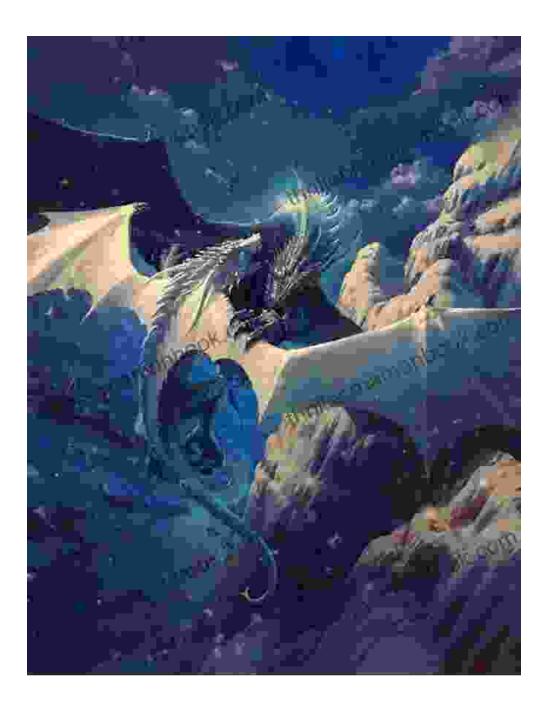
# Tor.com Originals: The Natural History of Dragons



#### By Dr. Emily Stetson

Dragons have captured the human imagination for centuries, inspiring countless stories, legends, and works of art. But what do we really know

about these enigmatic creatures? In this fascinating and comprehensive guide, renowned dragon expert Dr. Emily Stetson takes readers on an extraordinary journey into the natural history of dragons.



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Drawing on the latest scientific research and firsthand accounts from dragon encounters, Dr. Stetson reveals the truth behind these legendary creatures. From their ancient origins to their diverse habitats and behaviors, she explores the biology, ecology, and evolutionary history of dragons, providing a groundbreaking new understanding of these enigmatic beings.

**The Natural History of Dragons** is an essential read for anyone interested in dragons, natural history, or the intersection of science and myth. With its stunning illustrations, engaging writing, and groundbreaking research, this book is sure to captivate readers of all ages.

#### Chapter 1: The Origins of Dragons

Dragons are one of the most ancient and widespread creatures on Earth. Their fossil record dates back over 200 million years, and they have been found on every continent except Antarctica.

The earliest dragons were small, lizard-like creatures that lived in trees. Over time, they evolved into larger, more powerful creatures that could fly. By the Cretaceous period, dragons were the dominant predators on Earth.

The extinction of the dinosaurs at the end of the Cretaceous period nearly wiped out dragons as well. However, a few species survived and went on to evolve into the dragons we know today.

#### **Chapter 2: The Anatomy of Dragons**

Dragons are highly specialized creatures with a unique set of adaptations that allow them to fly, breathe fire, and survive in a wide range of habitats.

The dragon's body is covered in scales that protect it from fire, cold, and other hazards. Its wings are large and powerful, allowing it to fly for long distances. Its tail is long and muscular, and it can be used for balance, steering, and combat.

The dragon's head is large and powerful, with a strong jaw and sharp teeth. Its eyes are large and keen, and its ears are sensitive to a wide range of sounds.

#### **Chapter 3: The Behavior of Dragons**

Dragons are intelligent creatures with a complex social structure. They live in family groups called clans, and they are fiercely protective of their territory. Dragons are predators, and they will hunt a wide variety of prey, including animals, humans, and other dragons. They are also scavengers, and they will often eat carrion.

Dragons are territorial animals, and they will defend their territory from other dragons and from other threats. They are also highly intelligent, and they can learn from their experiences.

#### Chapter 4: The Ecology of Dragons

Dragons are found in a wide range of habitats, from forests to deserts to mountains. They can adapt to a variety of climates, and they can survive in both hot and cold temperatures.

Dragons play an important role in the ecosystem. They are predators, and they help to control the populations of other animals. They are also scavengers, and they help to clean up the environment.

Dragons are a threatened species, and their numbers are declining due to habitat loss and hunting. However, there are conservation efforts underway to protect dragons and their habitat.

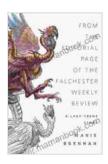
#### **Chapter 5: The Future of Dragons**

The future of dragons is uncertain. They are a threatened species, and their numbers are declining. However, there are conservation efforts underway to protect dragons and their habitat.

If dragons can survive the challenges they face, they will continue to be a part of the Earth's ecosystem for many years to come. They are a fascinating and unique creature, and they deserve our protection.

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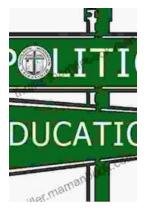




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