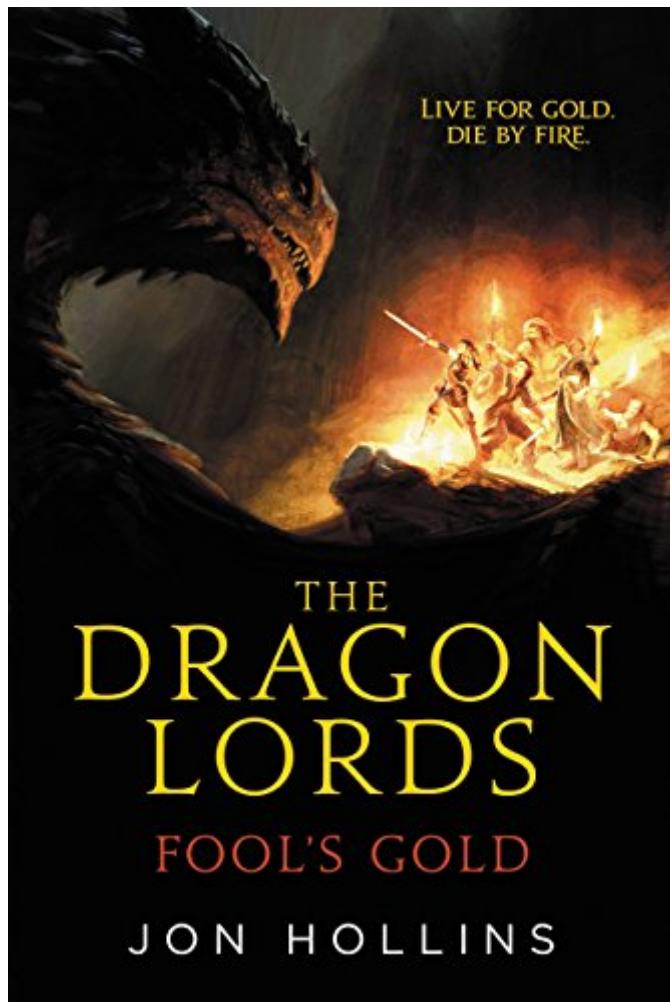


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# The Dragon Lords: Fool's Gold



## Synopsis

Guardians of the Galaxy meets The Hobbit in this rollicking fantasy adventure. It's not easy to live in a world ruled by dragons. The taxes are high and their control is complete. But for one group of bold misfits, it's time to band together and steal back some of that wealth. No one said they were smart.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed this book and will continue to watch the author with interest.(love to know who the writer really is, so I can check the other books.) I do not get American humor and it was clearly meant to be humorous. I'm sure other people will love it. I was drawn to it by the Look inside, and the opening chapter. I should have realized that the failure to capture the pig set the tone of 'humor' - it was not the brutal soldiery who enter the scene next. I liked the 2 males/2 female split between the protagonists. It covered some new territory, though I would have preferred less 'sexualized' cursing. The battle scenes were well done, actually very exciting; the characters were engaging and the sacrifice of the cow was moving. The trickery was superb, and I enjoyed measuring it up against the standard epic fantasy tropes. I am a Grimdark fan - Abercrombie and Abraham are the writers for

me.

On the plus side, the sometimes absurd humor was what I was looking for with this book. It does have its moments, some of the characters are genuinely entertaining without having to try too hard (though some do try WAY too hard) and the story did have some good (if predictable) moments. However, I was almost immediately cringing by the sheer volume of profanity that served no purpose other than being there for its own sake. I'm known to swear like a drunken sailor at times and even I found it off-putting. Had it been less gratuitous and more used for effect I wouldn't have had an issue. Additionally, the writer occasionally uses phrases that just make no sense in this setting such as statements referencing subjects that simply don't exist in this world, hence how would the characters have come up with this phrase? I found it to be a jarring break in my immersion on the occasion this happened. Overall, I did get some enjoyment out of this book, but I don't have any desire to read any further offerings from this author

Full of fantasy fun, loads of laughs, suspense, detailed character development, witty dialogue. Couldn't put book down, finished it in record time. Would love to see it made into a movie! Eagerly awaiting other books from this author.

It's nice to read some comedy in fantasy. The whole chosen one save the world thing gets a bit too serious. This book does it right

Wow, this was fun. It's big and epic, has dragons and war, warriors and wide-eyed farm boys, magic, monsters and so much sarcasm. I loved that sarcasm, it was brilliant, and perfectly complements the characters, the world and just everything that made this a thoroughly enjoyable read. The plot is pretty simple at heart — a young farmer is pushed past breaking point because of the crushing taxes imposed on him by the cruel dragon overlords, life takes a turn for the worse, he meets up with some dodgy mercenaries and everything gets out of hand. There's also a crazy old drunkard and a some-what reformed mage, and somehow it all ends in a plan to rob a dragon. But that's just the start. This book is part epic, part heist-caper and all excellent fun as events snowball into an unstoppable and almost inevitable avalanche that's part farce, part brilliance. If you like your fantasy to be ethereal and deep and dark and gritty, you will not get that here. These characters are bold, larger than life, swear extensively, and are full of flaws — with occasional good points

thrown in. Will is our slightly naive farmer, who has so much to learn about both himself and the world; Lette is the mercenary toying with growing herself a conscience; Balur is her best friend and long time partner in violence, not to mention an eight-foot lizard man; Quirk is the academic who is definitely out of her element and struggling about that magic of hers she doesn't want to use; and rounding out this bunch of misfits is Firkin, an old family friend of Will's and the local village drunk, who seems to have a curious and unsettling agenda all his own. I loved these characters. They're well-rounded, have plenty of hidden depths and are all distinctive in their own ways. I also adored the fact that Lette is powerful and determined and completely female, while Will has moments of damsel-in-distress, but never feels lessened by Lette's strength. Balur is amazing, I loved that lizardman, Firkin is curious, and although I didn't always like Quirk that much, she definitely has her own valuable points to add to everything. The world is traditional fantasy fare, but with its own depth and history. The gods fit in perfectly with everything else, and the dragons are clearly the enemy, mostly through arrogance, greed and indifference. There is a lot of violence, much of which ends up as a punchline, but the death toll is also discussed in more serious terms even if it then all ends with another, "oops, killed him" moment. Basically if you love traditional high fantasy, but are a bit tired of grimdark story lines, give this a go. The humor is a big draw, but it also has a gripping, cleverly intricate plot, well-developed characters, including powerful women, and a world that is both familiar and decently built. I'm a little surprised by how much I enjoyed it, and how quickly I raced through it considering its length, but I'm delighted that I've discovered this world, author and series. I can't wait to see where it all heads next; I'm no doubt it'll be another memorable journey. (I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.)

I just finished reading the book and I must say that it has been a while since I last finished reading a nearly 550 page book in less than 24 hours. The book is advertised as "Guardians of the Galaxy meets The Hobbit," and it is exactly how I would describe it as well. I was pleasantly surprised by the comedic situations that were sprinkled in the book. The banter among the characters put a smile on my face and even elicited a laughter here and there. It is a pleasant surprise to find a fantasy book that bucks the recent trend of grim, dark fantasy. The highlights of the book are its characters and their interactions with each other. A group of unlikely heroes or misfits that attempt to steal from a dragon. The description of the plot sounds ridiculous right? Well, in keeping with that ridiculous

description, the plot and characters live up to the craziness of the situation. We encounter a farmer, a duo of bandits/mercenaries, a mage and lastly a deranged old man. You may wonder how a group of misfits like these would be able to steal from a dragon. Only one way to find out. Read the book! If you are looking for a lighthearted fantasy book with plenty of action and comedic undertone, then I highly recommend you to check this one out!

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