





## Synopsis

This seminal book brings together every important dinosaur find from the last two centuries and from the world's richest fossil sites. The result is a comprehensive, groundbreaking book that details every kind of prehistoric creature known from the age of

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## Customer Reviews

Wow! I did not expect this book to be nearly as good as it is. What makes it so great? In a word -- completeness. Most books in this genre contain a bunch of entries about dinosaurs, and maybe a couple other oddballs thrown in. This book gives an almost unbelievable amount of detail about the most incredible forms of paleozoic, mesozoic, and cenozoic life. You will find hundreds of entries about relatively obscure creatures, from early tetrapods to obscure primitive plesiosaurs to esoteric early mammals. Nearly every important prehistoric group of tetrapods and their successors is addressed in loving detail. Interested in cynodonts? They're there. Rhynchosaurus? Of course. Placodonts? You bet. Gorgonopsids? Plenty. An absolutely wonderful comprehensive survey of land-dwelling vertebrates (along with those that later returned to the sea or took to the air). Contrary to what some of the other reviews say, the book certainly does NOT contain anything like entries on every prehistoric creature, which would be totally absurd. But it does contain detailed entries on nearly every important vertebrate group on land and their descendants. Finally, the illustrations are superb. If I had one fault to assign, it's that the book is a little too small. While very thick, a bit more height and width would allow more enjoyment to be taken from the delightful illustrations. This book will NOT disappoint.

Great amount of information!! use this book both as a reference for drawing and for a good read. Working on a geology degree, I felt the book didn't seem kiddish by any sense of the word. I think if you got this for a child (Under 12) a lot of whats being talked about would go right over their heads, but the pictures are very well drawn so it would still captivate even children (Good enough until they are old enough to read it!)

I bought this book thinking it was complete... and it was! The author describes every dinosaur or prehistoric creature perfectly, he also did an excellent job on the illustrations. This book (I think) is the most complete reference guide to Prehistoric Animals/Dinosaurs. It is hardcover which makes it even better, and it's less than 20.00\$. Who wouldn't buy this book?!?! It has the animals in the time period they lived, and it gives alot of information on one animal. It has a color coated map that tells where the animal lived! The only flaws is that the print is tiny, but that's probably the only HUGE flaw. The author is correct in every sentence he writes! I recommend this book for people that are starting to learn about Dinosaurs/Prehistoric Creatures or others who want to learn more about them!!

My son has LOTS of dinosaur books, and this one is by far the best. At first, I was disapointed at its smaller-than-usual dimensions, but then I realized it was a GOOD thing! It's easier for his to carry and to look through, and easier on me if I have to shlep it to a restaurant. I can't recommend this highly enough.

This is the best book on dinosaurs and prehistoric life. I read this a while back and i learned about animals I haven't heard of yet. There is also sections on creatures that existed before and after the dinos. Not very many books have been written about those, but this particular book has more descriptions of specific animals than most others. You will not be dissappointed.

I just recently purchased this book so I haven't read it cover to cover. However, from what I have looked over I will say that I am pleased with my purchase. I have just started to get into dinosaurs. It is just a random intrest that I seemed to develop for no particular reason (as I am known to do). Whatever the case I think this is a good starter book. I was first drawn to it because of the format, simple, readable, unintimidating. I am a novice science nerd so I appreciate the books accessibility. It is organized by time period and shows the progression of prehistoric animals. There are photos of

each animal that are paired with individual descriptions. It also covers basic background material, talking about the different biomes, tracing the lines of ancient species, and presenting the various theories for the dinosaurs extinction. Don't be put off by the fact that doesn't show you the cover photo! I know that most individuals like to see a visual before buying a product (I know I do) but in this case I think it is wise to take a chance. This is an awesome book and the price is less than what you will pay in the bookstore (or at least compared to what I payed)!

I bought this book for my sister as a gift. Personally, I was surprised by how small it was when I received it, but it's still a fairly thick book with interesting pictures and whatnot. I haven't read much of it myself, but if my sister's reaction is any indicator, this book is pretty good. She was so excited when she received it, and she hardly ever puts it down. She also uses it as a guide to drawing, which I figure makes it even more useful. It was incredibly hard to find, so I'm glad I had it.

When I bought this book I think it would be so and so. Now imagine this, a book that blasts all other books millions of miles away. I loved the book it tells you about not only but "dinosaurs" but other "prehistoric creatures", it even tells about dinosaurs that aren't known well. Each animal in this book has a beautiful watercolor suggesting what the animal may have looked like. The only flaws is that the print is tiny, it doesn't go back waaaaay to the time the first animals lived, and it only covers "vertebrates" not "invertebrates." The flaws are only minor to the excellent illustrations. I would recommend this book to anyone is a starter to dinosaurs or would like to know.

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