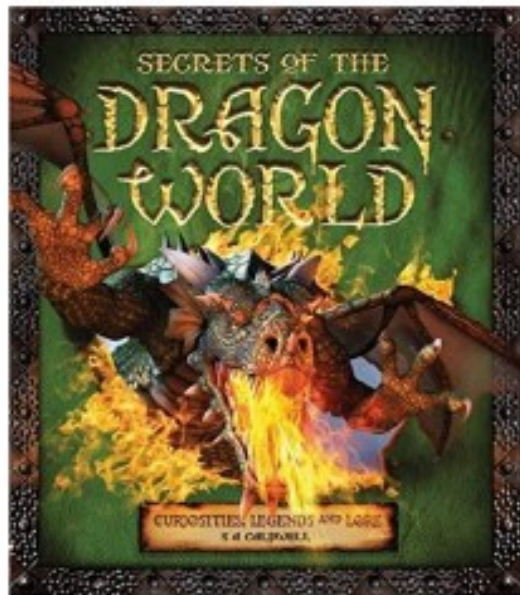


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THE DRAGON'S SENSES

A STUDY OF SIGHT, HEARING & SMELL

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN of the dragon's astonishing eyesight. Our own vision is so limited by comparison, that it is hard to imagine the world as beheld by dragons. They can observe a scene many miles away in perfect focus and possess the facility to see the full range of colours. What human eyes perceive as the sun's glare appears as sharply defined to the dragon. Naturally, their night vision is also exceptional.

Dragon eyes come in every imaginable hue from forest-green and sky-blue, to copper, bronze and burnished gold. It is a well-documented fact that it is very likely impossible, and certainly rather foolhardy, to hold the gaze of a dragon. Its stare is so penetrating and hypnotic, that it has the effect of placing the viewer in a trance from which they are unlikely to recover.

UNEARTHLY PERCEPTION

Although not in the same league as their eyesight, a dragon's hearing and sense of smell are not to be underestimated. Dragons can discern sounds well outside the human range, and have been known to respond to courting calls over fifty miles away. Similarly, dragons can detect and decode scents carried on the wind over vast distances. Although barely understood, it is evident that dragons also possess a sixth sense. A case in point would be their uncanny ability to seek out gold and precious stones hidden from view.

The protective thorn-like eyelashes of the SICKLE-CLAWED FOREST DRAGON.

Many water species possess a "second eye" - a translucent protective covering that allows these dragons to see underwater.

The uniquely-shaped eye pupil of the BLACK BOG DRAGON.

The vertical eye pupil of the TRIPLE-HORNED NIGHT DRAGON.