Books with Dragons

**Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke**  
*JA Funk Dragon Bk.1, Libby, Hoopla*

Firedrake, a young dragon, receives a frightening warning one night: Humans are planning to destroy the valley in which he lives! All the dragons must flee. Their only refuge is a place above the clouds called the Rim of Heaven—which may not even exist. Firedrake boldly volunteers to go ahead first. As he embarks on his journey, he meets Ben, a runaway boy. Together, the boy and dragon make their way toward the Rim of Heaven, all the while running a step ahead of Nettlebrand, a monster who will stop at nothing to hunt down Firedrake. Their quest will truly become an adventure like no other.

**Highfire by Eoin Colfer**  
*SF Colf, Libby, Hoopla*

In the days of yore, Vern flew the skies and scorched angry mobs—now he hides from swamp tour boats and rises only with the greatest reluctance from his Laz-Z-Boy recliner. However...he has survived, unlike the rest. He is the last dragon. Everett "Squib" Moreau does what he can to survive, trying not to break the heart of his single mother. He's decided to work for a shady smuggler where he witnesses his boss murdered by a crooked constable, Regence Hooke who wants Squib's momma in the worst way. When Hooke goes Squib with a grenade launcher, Squib finds himself airlifted from certain death by...a dragon? Rather than be fried alive so the dragon can keep his secret, Squib strikes a deal with the scaly apex predator. He can act as his go-between in exchange for protection from Hooke.

**Damsel by Elana K. Arnold**  
*T Arno, Libby, Hoopla*

The rite has existed for as long as anyone can remember: When the king dies, his son the prince must venture out into the gray lands, slay a fierce dragon, and rescue a damsel to be his bride. This is the way things have always been. When Ama wakes in the arms of Prince Emory, she knows none of this. She has no memory of what came before she was captured by the dragon or what horrors she faced in its lair. She knows only this handsome young man, the story he tells of her rescue, and her destiny of sitting on a throne beside him. It's all like a dream, like something from a fairy tale. As Ama follows Emory to the kingdom of Harding, however, she discovers that not all is as it seems. There is more to the legends of the dragons and the damsels than anyone knows, and the greatest threats may not be behind her, but around her, now, and closing in.

**Eragon by Christopher Paolini**  
*T Paol Eragon Bk. 1, Libby*

When fifteen-year-old Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered, and, gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Now his choices could save—or destroy—the Empire.
When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Regan Barnhill

The Mass Dragoning of 1955: when hundreds of thousands of ordinary wives and mothers sprouted wings, scales and talons, left a trail of fiery destruction in their path, and took to the skies. Was it their choice? What will become of those left behind? Why did Alex's beloved Aunt Marla transform but her mother did not? Alex doesn't know. It's taboo to speak of. Forced into silence, Alex must face the consequences of this disturbing event: a mother more protective than ever; a father growing increasingly distant; the upsetting insistence that her aunt never even existed; and helping to raise a beloved younger girl obsessed with dragons far beyond propriety. When Women Were Dragons exposes a world that wants to keep women small and examines what happens when they rise en masse and take up the space they deserve.

The Lost Plot by Genevieve Cogman

After being commissioned to find a rare book, Librarian Irene and her assistant, Kai, head to Prohibition-era New York and are thrust into the middle of a political fight with dragons, mobsters, and Fae. In a 1920s-esque New York, Prohibition is in force; fedoras, flapper dresses, and tommy guns are in fashion: and intrigue is afoot. Librarians Irene and Kai find themselves caught in the middle of a dragon political contest where it seems a young Librarian has become tangled in this conflict. If they can't extricate him, there could be serious repercussions for the mysterious Library. As the balance of power across mighty factions hangs in the balance, this could even trigger war. Irene and Kai are in a race against time (and dragons) to procure a rare book. They'll face gangsters, blackmail, and the Library's own Internal Affairs department. If it doesn't end well, it could have dire consequences on Irene's job. And, incidentally, on her life.

The Rage of Dragons by Evan Winter

The Omehi society has been built around war and only war. One in every two thousand women has the power to call down dragons. One in every hundred men is able to magically transform himself into a bigger, stronger, faster killing machine. Everyone else is fodder, destined to fight and die in an endless war. Young, gift-less Tau knows all this, but he has a plan: get himself injured, get out early, and settle down to marriage, children, and land. But when those closest to him are brutally murdered, his grief swiftly fixates on revenge. Now Tau plans to become the greatest swordsman to ever live, a man willing to die a hundred thousand times for the chance to kill the three who betrayed him.

Burn by Patrick Ness

On a cold Sunday evening in early 1957, Sarah Dewhurst waited with her father in the parking lot of the Chevron gas station for the dragon he'd hired to help on the farm... Sarah Dewhurst and her father, outcasts in their little town of Frome, Washington, are forced to hire a dragon to work their farm, something only the poorest of the poor ever have to resort to. The dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye, though. Sarah can't help but be curious about him, an animal who supposedly doesn't have a soul but who is seemingly intent on keeping her safe. Because the dragon knows something she doesn't. He has arrived at the farm with a prophecy on his mind. A prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents in hot pursuit—and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.
Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarrow
*SF Yarr Empyreon Bk. 1, Libby, Hoopla*

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. But her mother, the commanding general has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else, death is only a heartbeat away. Dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother's daughter—like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant. She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise. But the war outside grows deadlier and Violet begins to suspect leadership is hiding a terrible secret. Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda—because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.

The Priory of the Orange Tree by Samantha Shannon
*SF Shan, Libby*

The House of Berethnet has ruled Inys for a thousand years. Still unwed, Queen Sabran the Ninth must conceive a daughter to protect her realm from destruction—but assassins are getting closer to her door. Ead Duryan is an outsider at court. Though she has risen to the position of lady-in-waiting, she is loyal to a hidden society of mages. Ead keeps a watchful eye on Sabran, secretly protecting her with forbidden magic. Across the dark sea, Tané has trained all her life to be a dragonrider, but is forced to make a choice that could see her life unravel. Meanwhile, the divided East and West refuse to parley, and forces of chaos are rising from their sleep.