



Summer Dragons

**Holly
Haggarty**

**Is the mysterious stone
a dragon's egg?**

Ten-year-old Elizabeth is spending the summer at her Great-Aunt Germaine's, in rural Caradoc County. Also along for the visit is her brother, Eddie, and her mother. Great-Aunt Germaine seems to be a forbidding character, and Beth does not warm up to her. Between her relationship with Aunt Germaine and Eddie's antics, Elizabeth feels overwhelmed.

She discovers her aunt's "emporium", a former tourist attraction. It is a fascinating place, filled with memorabilia, including old newspaper reports of a mysterious swamp monster.

Elizabeth's own adventure begins when she finds a perfectly egg-shaped stone in the local graveyard. It's brilliantly white, warm, and pulsing with energy and it feels like there's something inside. Encouraged by her eccentric great-aunt,

Beth builds a nest for the egg stone. When the egg hatches, Elizabeth's imagination guides her in a fantastical search for the runaway hatchling. Her investigations, abetted by her great-aunt, lead her to believe that the hatchling is the legendary Caradoc Swamp Monster.

Elizabeth's efforts to prove her deductions bring her into ever more fiery conflict with Eddie. What hatches is a zany adventure involving quick mud, skunk cabbage, swamp monsters, dragon dives, bonfires, fiery words and broiling tempers. It's a summer of dragons.

The solution to both the mystery of the egg stone and the problem of sibling rivalry are satisfyingly reached in the humorous and imaginative conclusion of *Summer Dragons*.

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