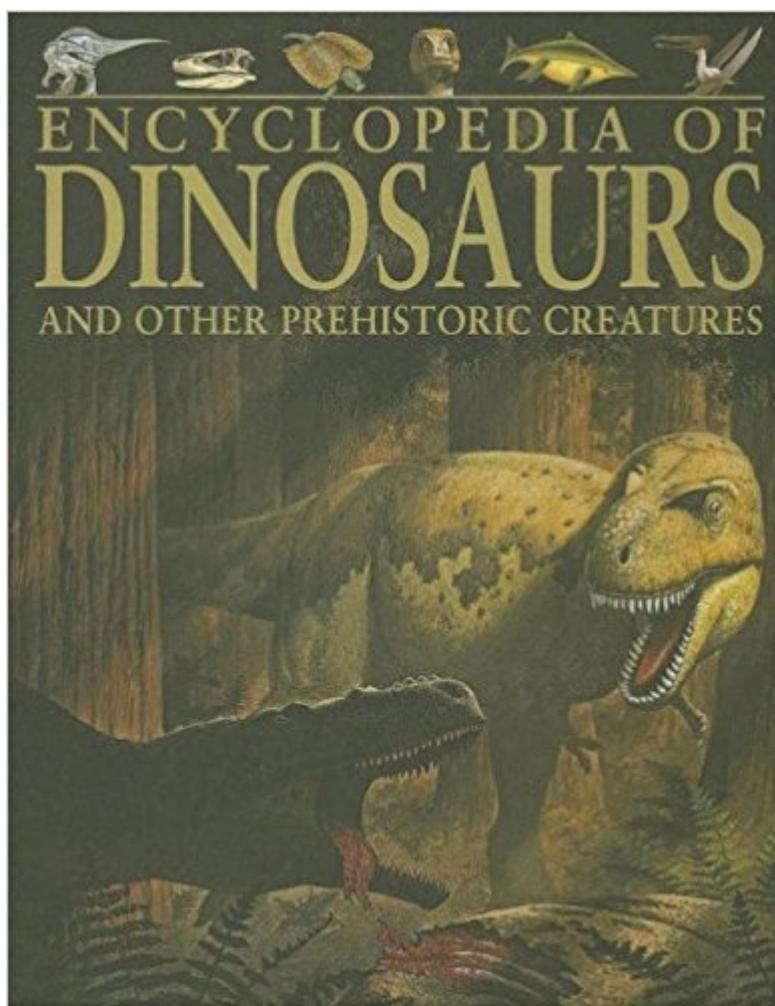


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# Encyclopedia Of Dinosaurs And Other Prehistoric Creatures



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Book in great condition! Very pleased with purchase.

My 5-year-old boy can't get enough of this book. Granted, it's generally for older children, but the illustrations are great, it shows size comparisons, and gives a thumb nail sketch of several dinosaurs from several dino families and more in depth views of the few of the more well-known ones. This would be a great addition to the library of any juvenile dino lover.

My son LOVES IT!

A super read, about our friends from the past, sent in good time, and I think the average dinosaur enthusiast will enjoy the pictures and good information

This was for my son and he loved it.

It is the best dinosaur book I have ever encountered. Very thorough.

great little book and in the best condition

To give some context to my review, I'm a 48 year old dinosaur enthusiast who originally was on a career track to become a paleontologist before I changed direction in college. I was so intensely interested in dinosaurs that I carried Alfred Sherwood Romer's *Vertebrate Paleontology* around in high school (1979-1983) and memorized most of the old taxonomy (now outdated - since then, that volume has been rewritten twice over by other authorities in the field). By the time I was 9 I had roughly 200 prehistoric animal names memorized and their basic facts. Over the years I have collected several dozen dinosaur books ranging from books for kids to books for adults, including professionals. My study of dinosaurs has dipped badly over the years as my career went elsewhere, so I struggle to catch up now and then. Dinosaur facts change yearly, so any book on dinosaurs will eventually outdated itself. I now have 3 little boys. I have read some of the old dinosaur books to them that I loved when I was a kid, mostly because of the now famous artwork, but they are so painfully outdated that as I read them to my sons I had to stop and correct the facts for my son on every page. So I looked hard for a good dinosaur book that I could read to a 6 year old that a) had a full spectrum analysis of all the old and new dinosaurs, and b) was basic and simple enough not to bore him to death, for his age. *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Creatures*, by John Malam & Steve Parker, I already had on my shelf, and it fit the bill. After searching through lots and lots of books, this is the best one for that age level by far. The art is beautiful, it has all the great prehistoric animals in it that he needs to know about (both large and small, on land, in the air, and in the ocean), and the text comes in brief spurts of facts. Some details are questionable and inaccurate due to the extent of knowledge of the authors and probably the fact that, like all dinosaur books, it's already dating itself (it's already more than 10 years old). But even for 2002 some of the facts are incorrect. For example, it still places the Tyrannosauridae under Carnosauria, which is an antiquated classification. Tyrannosaurs have long been considered to be Coelurosaurs. This type of accuracy would have been important to me in high school but not younger. For 6-11 year olds it is still perfectly acceptable, though I do wish the authors would publish an updated volume. I highly recommend this book for dinosaur enthusiasts between 6-11. For 12 and up I would recommend a more current volume with more scholastic detail.

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