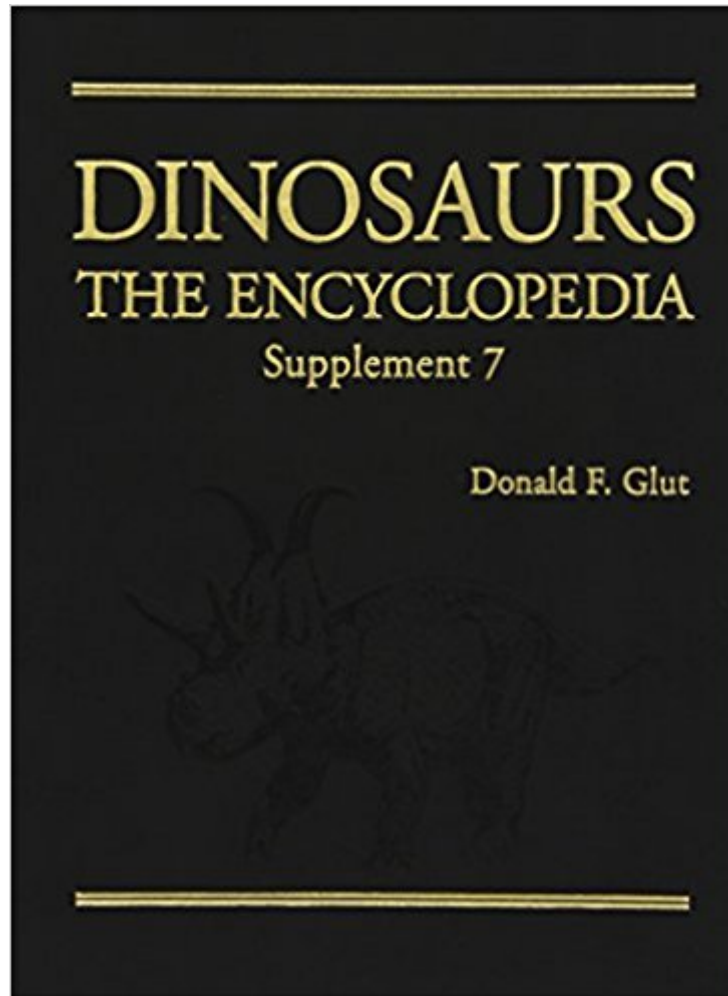




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This reference work is the seventh supplement to *Dinosaurs: The Encyclopedia* (a 1998 American Library Association Outstanding Reference Book) and follows the intent and format of the encyclopedia and previous supplements. This supplement, as did its predecessors, offers primarily new information based upon the more recent research of vertebrate paleontologists; also, it corrects previously errors that may have crept into earlier volumes and emends outdated information. Among the many dramatic events discussed and updated are the first record of a dinosaur of any kind from Bulgaria, the first evidence of cannibalism in the genus *Tyrannosaurus*, the first evidence suggesting that some of the most avian dromaeosaurid theropods might have been venomous, the oldest known dinosaurian embryonic specimens recovered to date, and the first relatively complete dinosaur described from Korea.

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If you think the title *Dinosaurs: the Encyclopedia* has a movie-sequel ring, you're only partly mistaken; editor Donald F. Glut has already authored *The Dinosaur Dictionary* and *The Complete Dinosaur Dictionary*. But you'll find no T. rex running amok here; this is a dense and rigorously scientific tome meant for only the most dedicated dinosaur lover. Part 1 contains an excellent background history of scientific findings in this rapidly changing field. (Also here is a wonderful, paragraph-long sentence detailing possible causes of the dinosaurs' demise, including "brains too

small" and "inability to mate, sexual frustration, suicide.") Once into the alphabetical listings, however, it's easy for the layman to get lost. If the description "articular facets of prezygapophyses much enlarged in anterior caudals" makes your eyes cross, perhaps this is not the reference for you. But if your amateur paleontologist shows signs of getting serious, you won't get much more detailed, thorough, or reliable information than that contained here. And there's always the glossary in back, wherein you'll find words such as "ginglymus" and "astragalus" defined in everyday English. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Here are two new encyclopedias for the more serious dinosaur enthusiast. Intended as a companion to the classic taxonomic reference, *The Dinosauria* (LJ 3/15/91), *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs* emphasizes discoveries published in the scientific literature since 1990. In this context, the paucity of maps and illustrations seems a less serious omission. Written by well-known paleontologists and organized alphabetically by subject, the signed articles cover kinds of dinosaurs, biology, geology, research, and museums where dinosaurs are on display, including a worldwide list of museums and sites. There is some overlap with *The Dinosauria* in dinosaur descriptions, but this encyclopedia offers authoritative articles on many topics not covered in that work, such as "color," "intelligence," and "ornamentation." While the language may sometimes be too technical for the general reader, *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs* provides a nice link between popular and scientific dinosaur studies. The author of *The Complete Dinosaur Dictionary* (Carol Pub., 1995), which was aimed at young adults, Glut now offers a far more detailed and technical work oriented toward dinosaur material in museum collections. Following 74 pages of background information, the encyclopedia is devoted to an alphabetical list of dinosaur genera. Each entry tells the date of discovery, name derivation, occurrence, age, and diagnosis; gives a list of key print references; and refers to important museum specimens that have furthered the study of dinosaur paleontology. The black-and-white illustrations are mainly photos of museum specimens and reconstructions, with a deliberate avoidance of fanciful interpretation. The emphasis on museum collections makes this a unique work. Both titles are recommended for academic and larger public libraries. ?Amy Brunvand, Univ. of Utah Lib., Salt Lake City Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Mr. Glut has made available to all, the continuous flow of new information and findings involving dinosaurs. The supplements to his original encyclopedia explore new discoveries as they become available and with sound theories, continue to enlighten and entertain. This endeavor has become

one of my favorite references concerning one of my favorite subjects. Highly recommended!

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Exactly as described, this text is an encyclopedic review of dinosaur species, with clear photographs and drawings. It's very helpful in our volunteer paleo projects (US Forest Service PIT projects). The vendor packed well and shipped promptly. The used book I bought was for all purposes the same as new.

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BRILLIANT but not for the faint of heart. Technical and professional. I'm in awe of the additional notes left about discovery post publication.

Other than not having the Pteranodon this is an awesome book. Very detailed and a must for any dino fan.

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