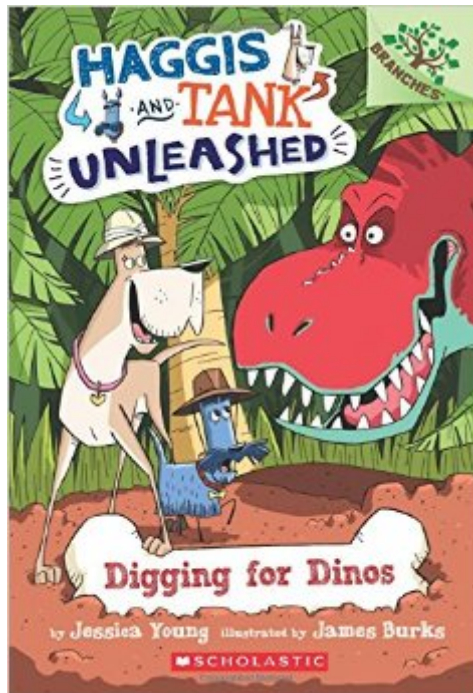


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# Digging For Dinos: A Branches Book (Haggis And Tank Unleashed #2)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

Jessica Young's *Haggis and Tank Unleashed: Digging for Dinosaurs* is a book that may appeal to children who are just learning to read. Both the characters' personalities and their adventures incorporate elements that children find interesting and think are humorous. Filled with details, James Burks' cartoon-like illustrations add visual interest to the story; the pictures are cute and the vivid colors, eye-catching. Haggis, a Scottish Terrier, and his friend Tank, a Great Dane, set out on a dinosaur hunt. The discovery of huge footprints and, subsequently, three

dinosaur eggs form the basis for their adventure. Targeted at readers in 1st and 2nd grades, "Digging for Dinos" uses simple, short sentences. Further, the use of "easy" words, most having no more than two syllables, are factors that help keep beginning readers from becoming frustrated. Clever word play introduces the concept of homophones; the banter back-and-forth between Haggis and Tank reinforces the different meanings of the word pairs. One exchange is reminiscent of Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First" classic. The dialog between the two characters is contained in "balloons" similar to those in comic strips. Because the conversational aspects of "Digging for Dinos" are more complicated than many beginning readers may be prepared to deal with, this book is ideal for reading along with the child. Doing so allows the child to read the narrative and the adult to speak the dialog. This also helps the child, who may be unfamiliar with comics, understand that format and be able to read the book on their own later. Scholastic Branches series gives readers of any level fun-to-read books of appropriate difficulty.

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