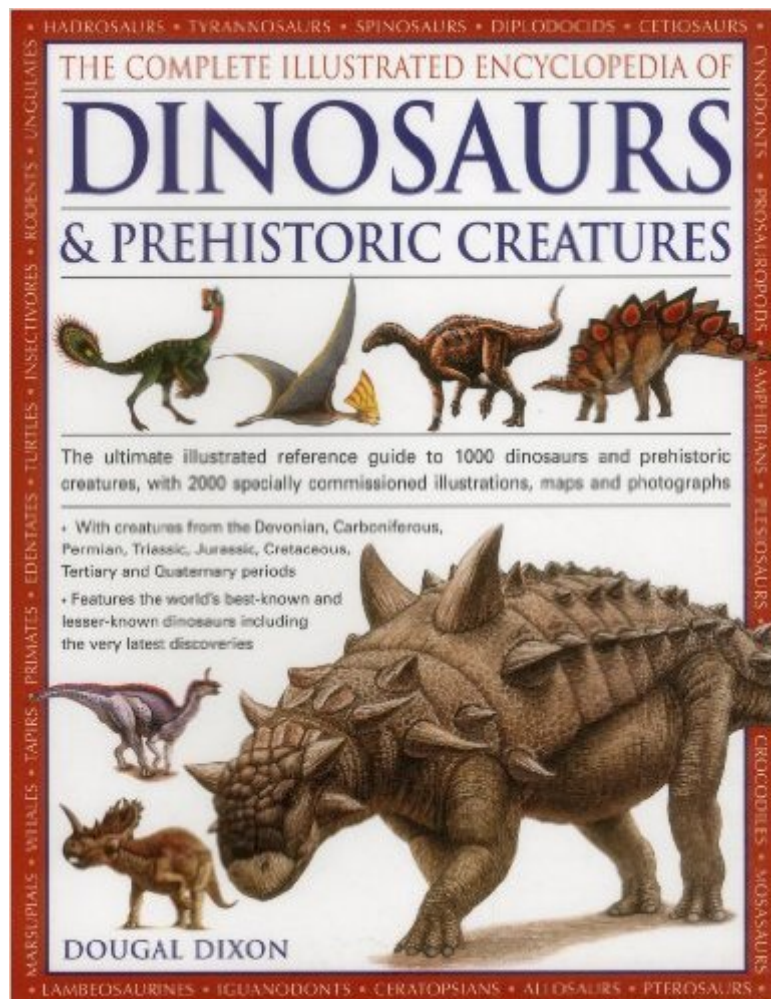


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# The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Creatures: The Ultimate Illustrated Reference Guide To 1000 Dinosaurs And Prehistoric ... Commissioned Artworks, Maps And Photographs





## Synopsis

Profiles all known dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures, from the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous eras and beyond. Each main entry has a highly detailed and technically accurate illustration, and a map showing the sites where fossils have been found.

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## Customer Reviews

If you're looking for a fairly comprehensive book describing many dinosaur species, this is a good choice. I would recommend this mostly to those who are just beginning to have an interest in paleontology, or those who want a refresher or easy reference book. There's plenty of good stuff in this book, but there are also some not so good. Let's start with what's good! This book doesn't get overly technical or weighed down by scientific jargon, so it's easy to pick up and read at any time. When a scientific or anatomical term is presented, it's always given a definition, and there's a small glossary in the back if you need a reminder. There's a nice, but short, introduction section at the beginning that briefly covers some basics on evolution and how the species in the book are related to one another. It also describes how fossils are formed and some examples of prehistoric landscapes. My favorite bits in the introduction are the full spread illustrations that clearly mark the flora and fauna. The encyclopedia section of the book (which is the majority of what you're getting here!) features species starting with the Devonian period. Each animal has a short description describing its distinguishing features, where it has been found, etc. This is great for a quick look-up of a species to get some basic info. Each entry has its own illustration. The illustrations in the book are mostly very nice, but they do have some inaccuracies. Primarily, most suffer from

"shrink-wrapping", a popular trend in paleoart that gives the animals a 'skin and bones' appearance- this is most notable on the heads. The theropods (traditionally, the bipedal carnivorous dinosaurs) are frequently illustrated with "bunny wrists", when we now know that their palms would have been facing each other. There are quite a few grammatical errors in the book, including a mix-up of words in one sentence that got a laugh out of me: "It has been accepted for some time that \*dinosaurs\* evolved from \*birds\*." Of course, dinosaurs and birds should be swapped there. Generally, though, the text is pretty good. Keep in mind that the author is from Scotland, so some of the "british english" spellings of words may seem odd to Americans reading it. For example, maneuver vs. manoeuvre. The most recent dinosaur finds are not included in this book, so don't expect to find entries on Yi Qi, Wendiceratops, or the updated quadrupedal stance of Spinosaurus. A sentence at the very beginning of the book describes this best, "New discoveries are being made so quickly, that before this book is on the bookshelves there will have been an overwhelming number of new finds and developments in the understanding of the subject." In light of this, it would behoove the reader to do a bit more research on any given species they're introduced to in this book, if they're interested in learning more. All in all, it's a nice book if you're looking for some basic facts, or like the encyclopedia layout of it. Kids will probably enjoy the illustrations, but may not be interested in the text; this isn't a wow-factor book for very small children. If they're really passionate and interested in prehistoric life, then I'd say go for it, otherwise this might be more suitable for early teens and up. As a side note, the size of the book is much more compact than I thought it would be; I've included a photo with a coke can for scale, for those who ignored the dimensions in the description, like me, haha. My copy arrived somewhat dinged up, on the back cover particularly, though is usually pretty good with their packaging- since it's a somewhat heavy book, I might suggest having it gift wrapped when sent to you, to avoid it getting smashed up corners.

First, this is a great reference book. I originally purchased this when it came out about three years ago. This volume contains no new information - it is simply a paperback edition of that same book, which is a real disappointment considering the number of discoveries made during that time. If you don't already own this book, it's highly recommended. If you do already own it, no need to purchase again.

Making a 1/2 year course for high school students and this book is a great match to work with/from in part. The biomes area combined with all of the hereditary breakdowns throughout the book show the evolution and environment of each species marvelously. It's not a picture book designed to

"WOW" children, but has enough to pique their interest. There are great scene pictures that are letter coded to show an active biome and its inhabitants, and how those inhabitants became the fossils we now find and learn from today.

This book is really handy as a guide. If you're looking for prehistoric creatures, it's great to flip through and get basic information. But there are some inaccuracies in data, with some creatures listed as being much bigger than they really are. If you're going to use this book for research, I recommend double-checking the information with more reliable sources. But like I said, it's not so bad. You won't find many prehistoric animal guides that are this comprehensive.

I bought this book for my 8 year old son for his birthday, he loves the book and he has started to talk about going to college to study Geology and then Paleontology. I must admit that was the effect I expected. Very satisfied. A lot of pages and a lot of dinosaurs for the price.

I bought this for my 8 year old daughter she had been asking me for it for a while. she loves dinosaurs and has all sorts of dino books but she wanted one that had them all together in one book for her to take with her when we go places. she loves all the pictures and uses it as a reference so she can draw her own dinosaurs. This is a great quality book its very sturdy and well put together. its easy for kids to find what they are looking for and it has great information about each and every dinosaur ex. where they come from, how big they are, its features, ect. there is over 500 pages of great information and pictures of every dinosaur and prehistoric creature that it talks about.

I bought this book after seeing the Jurassic World movie in theaters. I wanted to know more about Dinosaurs because Hollywood isn't always accurate. I was very please with this book. Great images and information. I'm 24 and enjoyed it but I'm sure any age will.

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