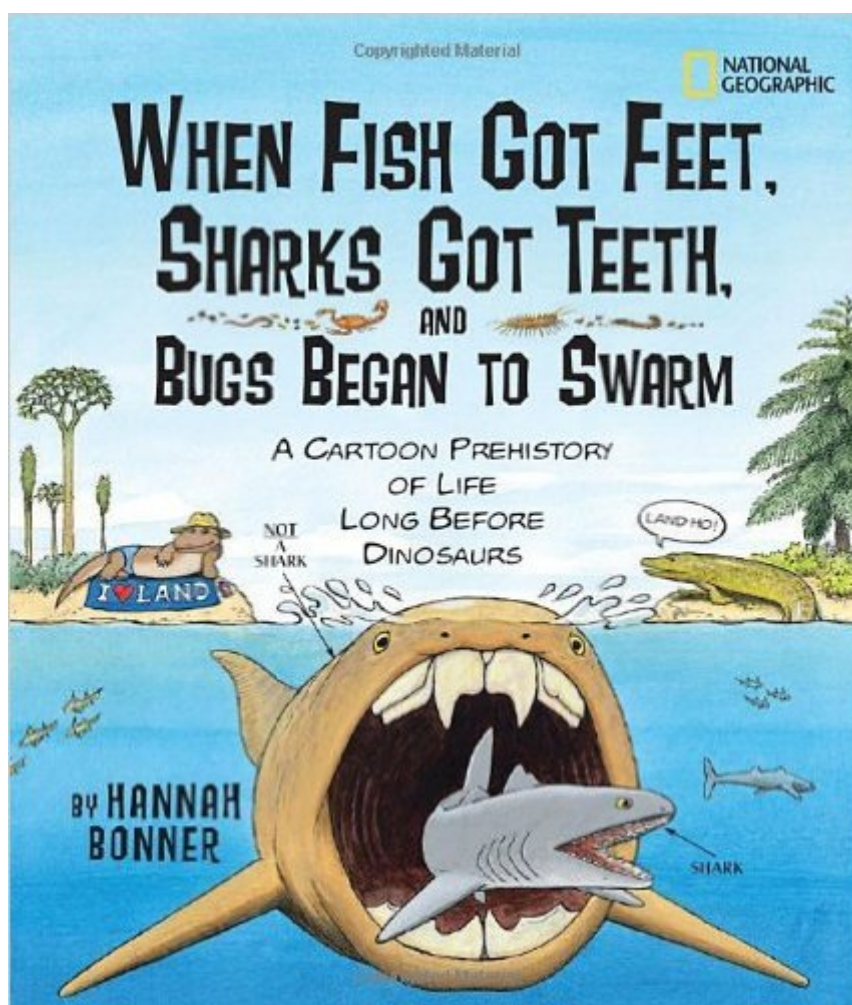


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# When Fish Got Feet, Sharks Got Teeth, And Bugs Began To Swarm: A Cartoon Prehistory Of Life Long Before Dinosaurs



## Synopsis

Take a fun, fact-filled trip back to Earth as it was 430 million years ago. Then, watch as continents drift and oceans take shape. Watch out (!) as fish get toothier, plants stretch skywards and bugs get bigger. Soon fish get feet and four-legged creatures stalk the planet. Hereâ™s the story of Earth in conversational text, informative illustrations, and humorous cartoons. Complete with time line, pronunciation guide, glossary and index.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book would have been great in my college geology class. It makes learning about prehistoric creatures interesting and puts them into a simplified order to gain some general knowledge. I think lots of kids skip over the part between the big bang and dinosaurs, and this makes part of that time period exciting!

What a wonderful format for presenting a lot of information about the prehistory of the earth. This heavily illustrated book is very "readable" and humorous. A good gift for a 7-8 year old budding paleontologist.

Solid science attractively presented so it's engaging for both a 4 year old and for his parents -- a

repeated request for bedtime reading.

This short book by National Geographic introduces the reader to the diverse forms of the original plant and animal life that originally appeared on Earth. The book starts with the Ordovician period, and ends with the Permian period before the dinosaurs appeared. The principal topics covered are the appearance of fishes, the rise of bony fishes, the greening of the Earth's surface, and the appearance on land of the first arthropods and tetrapods. The level and detail of text is appropriate for anyone above 6 years old. This book contains no photographs, only color illustrations and an occasional graph or timeline. The illustrations of the plants and animals are not overly detailed, and match the style and detail of the cover art. The book is interesting to read, and I myself enjoyed reading it as much as my children

I was immediately taken with this wonderful book. Although intended for younger readers, the charm of the illustrations (both 'realistic' and 'cartoony') and humor makes it a delight for older readers as well. This book covers the Silurian and Devonian periods, giving a good overview of the Earth and its life in those time eras. It should be enjoyed by both children and adults. My highest compliments to Hannah Bonner for writing and illustrating this book. I highly recommend it for old and young paleontologists everywhere!

My only beef is a wish that more pronunciation hints were in the text. More, please, more and more and more.

Ever try to go to the natural history museum and get stumped on those things in the dioramas next to the t-rex? I do and I could barely pronounce their names correctly with my son... this is a great intro to that story - which is in some ways more interesting than dinosaurs. We like the information, the cute ideas... I wish the drawings were a bit better without the corny talking animals/species. But all in all, good book to have for the budding naturalist/paleontologist/scientist.

This is the first of (currently) three books about ancient life. They are all engaging, well illustrated, scientifically accurate, and keep my 5 year old's attention

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