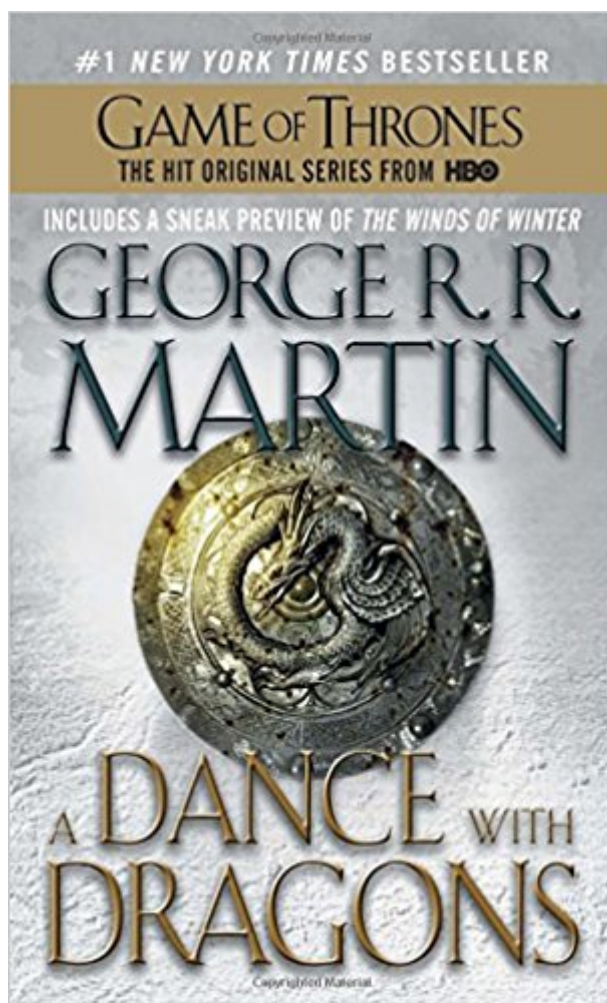


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Synopsis

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER *—* THE BOOK BEHIND THE FIFTH SEASON OF THE ACCLAIMED HBO SERIES *A GAME OF THRONES* Don't miss the thrilling sneak peek of George R. R. Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire: Book Six, The Winds of Winter* Dubbed "the American Tolkien" by Time magazine, George R. R. Martin has earned international acclaim for his monumental cycle of epic fantasy. Now the #1 New York Times bestselling author delivers the fifth book in his landmark series—as both familiar faces and surprising new forces vie for a foothold in a fragmented empire. *A DANCE WITH DRAGONS* A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE: BOOK FIVE In the aftermath of a colossal battle, the future of the Seven Kingdoms hangs in the balance—beset by newly emerging threats from every direction. In the east, Daenerys Targaryen, the last scion of House Targaryen, rules with her three dragons as queen of a city built on dust and death. But Daenerys has thousands of enemies, and many have set out to find her. As they gather, one young man embarks upon his own quest for the queen, with an entirely different goal in mind. Fleeing from Westeros with a price on his head, Tyrion Lannister, too, is making his way to Daenerys. But his newest allies in this quest are not the rag-tag band they seem, and at their heart lies one who could undo Daenerys's claim to Westeros forever. Meanwhile, to the north lies the mammoth Wall of ice and stone—a structure only as strong as those guarding it. There, Jon Snow, 998th Lord Commander of the Night's Watch, will face his greatest challenge. For he has powerful foes not only within the Watch but also beyond, in the land of the creatures of ice. From all corners, bitter conflicts reignite, intimate betrayals are perpetrated, and a grand cast of outlaws and priests, soldiers and skinchangers, nobles and slaves, will face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Some will fail, others will grow in the strength of darkness. But in a time of rising restlessness, the tides of destiny and politics will lead inevitably to the greatest dance of all. Praise for *A Dance with Dragons* "Filled with vividly rendered set pieces, unexpected turnings, assorted cliffhangers and moments of appalling cruelty, *A Dance with Dragons* is epic fantasy as it should be written: passionate, compelling, convincingly detailed and thoroughly imagined." *The Washington Post* "Long live George Martin . . . a literary dervish, enthralled by complicated characters and vivid language, and bursting with the wild vision of the very best tale tellers." *The New York Times* "One of the best series in the history of fantasy." *Los Angeles Times* From the Trade Paperback edition.

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George R. R. Martin is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of many novels, including the acclaimed series *A Song of Ice and Fire*—*A Game of Thrones*, *A Clash of Kings*, *A Storm of Swords*, *A Feast for Crows*, and *A Dance with Dragons*—as well as *Tuf Voyaging*, *Fevre Dream*, *The Armageddon Rag*, *Dying of the Light*, *Windhaven* (with Lisa Tuttle), and *Dreamsongs Volumes I and II*. He is also the creator of *The Lands of Ice and Fire*, a collection of maps from *A Song of Ice and Fire* featuring original artwork from illustrator and cartographer Jonathan Roberts, and *The World of Ice & Fire* (with Elio M. García, Jr., and Linda Antonsson). As a writer-producer, Martin has worked on *The Twilight Zone*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and various feature films and pilots that were never made. He lives with the lovely Parris in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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While I agree with some reviewers that the story does plod along very slowly in this book, I was still at all times invested in the story and overall enjoyed the book very much. GRRM is capable of holding the interest of a reader through the heavy use of dialogue, little action and very little plot development. Similar to the previous books in the series, there are stages in the book where very little happens yet I still feel compelled to read further to find out what is in store for my favourite characters as there was always something to tweak my interest. As before each chapter centres around a certain character but towards the end, the separate stories are beginning to merge and I hope that signals that some characters will be teaming up again in the near future. One minor complaint may be the increasing number of characters who are sometimes hard to keep track of. However, the attention to detail and the fleshing out of each character in their own right is indeed masterful and makes one willing to forgive the ever growing task of keeping track of these due to the enjoyment I found in getting to know them. I believe this is one of the reasons you become invested and engrossed in a slow-paced book since you live yourself into the story thanks to the immersive writing style. Be warned that, as in previous stories, GRRM is not afraid to kill off characters, which I find refreshing since the story is not predictable and the reader is never assured that a main protagonist is safe. And once again, as in previous ventures, the story accelerates sharply near the end with many cliffhangers which will surely keep readers coming back for more. I look forward to reading the conclusion in this epic series.

GRRM continues his masterpiece of a series in "A Dance With Dragons." While "A Feast for Crows" was a more laid back, "stroll through the park" type of story, "Dance" is a thrill ride of magic, war, politics, and suspense. With surprises around every corner, and the further development of some of the series' most favored characters, this is easily one of the best in the series. The closing chapters only leave the reader more desperate for the next installment. This is a must-read!

I gave the game of thrones a dance with dragons five stars because like all got they are full of dishonesty deception and death I love the game of thrones I like how everyone in the book try to get to the iron throne only for everyone to play each other Ramsey bolton is pure evil how he treated reek was just beyond cruel and I like who Arya is becoming are more like who she isn't her time spent with the God of many faces is awesome and as you can see I gave it five stars so no real dislikes I recommend to all fans and any newcomers I know it's a long read but definitely worth it

All along the books in the Song Of Ice And Fire have been nothing short of magnificent and I believe glorious account of a fictional medieval time. Martins style does not follow in a standard chronological manner each chapter describes the actions of a character not necessarily following the normal progression and can be challenging to some whereas I found it easier to follow especially if reading a number of chapters in one sitting. The story is not yet complete but as I have had to re-read the Song Of Ice and Fire after watching HBO's serialised chronologically version I'm sure in my mind I will need to revisit the earlier books when reading the final (if really final) books. Highly recommended.

George R. R. Martin is a great author and his latest book, a Dance with Dragons is no exception to this rule. This novel is a real page turner and in George's fashion, you never know which beloved character may die next (Not to give away any spoilers, but we all know he is famous for this). Let's hope that George R. R. Martin will finish these books soon, we've been so anxiously awaiting book six! Aria's story is definitely my favorite in the progression of the books, I can't wait to see what will happen next with her! Valar Morghulis!

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