

## Raising Dragons

Pa didn't know a thing about raising dragons. He raised corn and peas and barley and wheat. He raised sheep and cows and pigs and chickens. He raised just about everything we needed for life on our farm, but he didn't know a thing about raising dragons.	10 21 31 44 47
Ma didn't know about dragons, either. She made a real nice home for us. But when it came to dragons, she didn't even know what they wanted for dessert!	57 69 76
Now me, I knew everything about dragons, and I knew they were real.	86 89
At first Pa thought the notion of dragons on a farm was just plain foolishness. "I'm not too particular about fanciful critters. And, I don't have any time for make-believe," he told me one day. So when Pa said he didn't want to talk anymore, I knew I'd better keep my opinions to myself. I did my chores with my thoughts in my head at one end of the barn while Pa worked at the other end with his thoughts.	101 110 121 134 146 159 170
I remember the day my life with dragons began. I was out for my Sunday-supper walk. Near Miller's cave I came across something that looked like a big rock. But it was too round and too smooth - not hard enough to be a rock.	181 192 204 215