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## A TREASURY OF DRAGONS

This book insists on sorting dragons into little, understandable boxes as if the readers had only 100 years or so to live and their tiny baby-brains could hold only so much knowledge ...

-Fizban

In the real world, dragons are a staple of folklore and fantasy literature, resonating as symbols of power and wisdom—and sometimes greed—across countless cultures. In the many worlds of D&D, dragons are ever-present monsters, relevant at every level of play as dangerous threats, wise patrons, or mysterious schemers.

*Fizban's Treasury of Dragons* is a comprehensive guide to the dragons of the worlds of D&D. It introduces the gem dragons—a family of five dragon kinds—as well as a variety of other Dragons and dragon-related monsters, character options, and inspirations.

This introduction sets the scene for what's to come in the rest of the book. It introduces the myth



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Poets do have a way of editing and exaggerating. I remember that time as one big, boring, patience-trying dilly-dalliance. A lot of hurry up and wait.

-Fizban

It's all too easy to prefer a certain color of dragonborn, but what's inside is what really matters—which is to say, the sort of damage their breath can do to you.

-Fizban

I am less guarded with my spells than I am with my recipes. Magic shared is soon improved. But when it comes to my pudding, well, you can't fix perfect.

-Fizban

If you happen to find yourself in possession of a platinum scarf, be prepared for side effects: head swivels, gasps of admiration, and myriad compliments.

-Fizban





Many Common phrases have origins in Draconic names. "Great googly-moogly," "goody goody gumdrops," and "gadzooks" all have their origins in the name of my capricious friend Gialgalothmogalthas, whose dragon breath also produced a boppy, trumpet-y tune.

-Fizban

To portray a convincing human, one must embody greed, selfishness, and vigilance. To portray a convincing dragon, one must relax.

-Fizban



When I go, I dream of passing my spirit into that with which I have had the most profound experiences. The first thing that comes to mind is a caramel treacle from the Foxy Duck Tavern. Yum!

-Fizban

Dragons are like lizards. They existed before humanoids and will exist long after them, they can manipulate reality's fabric, and they transcend natural laws! Wait ... not like lizards. Ah! Like magic.

-Fizban



The time a dragon spends in a humanoid form is not directly related to our opinion of said form. In fact, dragons generally disagree with mortals about visual taste. Most of you are extremely misguided. Looking glasses have not helped.

-Fizban

Most dragons aren't what you'd call pious. To really embrace religion, one must believe one needs help.

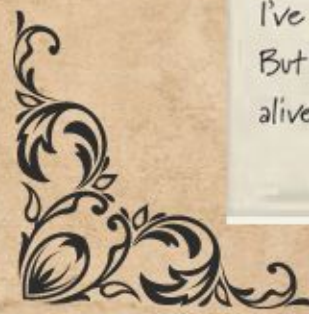
-Fizban

I've never met a creature I didn't love. But I have met a few I didn't want alive.

-Fizban

It takes no additional work to be infinite. As a spider sees through all its eyes, dragons simply are, once and many times.

-Fizban





I once sought life advice from an amethyst dragon who specialized in that sort of thing. I told her all my flaws and unwanted behaviors, and she prescribed the best elixir: "Stop doing those things!" I still think back on that visit in trying times.

-Fizban



My favorite lair I've ever visited was a crystal dragon's. It turned everyone's voice into a high-pitched squeak. Remember, not all lair shenanigans are devastating!

-Fizban

Dragons are not in your world. You are in theirs.

-Fizban



Often, a dragon who is merely hungry is perceived as angry. The outcome for the observing creatures is the same, but I think it's important to clarify motives.

-Fizban



Tiamat spent the most time crafting her black dragon. I was flabbergasted at her final product and suggested oh so many adjustments, but at some point, a project is simply due.

-Fizban

I knew a copper dragon who loved coining words. We have her to thank for words like "organize," "pillow," "cognizant," "burgeon," and "job," to name just a few. It would make her laugh to know how often people make these ridiculous combinations of sounds!

-Fizban

Bronze dragons are the absolute worst at transforming themselves into human form. They always embellish with extra hair in all sorts of places. I applaud ingenuity, but in this matter, simpler is better!

-Fizban

If I weren't so platinum, I'd be blue. Not as in sad or down. Quite the opposite. I'd be delighted to be a blue dragon ... if I weren't a platinum one.

-Fizban

Bards sometimes seek out brass dragon lairs in hopes that the dragons' whimsy will enhance their creativity, like a muse. The more experienced bards know not to overstay their welcome, lest they awaken cradling a skunk cabbage.

-Fizban



Starlight is measured in emotions rather than quantifiable units. Although crystal dragons would argue that emotions actually are quantifiable units, so I don't really know what my point is.

-Fizban

There is a deep dragon saying that translates roughly to "Thorough is as thorough does," but more literally, "Uncover every last stone!" Every last stone?! Sounds exhausting.

-Fizban



Although emerald dragons are wise beyond telling, they usually answer questions with some vague jibber jabber like, "The answer lies within you."

Frustrating!

-Fizban

Modrons have an inexplicable habit of mistaking gold dragons for their leader, Primus. The dragons don't mind, and the modrons don't seem to mind. So why do I find this so offensive?

-Fizban





In some ways the green dragon is the most "dragon" of dragons. Pity that Tiamat gets credit for them.

-Fizban

One can imagine the most preposterous things around a moonstone dragon ... and then look around and realize one was not in fact imagining!

-Fizban

A sapphire dragon's flight once inspired a courting dance in a certain kingdom that shall remain nameless. Embarrassingly, it is still performed to this day.

-Fizban

Silver dragons are the best of the best kinds of dragons. They just get it, you know?

-Fizban



A topaz dragon named Blustertail once complained to me that he hated water because it talked too much, whatever that means.

-Fizban

I enjoy an animated debate ... just not with a white dragon. Impossible and ignorant, all of them. The air must be different in their arctic latitudes.

-Fizban

Objectively speaking, of all the dragons, Bahamut has made the best decisions. He is also the most handsome. And his hoard is gigantic-est.

-Fizban



I had a crystal dragon read my fortune once. A lot of codswallop and poppycock, to be sure, except for the part where he said I'd forget what he told me! That was impressively accurate.

-Fizban

Sapphire dragons don't often get along with followers of Lolth, but one phrase seems to dissipate a lot of tension between them: "Spiders? Yes, please!"

-Fizban

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A horrible and wonderful truth of our world is that anything has the potential to be an enemy. Conversely, anything can be a friend!

-Fizban

When a sea serpent drives itself through the hull of a ship, it's simply trying to accelerate the molting process. Sure, the ship might sink, but that's hardly the serpent's fault.

-Fizban

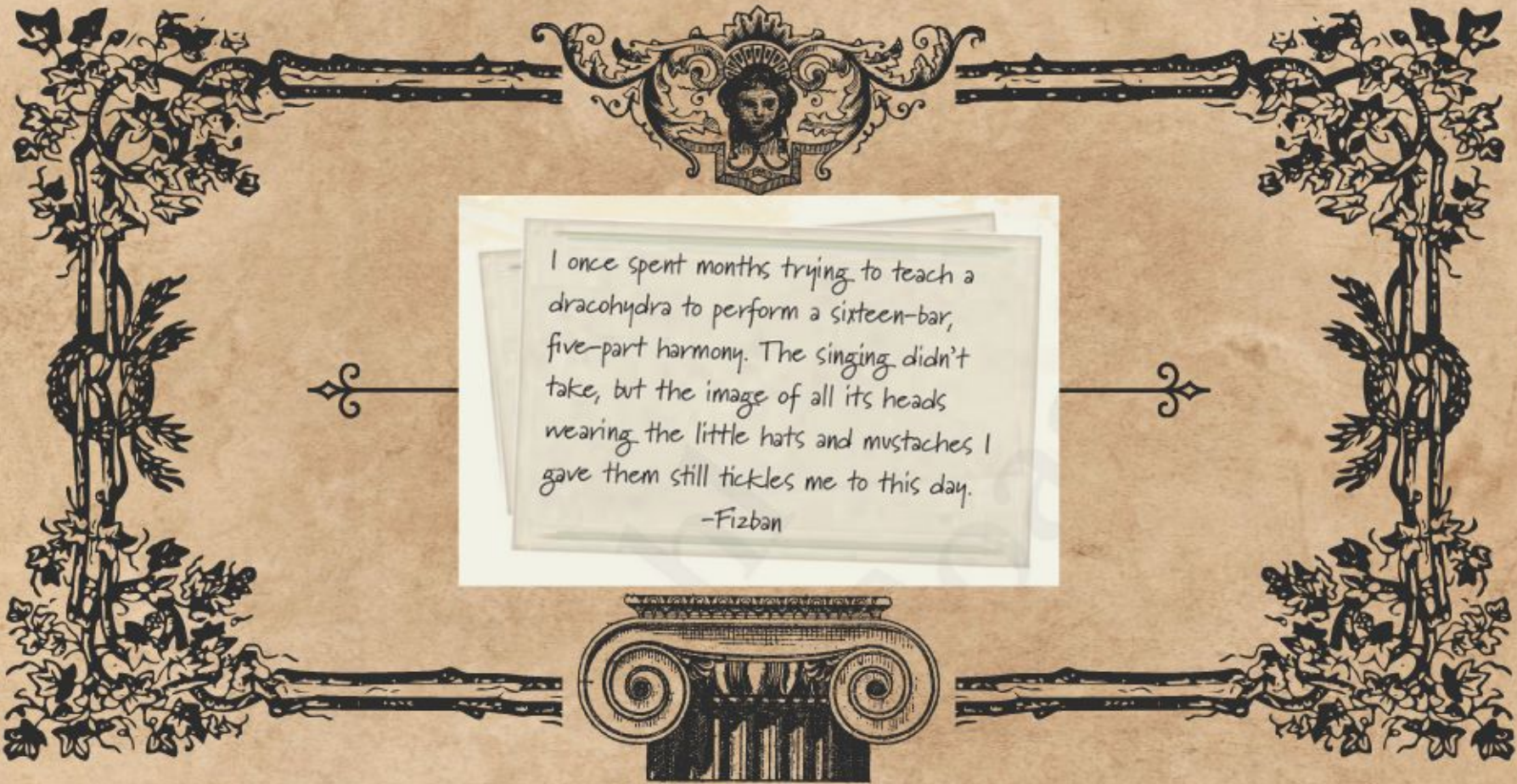
The best way to identify one of these grafters is if you see someone running around chanting, "Look at me! I'm a dragon! I'm a draaaaaaagon!"

-Fizban



Have you ever heard an emerald dragon purr? It sounds like a tremendous, lethal, and adorable earthquake.

-Fizban



I once spent months trying to teach a dracohydra to perform a sixteen-bar, five-part harmony. The singing didn't take, but the image of all its heads wearing the little hats and mustaches I gave them still tickles me to this day.

-Fizban