the same, of course--some are amiable, some are disconsolate, and some are downright nasty. Here Prelutsky, who has written over 30 books of poetry for children, turns his considerable talents to the subject of dragons--a secret dragon, a thunder dragon, a mechanical dragon, even a lazy dragon who likes to sleep all day. The 17 poems range from the whimsical to the scary, but all reflect Prelutsky's incomparable flair for rhythm and humor. The fabulous fire-breathers are illustrated in all their irresistible splendor by award-winning artist Peter Sis. The sophisticated style of his large oil paintings is complemented by his trademark borders in antique

gold, giving the pages an Old World look. If you don't believe in dragons then you need this book, because the magical combination of art and poetry will make you and your kids believers. If you listen closely, you might even hear the dragons singing tonight: "We are dragons! We are real!" Text © 1993 by Jack Prelutsky. Illustrations © 1993 by Peter Sis. Permission by Greenwillow Books.) (Ages 5 to 9) --Marcie Bovetz --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PW gave a starred review to this fanciful series of poems about dragons: "An unerring sense of rhythm lends punch to the light verse." Ages 4-up. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I was introduced to some of these poems as a young child myself but hadn't thought of them in years. When my 6 yr old asked me if dragons are real these poems immediately came back to mind. I was happy to find the book easily on and in just a couple of days was able to share these interesting poems with both my kids (6&8). The poems are quirky, beautiful and sometimes silly. I am also a fan of the extensive vocabulary (always good to expose them early). While there are many words they don't know the exact meanings of they are able to figure it out from context (and then add to their ever growing vocabulary) and overall the large words do not overwhelm the reader. The illustrations are also wonderful, fun and creative. My kids like to look at the pictures long after the poem is over.

We love this and pretty much all of Jack Prelutsky's books of poetry. There's plenty of whimsy as well as some more thoughtful poems. Prelutsky is the closest there is to a successor to Dr. Suess. I highly recommend all of his books, so just pick a theme and check it out!

A very imaginative and worldly book for the child with sharp learning skills. My granddaughter is a second grader and reads at high fourth grade level with a considerable vocabulary for her age. I bought her this book for those very reasons. She also likes poetry and rhyme.

My 11 yr old could not put this book down! Wonderful poems from JP! A must have if you want to engage a child, especially a boy in poetry.

I had never heard of this book until my son came home from kindergarten talking about it. We got it for home and I'm so pleased with the poems. There are some challenging words for a kindergartener, but he really enjoys the drawings and poems.

This is a great book! Beautiful art, arrived quick.

Love Prelutsky's whimsy!

I've loved Jack Prelutsky since I was a kid, and this is definitely my favorite of his books. Full of humor, great illustrations, and fun poems, I loved it, and I read it to my nieces and nephews now.

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