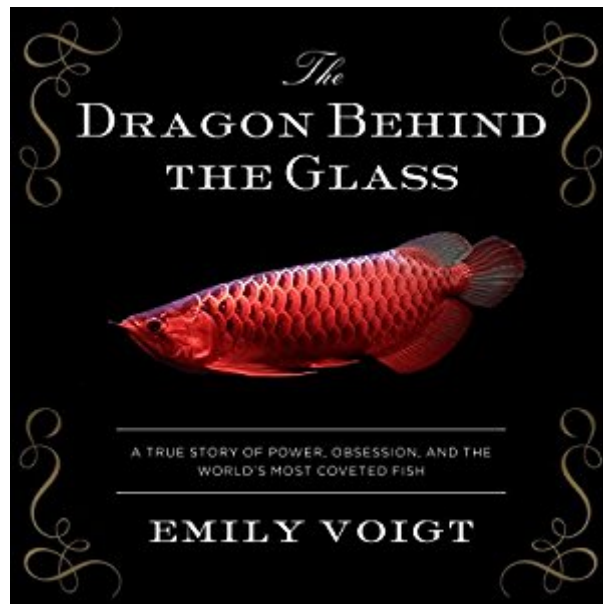


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The Dragon Behind The Glass: A True Story Of Power, Obsession, And The World's Most Coveted Fish



Synopsis

A young man is murdered for his prized pet fish. An Asian tycoon buys a single specimen for \$150,000. Meanwhile, a pet detective chases smugglers through the streets of New York. Delving into an outlandish realm of obsession, paranoia, and criminality, *The Dragon Behind the Glass* tells the story of a fish like none other: a powerful predator dating to the age of the dinosaurs. Treasured as a status symbol believed to bring good luck, the Asian arowana is bred on high-security farms in Southeast Asia and sold by the hundreds of thousands each year. In the United States, however, it's protected by the Endangered Species Act and illegal to bring into the country - though it remains the object of a thriving black market. From the South Bronx to Singapore, journalist Emily Voigt follows the trail of the fish, ultimately embarking on a years-long quest to find the arowana in the wild. With a captivating blend of personal reporting, history, and science, *The Dragon Behind the Glass* traces our modern fascination with aquarium fish back to the era of exploration when intrepid naturalists stood on the cutting edge of modern science, discovering new and wondrous species in jungles all over the world.

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Customer Reviews

You might not think an exhaustively researched and thoughtful book about the intersections of conservation, obsession, and pet fish would be funny. But you would be wrong. Beautifully written, and a rollicking good read.

I never thought I could be captivated by a book about fish, but how wrong I was. Emily tells some amazing tales of history, evolution, geology and ichthyology. Introduces us to an hilarious cast of characters including explorers, breeders, researchers and traders. Intermingled with fascinating stories of the Victorian explorers who travelled the before her, including my now own personal favorite, Ida Pfeiffer. A funny easy read, which makes you think about your place in nature... it might also make you think that you need a night out in Singapore with Kenny the Fish.

The Dragon Behind the Glass by Emily Voigt is a free NetGalley ebook that I read in early May and finished on Mother's Day. Love you, Mom!Voigt's narration goes beyond just describing arowana, their buyers, and their rarity - she goes into the history of owning pets, of learning about arowana herself, following their owners and breeders around the world, and being an audience surrogate about the sheer mania and oddity of rare animal ownership (both legally and illegally).

I bought this book because of a review in the Wall Street Journal. I know nothing about fish except as a meal or some guppies in an aquarium. I cannot recommend it highly enough. It's like reading a mystery novel. In fact, better than the last two I have read. It has to be a given that people close to the writer will give a great review. After one reads the book there can be no possible reason for someone to write how great it was except for a relationship with the author. I don't know Ms. Voigt or have anything to do with anyone in the book or the publisher so my review is only on how interesting I thought this book was. But it!

I rarely read non fiction and I don't have a particular interest in fish, so when I started this book I wasn't sure if I'd finish it. I was completely taken by surprise with how much I enjoyed it though! With an interesting cast of characters and lots of travel stories, this book is making me re-think how I select books to read in the future!

A different and delightful kind of scientific travelogue I guess you could call it. The author becomes fixated with her subject and travels the world pursuing answers as to why this particular fish is so coveted. She also comes in contact with a number of very interesting characters in her pursuit of this fish.

Who knew a story told 'round the aquarium would be better than one told 'round the campfire. The dragon behind the glass is a mystery, a memoir, a travelogue, and an engaging exploration of

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