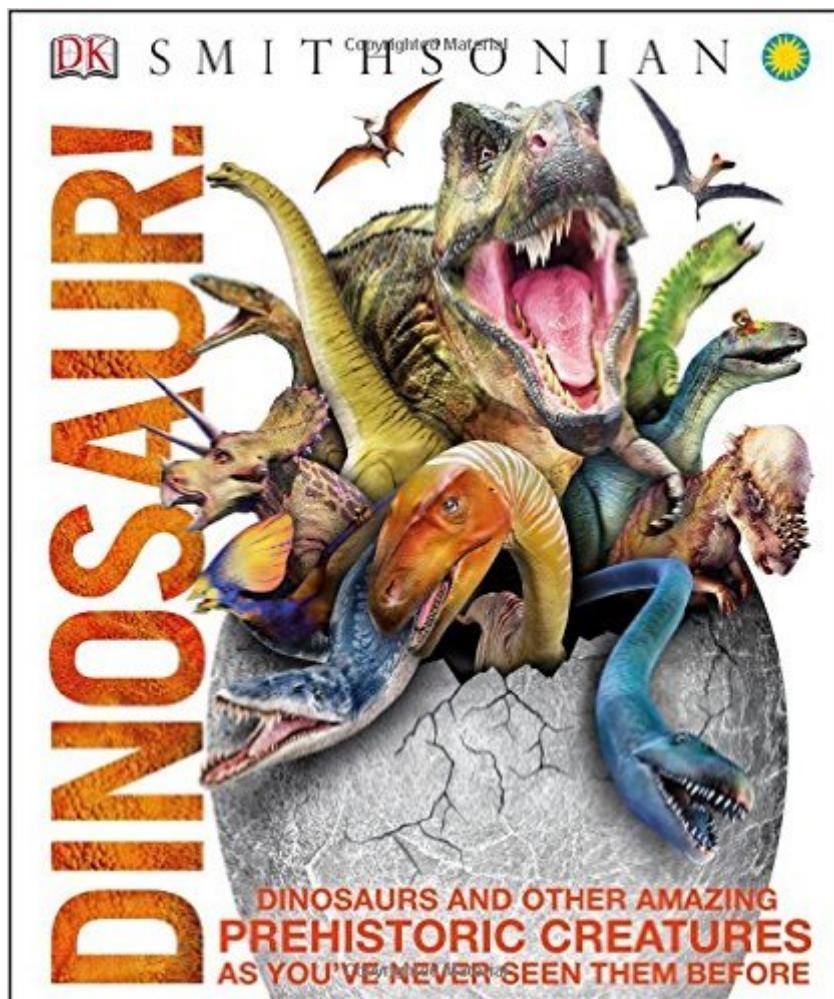


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# Dinosaur!



## **Synopsis**

Created in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution and packed with fun facts on fossils, amphibians, sea creatures, woolly mammoths, Neanderthals, insects and more, Dinosaur! will intrigue readers and provide an experience that will redefine natural history for kids. The lost world of velociraptor, stegosaurus, allosaurus, and other prehistoric monsters come to life as never seen before in Dinosaur! Packed with photorealistic computer generated images, detailed cross-sections and cutaways revealing the inner workings of dinosaurs, simple annotations, and clear concise definitions explaining each dinosaur and prehistoric beast at a glance â  Dinosaur! revives the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous Eras and brings young readers into the action. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a wonderfully detailed reference book all about dinosaurs. The book starts out discussing the dinosaurs as in what a dinosaur is, dinosaur diversity and life in the Mesozoic. The book then covers Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous Life of dinosaurs as well as the Cenozoic world. This is an extremely in depth look at the world of the dinosaurs. The illustrations are vivid and very detailed with each dinosaur taking up two open pages. Each dinosaur review contains at least 7 or so illustrations ranging from close up looks of their skeletal systems, body parts as well as examples of their fossilized remains. Along with statistical chart of each dinosaur such as when they lived, their

habitat, length and diet, the top of the pages also feature a timeline of when each dinosaur roamed the earth as well as a little fun trivia ( one page stated that "38 skeletons of Iguanodon were found in a single Belgian coal mine in 1878"). Scattered throughout the book are little snippets that talk about some of the paleontologists that made the discoveries. The end of the book contains a section entitled "dinosaur science. This basically covers everything dinosaur with titles like the fossil hunters, fossil sites, dinosaur fossils, modern dinosaur research, dinosaur biology, teeth and beaks, intelligence and senses, living together, prey defense, breeding, the great extinction, and birds-dinosaur survivors. The book also contains a brief glossary as well as an index. Because of the thoroughness of this book, I feel it is more geared to older children in junior high and adults. That is not to say that smaller children won't enjoy all of the pictures of dinosaurs of course. If you're interested in helping your little paleontologists learn an awful lot about dinosaurs, or just want a great reference book on dinosaurs, I definitely recommend this one.

What kid (young or old) doesn't love dinosaurs? There is just something magical when a child gets a book on life millions and millions of years ago. This is a fantastic book with extremely high quality drawings of dinosaurs throughout the periods spanning from the Triassic to the Cenozoic periods. The highly detailed drawings show not only the dinosaurs in full color but the book takes the leap that many scientists are now discovering and that is many of the 'scaled' monsters were actually feathered. Still scary that a beautifully plumed Raptor could snap your head off... too pretty for that! Also included are photos and descriptions of fossil finds and digs showing the skeletal fossils along with the renderings again in full color. This is a borderline coffee table book and is a physically large book. The Smithsonian does not skimp on quality and this book is pure quality from the dust jacket to binding to paper quality to the content and illustrations. All top drawer. The ONLY negative I have is the [lack of] protection during shipping. Our copy arrived with damaged corners from being packed in a box too large without proper packaging. This is a comment on the packing and not the book.

I bought this book for my dinosaur-loving son's 5th birthday. It is packed with content, and a great buy for the price. Even though it's not written for the comprehension of a 5-year-old, each page is split into different little sections of content, so it's easy to talk about each dinosaur together, and read quite a few pages at a time before the child needs to move to a different activity. I have one quibble -- it's a fairly major one, but somehow too petty to dock it a star. This book, unlike most dinosaur books, does not include a phonetic pronunciation guide next to each new dinosaur name. I

know how to pronounce *parasaurolophus*, but nemegtbaatar left me stumbling, and I had to guess. It's hard to look up pronunciations when we're reading at bedtime, (and would also be distracting at other times). This is a pretty basic thing to have in dinosaur books, so I was very surprised by the absence. Besides that, the book is well made, substantial, and attractive. Any young (or old!) dinosaur lover would be pleased to receive this, I think.

Many members of my family currently have or have had a strong fascination with dinosaurs. My mother even has a small dinosaur bone she bought at a museum and my nephew became a mini-expert on dinosaurs when he was about 6 or 7 years old. I think dinosaurs are somewhat interesting, but my 3 year old daughter seems to be showing the family trait for a truly deep fascination with dinosaurs. This book is much too advanced (and also too heavy and large) for a preschool child. The description states it is for ages 8-13 years but I would say the age range is about 8-98 years. In a few years, my daughter will love it! I am not an expert in the subject of dinosaurs, but cannot imagine what might have been omitted from the book. It is hands down the most comprehensive resource on dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals that I have even seen. The contents cover a wide range of life on earth during the ages of the dinosaurs. Not only are dinosaurs and other animals covered, but even plant life, the environment, the climate, descriptions of the various eras, and later in the book, information on the search, excavation, examination, and identification of the fossils are provided. There are also pages on the fossil hunters and fossil sites around the world. The illustrations are magnificent and amplify superbly the subtitle of the book - "Dinosaurs and Other Amazing Prehistoric Creatures as You've Never Seen Them Before." I have found that DK books are quite high caliber and this one is probably the best one I have had the pleasure to see. Anyone with an interest in prehistoric creatures, especially dinosaurs, should put it at the top of the list to buy and read.

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