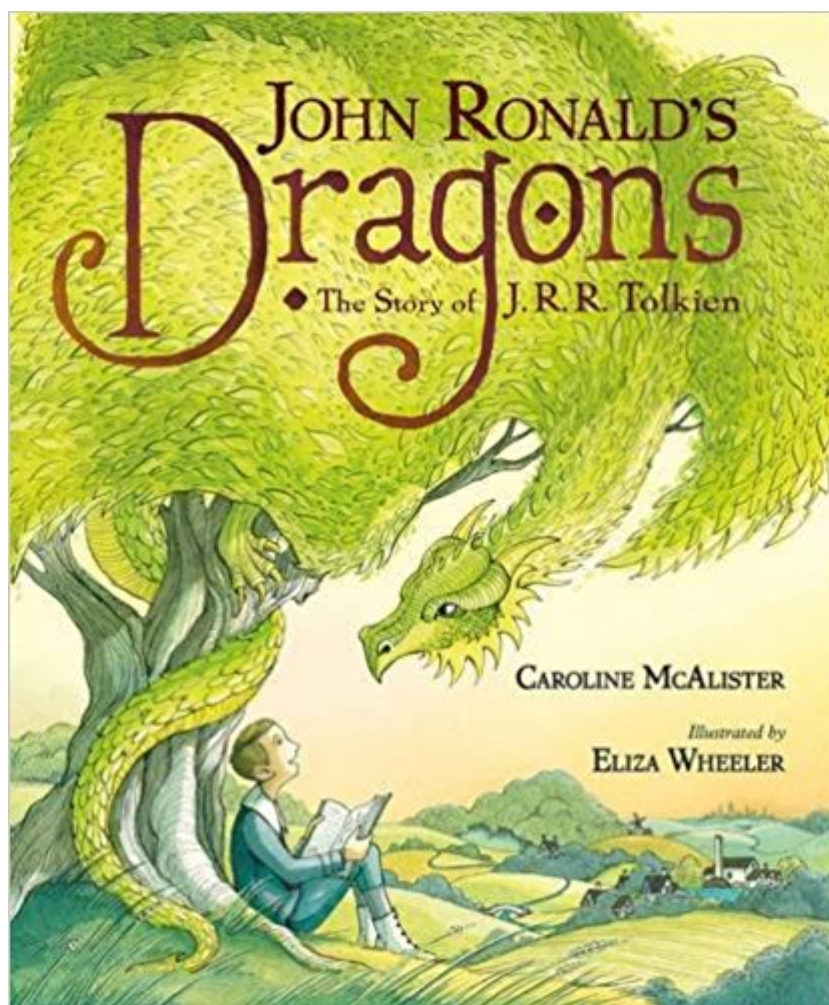


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John Ronald's Dragons: The Story Of J. R. R. Tolkien



Synopsis

A captivating picture book biography of a boy who imagined a world full of dragons and grew up to be beloved author J. R. R. Tolkien. John Ronald loved dragons. He liked to imagine dragons when he was alone, and with his friends, and especially when life got hard or sad. After his mother died and he had to live with a cold-hearted aunt, he looked for dragons. He searched for them at his boarding school. And when he fought in a Great War, he felt as if terrible, destructive dragons were everywhere. But he never actually found one, until one day, when he was a grown man but still very much a boy at heart, when he decided to create one of his own. John Ronald's Dragons, a picture book biography by Caroline McAlister and illustrated by Eliza Wheeler, introduces the beloved creator of Middle Earth and author of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings to a new generation of children who see magic in the world around them.

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Customer Reviews

Caroline McAlister teaches English at Guildford College and every year takes students to Oxford, England, to study fantasy in the setting where Tolkien lived and wrote. She lives in Greensboro, North Carolina. Eliza Wheeler wrote and illustrated New York Times bestseller Miss Maple's Seeds and enjoys eating Hobbit food and reading Tolkien aloud with her friends. She divides her time between the coast of California and the riverbanks of Wisconsin.

I read this book to my five year old son and he loves the pictures. The story is simply and elegantly

told, well enough that this mom got shivers towards the end of the book. I do recommend for those who love Tolkien and those who have just met the man through his enduring works. Again, this is just lovely.

This is a beautiful story of Tolkien's development of his wondrous stories. The children absolutely love it and as far as we can tell, it is, in fact, true.

So beautiful! I love the story and the illustrations take my breath away.

Very touching and thoughtful. I'm so glad I bought it. This book will be an emotional addition to my Tolkien collection.

I have read this book a number of times now (sometimes to others, sometimes to myself) and every time it either gives me chills or makes me cry - not because it's sad, but because it's so beautiful. The words and illustrations work together to make the book truly magical.

I bought this book for my young son in order to introduce him to Tolkien and the world of Middle Earth. He is a few years away from reading *The Hobbit*, but my husband and I love LOTR and Tolkien, so why not start him early? The book is mostly accurate, and has beautiful illustrations. The story, however, is not completely coherent and seems to contain some random sentences unaffiliated with the message of the book. I would not rank the story among the most well written childrens classics (e.g. *Ox-Cart Man*, *Blueberries for Sal*, *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, etc) but it is a good child's introduction to Tolkien and his fantasy.

I loved getting backstory on J. R. R. Tolkien, and I get lost in Wheeler's illustrations for hours! Beautiful!

If you're a Tolkien fan, or even if you're not, do yourself a favor and get this book! It's cleverly written and beautifully illustrated.

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