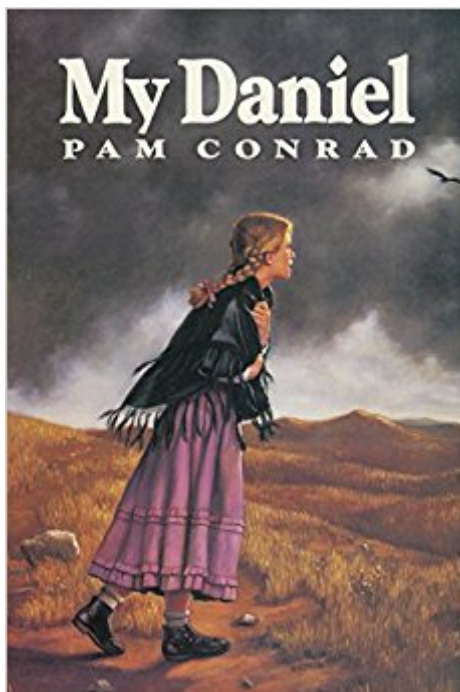


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My Daniel



Synopsis

"All I want to find is one dinosaur," Daniel was saying. "And I'll find it right here. Like I do all my fossils." Wandering through the Natural History Museum with her grandchildren, Julia Creath feels the presence of her dead brother, Daniel, she remembers a time when fossil fever hit everyone, old and young -- a time when people would kill for those old bones under the ground. Julia becomes the Nebraska farm girl she once was, as she weaves together the story of the great dinosaur rush -- an adventurous tale of love and treachery, but most of all the story of her own childhood, and of the older brother she loved more than anything. Daniel had a dream that Julia shared -- and the she alone would see come true.

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Customer Reviews

In PW's words, "Conrad is at the peak of her storytelling powers" in this adventurous tale that "tautly builds suspense and culminates in a scene of epiphanic intensity." Ages 10-up. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5-8-- When she's 80 years old, Julia Summerwaithe decides to visit her grandchildren, Ellie and Stevie, in New York City, for the first time. She has something important to show them; in the Natural History Museum is the dinosaur she and her brother discovered on their farm in Nebraska when they were young. But even more important to Julia than seeing the dinosaur is sharing her memories of the discovery and excavation with her grandchildren. Through their grandmother's

description of her rugged prairie childhood, her brother's untimely death, and the discovery of the dinosaur fossil, Ellie and Steve relive their grandmother's childhood adventures. Readers will be drawn into Julia's story, just as her grandchildren are, until her memories become more involving than modern-day surroundings. Although this book has less historical basis than Lasky's *The Bone Wars* (Morrow, 1988), the characterization of the grandmother makes the story more believable and more memorable. It's a shame that the other characters in this book, including the grandchildren, aren't as well defined as Julia. And the racist portrayal of an evil fossil collector's female companion is inexcusable in such an otherwise well written story. --Cathryn A. Camper, Minneapolis Public Library
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I remember loving this book when I was in college as an education major. The characters are well written and I love the way the story transports between the present and the past. I have been saving it to read with my dinosaur fanatic kids. I reread it before sharing it with them and realized there is no way they would enjoy reading it because the science is so wrong. Not only have there never been any dinosaur fossils found in Nebraska (something my kids could have overlooked since there are always discoveries being made) the way the fossils were found and the way they were preserved is not even close to real. If it was a mammoth, the science is possible. But dinosaur bones are not found in mud, they are preserved in rocks. I realize many people wouldn't care about the science being wrong, but for my kids, it was a deal breaker.

I wanted to read this to get in touch with what my grandson was studying in school. This is written on about a 4th grade level but introduces the "flashback" method of providing some history with present day experiences.

Already loved this book, but my students checked my only copy out and never returned it. Had to get another. It has a wonderful story, so well written by Pam Conrad. It has so much love, and I already know where the heartbreak is going to be, and I cry anyway! I recommend it to anyone that loves reading, whether a child or not. It is fabulous.

great book

A painfully beautiful book to read. Pam Conrad was brilliant.

Fun book to start kids reading nonpicture books with joy. I even enjoyed it as an adult.

The book was in very good condition when we received it, and my son enjoyed it very much.

Given that there is no information about the product on , I thought I would add some information: Comes on 4 CDs that run for 4 hours. About the book: Julia Creath Summerwaite is 80 years old and far from her Nebraska prairie home. But when she goes with her two grandchildren to the Natural History Museum, she once again becomes the young tomboy who helped her brother Daniel on his quest to find a dinosaur in the vast grasslands surrounding their sod home. Wandering through the museum, Julia brings Daniel to life as she tells her grandchildren of his irrepressible dinosaur fever and shares with them her fierce dedication to her brother. The old woman's poignant narrative is told through a magical blend of past and present that highlights the grandchildren's growing fascination with her adventure. As they hear her vitality and wisdom, she draws them, step by step, toward Daniel's dream. Pam Conrad, the award-winning author of *Prairie Songs* and over a dozen other beloved children's novels, creates a heartwarming celebration of timeless memories in *My Daniel*. About the narrator: Narrator Barbara Caruso is an accomplished actress and critically acclaimed audiobook narrator. A graduate of London's prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, she was a featured player in the Royal Shakespeare Company. She has played starring roles on Broadway and in theaters across the country. She won the Alexander Scourby Reader of the Year Award for her performances of young adult fiction, and has more than one hundred Recorded Books narrations to her credit. According to Kliatt, "Caruso's warmth and energy, clarity and moderate pace work together to capture the listener."

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