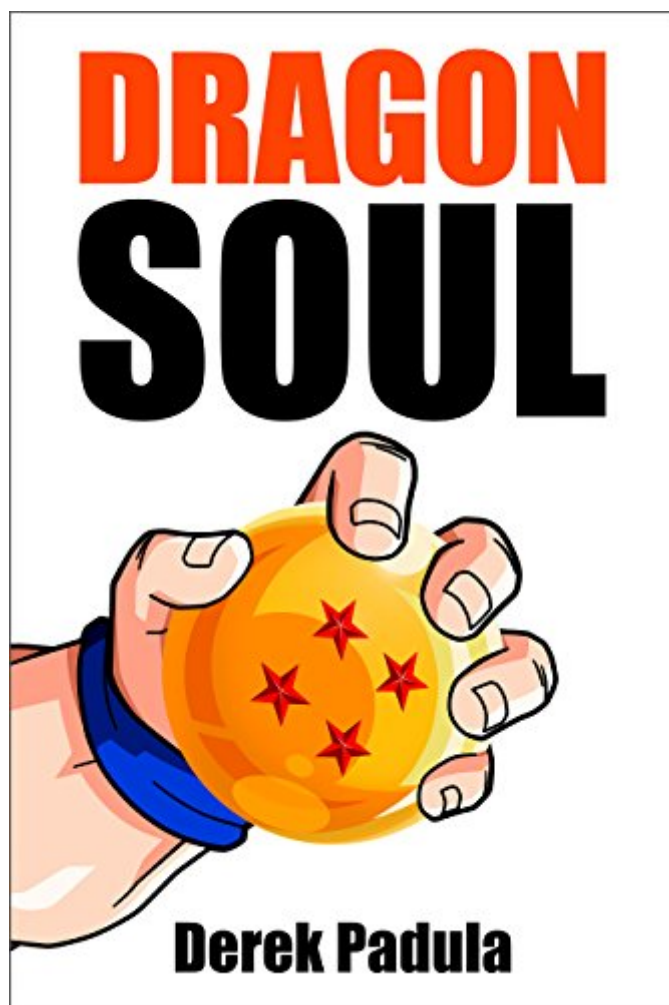


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# Dragon Soul: 30 Years Of Dragon Ball Fandom



## Synopsis

With a foreword from Christopher Sabat and Sean Schemmel, *Dragon Soul: 30 Years of Dragon Ball Fandom* is a grand celebration of the world's greatest anime and manga and its momentous 30th Anniversary. Join me on a global adventure in search of the 7 dragon balls, as we head west toward Japan, the birthplace of Dragon Ball. Along the way we'll meet 81 fans from 25 countries who will share their Dragon Ball story. From artists to authors, collectors to philosophers, we'll hear their Dragon Soul and discover how Dragon Ball changed their lives. Includes over 100 images. We'll meet such famous fans as Lawrence Simpson (MasakoX) from Team Four Star, Malik from Dragon Ball New Age, Salagir from Dragon Ball Multiverse, MMA fighter Marcus Brimage, YouTube celebrities SSJGoshin4, Nelson Junior (Casa do Kame), and film critic Chris Stuckmann, famous cosplayers "Living Ichigo," Atara Collis, and Jah'lon Escudero, the creators of Dragon Ball Z: Light of Hope, Twitter star @Goku, authors Patrick Galbraith, Nestor Rubio, and Vicente Ramirez, and dozens more. Joining us will be 27 professionals from 7 countries, including American voice actors Chris Sabat (Vegeta), Sean Schemmel (Goku), Chris Ayres (Freeza), Chris Rager (Mister Satan), Mike McFarland (Master Roshi), Chuck Huber (Android 17), Kyle Hebert (Son Gohan), Jason Douglas (Beerus), Chris Cason (Tenshinhan), FUNimation employees Justin Rojas, Adam Sheehan, and Rick Villa, Dragon Ball Z composer Bruce Faulconer, Dragon Ball manga editor Jason Thompson, Canadian voice actors Peter Kelamis (Goku) and Brian Drummond (Vegeta), Latin American voice actors Mario Castaneda (Goku), Rene Garcia (Vegeta), Eduardo Garza (Krillin), French voice actor Eric Legrand (Vegeta), French journalist Olivier Richard, Spanish voice actors Jose Antonio Gavira (Goku), Julia Oliva (Chichi), and manga editor David Hernando, Danish voice actors Caspar Phillipson (Goku) and Peter Secher Schmidt (Freeza), and Brazilian voice actor Wendel Bezerra (Goku). Gather your belongings, jump on your magic cloud, and embark on a grand adventure, in *Dragon Soul: 30 Years of Dragon Ball Fandom*!

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This is a must-have for any Dragon Ball fan out there! With touching, inspirational, and funny stories shared by fans and voice actors around the world, Mr. Padula has brought to life an absolutely beautiful concept, without a doubt cultivating a sense of community that will be treasured by countless others.

A fantastic book detailing the stories of 81 fans from all over the world with 27 additional stories from those who have contributed to the series in various ways. Dragon Ball has inspired millions of people to strive for their goals and in doing so has changed, and even saved countless lives. The painstaking efforts by author Derek Padula have culminated in a project unlike any other. It's a touching and inspiring tribute to the fans who have been with the series since it's infancy over 30 years ago, and I'm honored to be a part of it. Whether you've been a fan since the earliest broadcasts or just tuning in for the first time today, Dragon Ball continues to work its magic and assert itself as a beloved classic.

This book is truly something special and shows the amazing power that Dragon Ball has over the world. For any true fan this is a must buy and hopefully everyone will be able to find inspiration from it.

It has been an honor to be a part of this journey with so many others. The chance to share my story in this book has been a blessing. Many people, from all walks of life, have poured out their hearts in this to explain what Dragonball means to them. Whether it is the voice actors of countless dubs, or

just folks who are die hard fans, all have a special place in their heart for Toriyama's masterpiece. Dragon Soul is a beautiful collection of interviews from creators, voice actors and developers of the series, as well as testimonies and submissions from fans. Derek does a wonderful job capturing the story that so many share. Dragon Soul deeply touches how massive of an impact Dragonball has had on so many people's lives. For many of us, myself included, it has been a saving grace, an outlet, and a friend throughout our childhoods, spanning over 30 years and 3 generations. This book is an absolute must read for anyone who has ever been a fan of the series, or for anyone who is just interested in how fandom shapes the lives and personalities of people. It is really funny how something as simple as a Japanese comic can be such a bridge for bringing people hope, as well as finding common ground to relate with each other and build each other up, and to see that so many of us have had the same experience. Dragonball truly ventures out of the world of fiction and into reality within this book that is captivating and heartfelt.

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