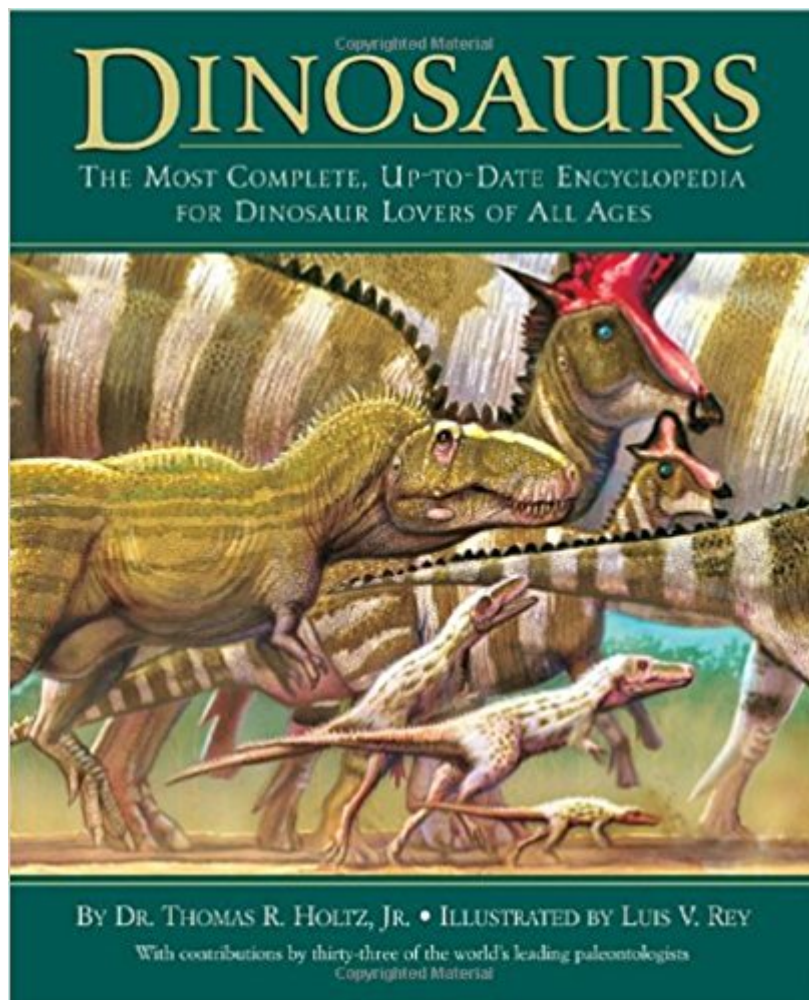




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# Dinosaurs: The Most Complete, Up-to-Date Encyclopedia For Dinosaur Lovers Of All Ages



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The one book every dinosaur fan needs! Written by one of the world's foremost experts on dinosaurs, this award-winning title is honored by the NSTA and the AAAS is an essential addition to any dinophile's library, regardless of age! Using casual language aimed at young people and non-scientists, it's a guide to all aspects of dinosaur science: how we figure out what dinosaurs looked like, how they lived, how they evolved, how they continue to live among us as birds, and much, much more. It also includes brief entries on all 800+ "named" species of Mesozoic dinosaurs, as well as sidebars by 33 world-famous paleontologists among them Robert T. Bakker, Jack Horner, Mark Norell, Scott Sampson, and Philip Currie. With 428-pages of lavish, museum-quality illustrations, and an exhaustive Web site maintained by the author of supplemental chapter updates, this the perfect gift that will educate AND entertain for many, many, MANY hours! (And if that isn't enough, the jacket has a spectacular poster printed on the inside.) Written in a casual language both young and adult paleo-nerds will find readable and enjoyable, this volume is seen as the "Dinosaur Bible" by many enthusiasts of the subject, for its sheer completeness and scienciness.

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Authored by one of the world's leading paleontologists, this volume delivers a plethora of facts and discoveries about dinosaurs. Despite the fact that it is called an encyclopedia, the

volume is arranged in 42 chapters, beginning with a short history of the discovery of dinosaurs. Other chapters cover topics such as fossils and fossilization, geologic time, where to find fossils, and how museum preparators achieve reconstruction with the limited specimens recovered. Explorations of taxonomy, evolution, cladistics, and dinosaur origins precede a thorough examination of each group—Ceratosaurians, Spinosaurs, Carnosaurs, etc., 24 varies in all. Examinations of dinosaur eggs and babies; behavior; life during the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous eras; and dinosaur extinction complete this book. Scattered throughout the book are 33 sidebar articles by leading paleontologists. Illustrations include photographs, graphs, and charts, as well as color artwork, on every page. An appendix (“Dinosaur Genus List”) and a glossary of terms conclude the work. Passionate dinosaur lovers will want to read this new title cover to cover, but students doing homework assignments may be overwhelmed. With their encyclopedic arrangement, titles such as *Age of the Dinosaurs* (Grolier, 2000), *Dinosaurus: The Complete Guide to Dinosaurs* (Firefly, 2003), and *Scholastic Dinosaurs A-Z: The Ultimate Dinosaur Encyclopedia* (2003) are more accessible as reference tools. Recommended for collections where another resource on dinosaurs is needed, and if you already have dinosaur titles in your reference collection, this is one to circulate. Grades 7-12. --Cheryl Ward --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Dinosaurnews.org This is the most comprehensive, up-to-date dinosaur book for enthusiasts of all ages, professional or non-professional in experience. -- Dino Russ's Lair Anyone with even a passing interest in dinosaurs should not miss this journey into their diverse and strange world. Holtz and his colleagues fill the book with fascinating details ranging from discoveries of new species (e.g., a sauropod, *Amphicoelias*, with a mass of 18 elephants) to old favorites (e.g., *Tyrannosaurus rex*, which may have lived and hunted in packs). They cover major and minor groups, predator-prey relations, social interactions within species, habitats and habits, and evolutionary trends. With its conversational tone and Rey's engaging illustrations, the book should appeal to young adults and a general audience alike. --Science, December 5, 2008

My 8 year old son truly enjoyed the book. It is not your typical "dinosaur" book and is not suitable for readers under at least 8 years old. It contains a lot of facts, not only about dinosaurs, but also about environment they lived in. For example, it teaches about fossils and the types of rock that fossils formed in, about the plants that existed at that time and reasons the plants started producing seeds and blooms. Interesting, but complicated at times. The reason I took a star away is because the language of the book is somewhat sophisticated and very scientific at times. Some of the topics went way over my son's head. I, myself, was getting very confused and overwhelmed by some of the explanations and terminology. I would honestly suggest this book to readers who are over 10 years old just because of the language.

This is a very colorful book. After seeing gray drawings of dinosaurs for decades, this is a shock. The result makes one reconsider the amazing subject. The story or survey of the subject is full of dinosaur names. And the information relies on very recent discoveries. Since the dinosaurs existed for a much longer time than life on this planet since their demise, there were a lot of different species evolving over an unbelievably long period. I didn't think that I was retaining any of the nomenclature but when I returned to another book I have (on dinosaur eggs) I began to recognize them. The book was created perhaps to appeal to children, which was very successful I found when two boys visited and zeroed in on the book out of nearly 4000 available to them here. However I find the bright colors a bit much to believe. Some of the drawings verge on cartooning. But the book is just right for me as I was not as current on dinosaurs as younger people, and needed a popular presentation. The text I think would be a bit technical for anyone under 14, but the combination makes for wide appeal and a great coffee table book.

If you're looking for an A-Z dictionary on all the dinosaurs, this IS NOT IT. This is a well-written, informative book on the types of dinosaurs. It goes through, in great detail, the breakdown of all dinosaur species, so it organizes them differently than an A-Z dinosaur book. The author writes as though he's talking, which is very nice, because it makes it easier to understand for those both experienced and inexperienced in the dinosaur world. A background in biology would be a great help, though. Overall, this book is for those truly interested in dinosaurs, but not for people looking for an A-Z dino dictionary.

It is an excellent book for the older kids group - not for the little ones (not younger than say... 10 yrs old). Good coverage of the facts and in nice detail - not just the dinos but the time periods, the geologic events - the whole basket. The aspect of the book that all buyers need to be aware of is the illustrations by Luis Rey. Luis is a well recognized dinosaur illustrator - he does not try to make "hyper real" photo like interpretations of the dinosaurs. Instead his images are very colorful and sometimes a little crude. The magic of the illustrations is that they very often show the dinosaurs as they probably were - jabbering, squawking, arguing or have a little curious look at something else. If you want super clear, restrained illustrations of what the dinosaur looked like, this will disappoint you. If you want a book with illustrations that are evocative and suggestive of what life might have been like then this is for you. The book is unsurpassed in having sections on dinosaur upbringing, how dinosaurs walked, how fast they grew and their overall biology. These sections in particular, made me wish that as a kid 40 years ago such a book existed. Imagine tens of Hadrosaurs forming a protective ring around the young ones to keep away a predator and you will understand the difference between this book and the many "identify and classify" books that exist. The "identify and classify" books are very much needed and important; and they are the backbone of all I have learned about dinosaurs. This book adds to them in a great way and is a lot of fun to boot!

My nephew is in the 6th grade and he loves dinosaurs. He really enjoys the book because he can go through and read about the different classifications that dinosaurs are put through.

An excellent book for adults or older kids that shows just how far our knowledge of dinosaurs has come since I was a child in the 1980's. Or, at least, what knowledge is available in popular print. There are some great bits in the book explaining how paleontologists know what they know, which give a curious reader some great insights.

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