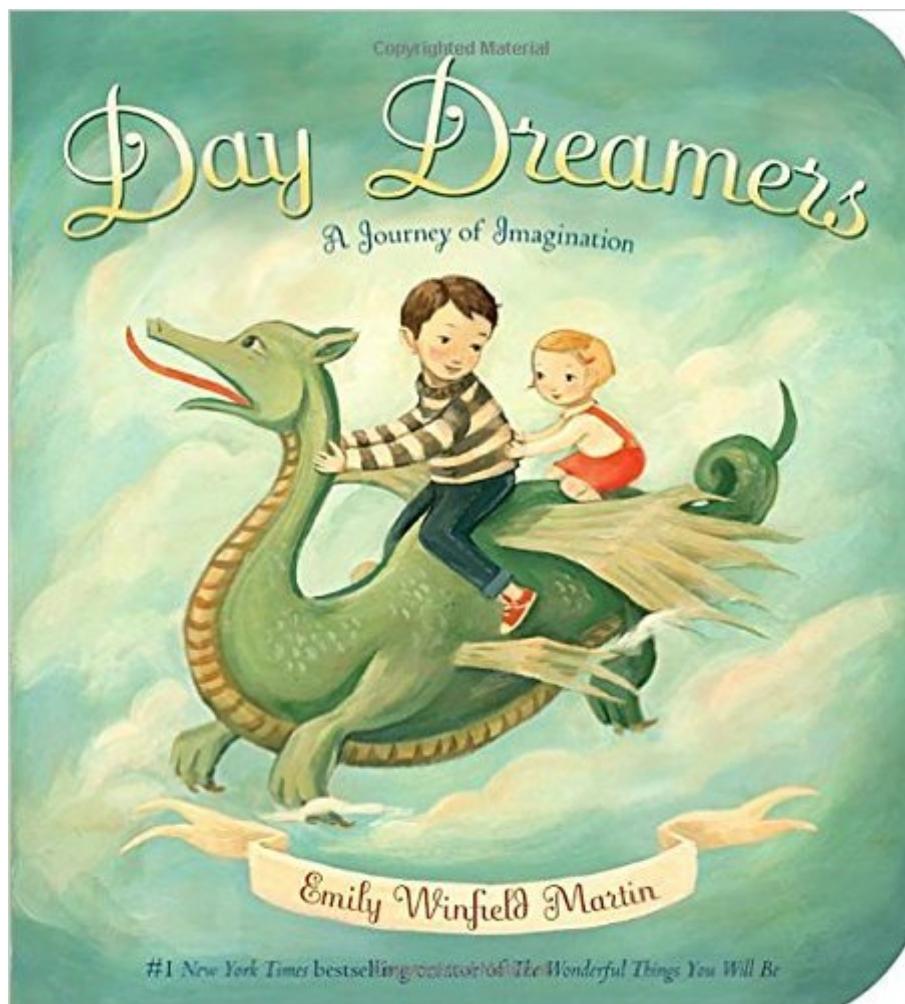


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# Day Dreamers: A Journey Of Imagination



## **Synopsis**

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* comes the companion to *Dream Animals* -- a celebration of the imagination of children who dream both day and night! Emily Winfield Martin shows little ones that letting their imaginations run free will lead them into fantastical day dreams. Whether cloud-gazing or wandering through a museum, reading a book or playing in a tide pool, the children in this board book encounter magical creatures such as dragons, unicorns, griffins, and jackalopes. Whimsical rhyming text accompanies the dream-worthy illustrations.

## **Book Information**

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Board book: 32 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## **Customer Reviews**

I loved *Dream Animals* and am a huge fan of Emily Martin's illustrations. The artwork in this book is as lovely and enchanting as the last; however, the text falls a little short. Rather than complementing the illustrations, clunky meter and awkward syntax detract from the reading experience. For example, "in a place of hushed and quiet things/ you might hear a Phoenix call/ or in the pattering of raindrops/ jack-a-loping paws may fall." That said, my child thinks the artwork--especially the dragons--is amazing.

Emily Martin does it again. With the companion to her *Dream Animals*, Martin takes readers on a

whimsical adventure to the land of wonder and dreams with Day Dreamers. There's nothing more magical than a picture book that brings to life an enchanting world of imagination. With creatures you wish you could fly through the clouds on, Martin's lovely illustrations and beautiful words create a book that readers of all ages will enjoy. I have been an Emily Martin fan since I first discovered her Etsy shop, The Black Apple years ago. I absolutely love that her whimsical illustrations now graces the pages of children's books. I have a few of her framed artwork in my library and office, and I love that now I'm able to purchase her artwork in the form of children's pictures books. I highly recommend picking up Day Dreamers and its companion, Dream Animals.

We got this because we have her other book about the dream animals. The illustrations in the other one are beautiful, but in this one I'd call them ...developmental? The story is still good and the same spirit is there, the execution fell a little short though.

I loved the author's book, Dream Animals, so I was excited to see this new book. It offers the perfect opportunity for teaching children about the value of imagination and day dreams. I just love the paintings of adorable children and animals in magical settings, as they play with dragons, clouds or unicorns. I find it a good length for a bedtime story or for an early reader to start trying out larger words on their own. This book will definitely remain a favorite in our collection!

After completely falling in love with Dream Animals, I knew I HAD to buy Day Dreamers. Emily Winfield Martin's poetry and illustrations are exactly what I look for in a children's book. (I'm a fan of hers. You probably can't tell.) Gentle but striking illustration, whimsical and original idea, and great word flow. This has it all. My daughter and I can sit and stare at the illustrations for a long period of time, just noticing little details and talking about what's going on. She notices something new each time we look at it. Each illustration is lovingly and carefully thought out. Each page is a work of art that is truly worthy of being framed. Exactly what I'm looking for to awaken my daughter's creativity. The style of illustration reminds me of Little Golden Books, but with elements that a Harry Potter and art history lover would pick up on. The pictures are gentle and easy on the eye, but are full of life and color and depict amazing and even humorous things like griffins, jackalopes, and even the Loch Ness Monster! Children of different genders and nationalities are depicted (Lots of girls are shown but there are boys shown too. The book is dedicated to a boy!) which is a huge plus for me. This appeals to me as a parent who loves reading to her child. I look forward all day long to my little girl sitting in my lap and enjoying a book with me. She is so little that it's sometimes difficult

for us to bond and understand each other. But when we are giggling and discussing books together we are forming a strong connection. I look for books we will both love and cherish and this is definitely one of those. I personally cannot wait until we can read Oddfellow's Orphanage together and she's old enough for the Paper Doll Primer. After Dream Animals and Day Dreamers, I don't think I can go wrong with anything by EWM. I recently purchased Dream Animals for a friend of mine and her new baby. You can bet your sweet bippy I'll be sending her this one for the next special occasion. She's an art lover too and she was very happy with her copy of Dream Animals and I know she will love this one too.

A worthy successor to Dream Animals. We love the illustration style - and it really engages my daughter too (22 months). Some of the prose is slightly awkward to read but it's fine once you've read the book once or twice, and you'll probably end up reading it far more often than that!!!

I very much enjoy books that encourage the imagination. This book, which is the companion to Dream Animals, does just that. Page after page describes ways in which day dreams may take you into worlds where the unusual or the unexpected occur. The illustrations are beautiful and have an old-time feel like something you would see in the 1940s or 1950s. They are colorful and imaginative. The prose is in rhyme and is very mature. "In a place of hushed and quiet things/You might hear a phoenix call." I do not believe a young child will have any idea what a phoenix is, however here is a teaching opportunity. The prose is also awkward at times. Overall this is an interesting book that I would recommend for children at least four and up.

We've had Emily's earlier book, Dream Animals for over a year and it's my 5 yr old stepsons favorite. I love Dream Animals as well, the artwork is so creative, charming and unique. We have awaited Day Dreamers and are thoroughly enjoying it as well. Looking forward to Emily's new release we've pre-ordered for August. And I've also ordered about 8 prints of her 'Deep Green Sea' artwork from Etsy for our bathroom..... I guess I'm a fan at this point!

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