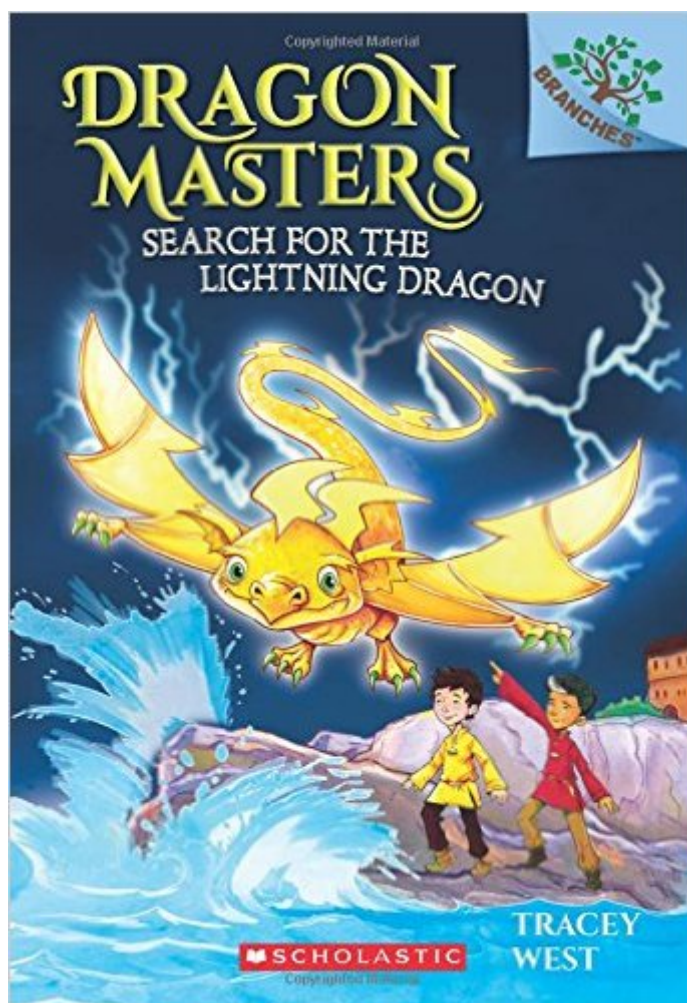


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# Search For The Lightning Dragon: A Branches Book (Dragon Masters #7)



## Synopsis

Pick a book. Grow a Reader! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line, Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! In book #7, the Dragon Masters have to track down the Lightning Dragon! But first, they need to find his Dragon Master -- a boy named Carlos. The Lightning Dragon shoots dangerous sparks of energy! Will Carlos be able to connect with his wild dragon? Or does a darker master have plans for the Lightning Dragon?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Praise for Dragon Masters #1: "In this first of the Dragon Masters series, vocabulary is accessible; sentences, paragraphs, and chapters are short; and dialogue moves the story along rapidly. Black-and-white sketch-type drawings add depth to the story and feelings to the characters (both children and dragons). Emergent readers will find happy success here." -- Booklist "The first of a new series of early chapter books, this entry is sure to attract fans. Brief chapters, large print, lots of action, attractive illustrations in every spread including a maplike panorama, an enviable protagonist

-- who wouldn't want to be a Dragon Master? -- all combine to make an entertaining read. With plenty left to be resolved, the next entry will be eagerly sought after." -- Kirkus Reviews

There is a Lightning Dragon on the loose! The Dragon Masters have to track it down fast&#151;before someone gets hurt by its sparks! But they also have to find the newest Dragon Master, Carlos. He is the only one who might be able to control the young dragon. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

When a lightening dragon hatches and escapes, creating havoc in the countryside, the Dragon Masters must find him and locate the newest Dragon Master. Tracey West's latest book in the Dragon Masters series "Search for the Lightening Dragon" is a wonderful way to encourage young readers. Like the other Dragon Masters books, this one is fun to read, contains enough fantasy and magic to appeal to children, and teaches some good lessons about cooperation, the importance of listening to and of understanding others. As the Dragon Masters and Griffith, their wizard mentor, discuss the missing lightening dragon, Diego "another wizard and a baby dragon expert" appears with news that the dragon has been located in the Land of Saxon. Drake, a young Dragon Master, and Worm, his earth dragon, accompany Diego to his large, oddly shaped cottage. There, they use Diego's gazing ball to locate Carlos, the newly chosen Dragon Master, and to observe the chaos created by the young dragon's activities. Meanwhile, Bob, a bird who assists Diego, flies off to find Carlos who lives with his grandmother. When Carlos calms the young dragon, Lalo, the story seems to end on a happy note. However, the sudden appearance of a Thunder Dragon and an adult Dragon Master set the stage for this fine series to continue. Short chapters and a varied, but manageable vocabulary for young readers, make "Search for the Lightening Dragon" an easy to read book. Short, simple sentences and the less complex structure of the narrative give young readers a sense of accomplishment while reading the story. The subject matter of wizards and dragons fascinate my grandson who thinks some early reader books "for babies". Since discovering the Dragon Masters, he has become an enthusiastic reader, wanting to read and learn more about those mythical creatures. Because the books in the Dragon Masters series contain magic and action, and situations that engage and interest him, he has started to explore the library for more difficult reading material. Both my grandson and I are thrilled to learn that the Dragon Masters series will continue. "Search for the Lightening Dragon" features Damien Jones' black-and-white illustrations on almost every page. Unlike the simplistic drawings in some other

children's books, these have depth, perspective, and dimension. The illustrations are visually interesting and very appealing; they bring the characters to life. Children, who may have advanced to having chapter books read aloud to them at bedtime but who still want pictures to accompany the story, find this feature of the Dragon Masters very appealing. As a grandparent who loves to read and wants to encourage a love of reading in my grandchildren, I appreciate that Tracey West has decided to include illustrations throughout the book. If you are looking for a series of books that will interest early readers, particularly boys, you will want to look at the Dragon Master series. It is not necessary to have read the other Dragon Masters books to enjoy *Search for the Lightning Dragon*. Tracey West provides enough background information in this seventh book of the series so readers will enjoy it, even without reading the others. However, if your young reader or listener is anything like my grandson, they will want to collect all the books of the series! The story will engage new readers and can be an enjoyable read-aloud for preschoolers and for kindergarteners. Tracey West has written a book involving magic dragons and diverse, multi-ethnic children who are learning to become Dragon Masters. The children demonstrate their concern for each other and for their families through their attitudes and actions. I have already pre-ordered the eighth book of Tracey West's Dragon Masters series. Her books are a wonderful way to encourage young readers. They are fun to read, contain enough fantasy and magic to appeal to children, and teach some good life lessons about cooperation, the importance of listening to and of understanding others.

The Dragon Masters Series by Tracey West is part of Scholastics early chapter books series called Branches. These books have great stories with quick-moving plots and pictures on every page. As a result, they are perfect for beginning readers or children who may become intimidated by a lot of words on a page. The Dragon Masters series is aimed at children in first through third grade. While the words are leveled, the stories do not suffer as a result. Even my older son asks to borrow the books so he can keep up with the plot. I admit that while I buy the books for my kids, I steal them to read myself. This is a series of books about a group of children who make a magical connection to dragons through a dragon stone. Each book introduces a new dragon and a new story to go along with it. The newest book, entitled *Search for the Lightning Dragon* follows the friends as they search for Carlos. He is the master of the lightning dragon, a baby dragon who is on the loose and fast. Will they be able to find Carlos so he can make a connection with the little dragon? We loved this book, as we did the previous books in the series. Book eight in the Dragon Masters series, *Roar of the Thunder Dragon*, is going to be released on September the 12th. We have already pre-ordered it

because we can't wait to see what happens. The first book, Rise of the Earth Dragon, introduces us to the main Characters in the book: Drake, Ana, Rori and Bo. I really like that the masters are boys and girls because it makes the story relatable to all children. The second book, Saving the Sun Dragon, is my favorite in the series. The next books are Secret of the Water Dragon, Power of the Fire Dragon, Song of the Poison Dragon and finally Flight of the Moon Dragon. What's your favorite early reader book or series?

This one is really good! A little more adventurous than the others, but to fully appreciate the story, I recommend starting with the first book and read through them in order as the characters build. My 7 year old son & I LOVE this series!! He reads independently, but we like to read this together before bed. The stories are suspenseful and captivating. My son is not particularly into dragons, so I wasn't sure if he would enjoy the first one, but he's hooked! We've read 1-7 and awaiting #8 to be released in the Fall. :)

My son had a very hard time getting interested in reading. He was already a dragon nut so once I found these I had to give them a whirl. He loves them! This helped turn a page in his reading desire and ability! These little books helped him realize reading could be fun! For us, these were such a big help because he sees that reading can take him on adventures! For our very active, adventurous little boy, that's what worked. He started them in first grade and more have continued to come out during his second grade and he anxiously awaits every new one!

My 8 year old, who doesn't like to read, just read this in a day. He loves this series so much! I wish they would crank them out faster. I have yet to find another book that he will read without a fight. He has to read 20 minutes a day for homework and he watches the clock like a hawk when reading anything else.

This entire series is fantastic! It's rare to find books that appeal to both my 5 year old daughter and my 10 year old son. The plots are quick moving, the characters and conflicts are just shy of predictable; really perfect for young readers. We read them aloud and it's been great for everyone! This latest entry was the best so far. My daughter really connected with the baby lightening dragon. She loved the artwork and all of its expressions. She's been playing baby lightening dragon for days now.

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