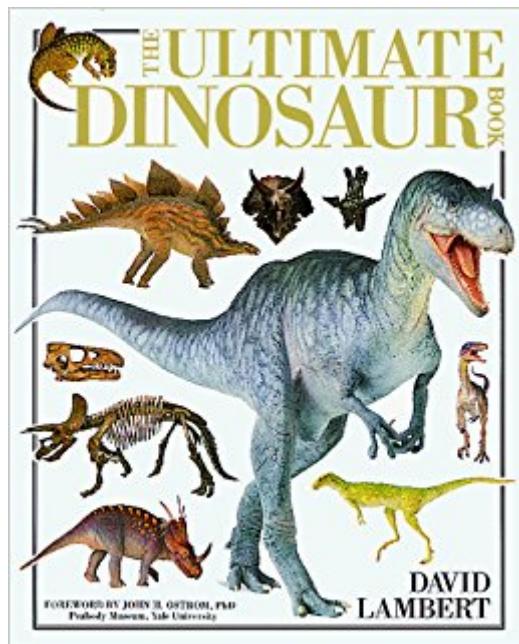


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The Ultimate Dinosaur Book



Synopsis

Describes how dinosaurs lived and died, offers profiles of the major types of dinosaurs, and identifies each species that has been discovered so far.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gone are the days of Holly riding a baby bronto in Land of the Lost and Raquel Welch fending off stop-motion dinosaurs in One Million Years B.C. Whether we're at the movies or in a museum, we want the straight, scientific scoop on dinos--especially if "we" happen to be kids. Enter the Ultimate Dinosaur Book, a fully illustrated field guide to the Mesozoic. Working with the Natural History Museum in London, publisher Dorling Kindersley has assembled hundreds of color photos, diagrams, and drawings, while enlisting the expert assistance of author David Lambert (winner of both the New York Academy of Sciences Award and the Children's Book Council Award). Beginning with straightforward sections on evolution and dino behavior and physiology (any self-respecting kid should be able to tell a "bird-hipped" dinosaur from a "lizard-hipped" one), the book launches into impressive, illustrated profiles of more than 50 different dinosaurs. From the Theropods to the Marginocephalians, each specimen gets a two-page spread (or more, for the big-name beasties). The profiles will likely teach you a thing or two you didn't know (eight hearts in the Barosaurus?), and a few you did (Stegosauruses regulate heat with their plates, of course), but the book's neatest feature may be its "A to Z of Dinosaurs" in the back: the comprehensive list includes every currently

known dinosaur genera, with a pronunciation guide and short description. With Lambert's precise but friendly text and DK's legendarily clean, evocative graphics, the Ultimate Dinosaur Book is as close as you'll get to a walking tour of the Mesozoic. (And, hey, somebody tell Holly: that was a baby Apatosaurus she was riding.) --Paul Hughes

Grade 6 Up-This prodigious volume is thorough in text and illustration. Following the example of the "Eyewitness" series, the in-depth discussion is matched with excellent-quality full-color photos, diagrams, and illustrations. There are cross-sections of interior organs and bone structures, along with exterior views. Some old-fashioned illustrations are included, with explanations as to how the theories they show have been disproved and updated. The book opens with general information: behavior, anatomy, extinction theories, fossilization and excavation, and how remains are restored. Following that are 55 representative profiles and a dictionary of all known dinosaurs. Similar in scope to the Macmillan Illustrated Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Animals (Macmillan, 1988), Lambert's book is more current. It is not a full prehistoric dictionary, but it does mention non-dinosaurs, such as pterosaurs and plesiosaurs. A superb cache of dinosaur data. Cathryn A. Camper, Minneapolis Public Library Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

It was for my 5 year old grandson. He loves Dinosaurs. The book has lots of pictures in color. It will make a good reference book once he learns to read and understand the meanings of the words.

Only covers a few dozen dinosaur species, and some of the pictures look (smell) scientifically outdated and old-timey. But generally a pretty cool book. My 2-year old (a dino connoisseur) was lukewarm on it.

Great dinosaur book! Totally comprehensive with lots of kid-friendly info. and pictures! My grandkids read it for hour and hours!

One of my students devoured this book (He's 3)!!! Great pictures and information. We bought it used and it was in great shape.

MY FRIEND LOVED IT

Thought it might be too advanced for my 10 yr. old grandson but he appears mesmerized by it. It

gives him the opportunity to "grow" into it.

I bought the book so that I can teach my 5 year old son more about dinosaurs. He becomes fascinated with dinosaurs after watching Jurassic Park and its sequel Lost World. After reading the book, I found I have learnt a lot. The book, true to what its title claims, is ultimate in that it starts from how the Earth was formed, the periods during which different types of dinosaurs flourished; how the dinosaurs evolved and extinguished; how the fossils were formed through to how they were discovered. It also features classification of the dinosaurs. The colorful illustrations also include the dinosaurs (e.g. Mamenchisaurus which had got the longest neck among all the dinosaurs) unearthed in China. I have passed on the knowledge to my son who can now identify more than 20 types of dinosaurs and can tell the difference between a Brachiosaurus from a Diplodocus. He has also been able to draw a lively T-Rex. My daughter is just 2 years old and I can't wait for her to grow up so that I can tell her more about dinosaurs.

My son has fallen in love with this book at the age of 2 and still (2 years later) it's his favourite. The quality of illustrations, the lifelike expressions of dinosaur's faces - everything is superb. If you do not mind your kid's first words to be T.Rex instead of mammy -buy it!

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