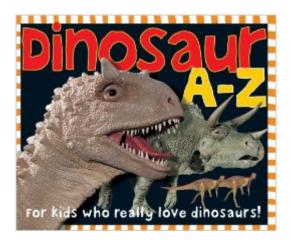
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Dinosaur A-Z: For Kids Who Really Love Dinosaurs!





Synopsis

-Ideal for children aged 3 years and up.-Features 26 one-of-a-find dinosaur models from Allosaurus to Zephyrosaurus specially commissioned from experts in the field.

Book Information

Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Priddy Books; III edition (March 1, 2004) Language: English ISBN-10: 0312492545 ISBN-13: 978-0312492540 Product Dimensions: 12.4 × 0.5 × 10.1 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (149 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #9,179 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Basic Concepts > Alphabet #34 in Books > Children's Books > Animals > Marine Life #37 in Books > Children's Books > Animals > Dinosaurs Age Range: 3 - 6 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

Customer Reviews

The first thing a dinophile will notice is that this kids book has some ugly, inaccurate models by Centaur Studios in lieu of formal paintings. As anyone who is familiar with the paleoart business, UK-based Centaur Studios has always been amateur hour when it comes to dinosaur reconstructions. I mean, there are toys that have more scientific value than the models in this book. The second thing you will notice with a quick flip through the pages is the absence of kids' favorite dinosaurs including Tyrannosaurus. A few non-dinosaurs are thrown in and obscure, and some names that are poorly known (to science) are included - Gravitholus, Janenschia, Yingshanosaurus. Tongue twisting names that even the phonetic breakdown on the pages mangle. The descriptions are as if the dinosaur is speaking to the child. Every other page reads something to the effect of "I am small, I have to run so other large dinosaurs don't eat me". This is lazily rehashed and the rest is "I like my spikes" or "I am 80 feet long - pretty cool right?". Your kid doesn't need to get wrong, obsolete information by publishers looking to cash in on dinomania with inferior reference material. Ultrasaurus is cited as the largest dinosaur. Proof the author(s) were sourcing 1970s and 80s as research material for this pile of Several kinds of dinosaurs have long dethroned Ultrasaurus which was just a very large Brachiosaurus anyhow. Ouranosaurus and stegosaurs like Yingshanosaurus didn't use their backs as 'radiators'. These are 1970s concepts long dismissed by paleos. Headbutting behavior in Pachycephalosaurs is now considered unlikely due to fragile skulls. The most annoying aspect is the pitiful attempt to show human size next to dinosaurs throughout the book.

My three years old son, like his many friends, is a dinosaur fan and therefore we have bought a couple of picture books like these along with some plastic toys. This book is colorful, printed on high quality paper and has a sturdy hardcover. The dinosaurs are given in alphabetic order and each one is accompanied by a paragraph size information. They are all okay. However there is something irritating about this book. The pictures are not realistic. Most of them, like the ones in the cover image, look like photographs of cheap plastic toys instead of actual representation of dinosaurs. They are dull and thus has not grasped the attention of my son as much as I hoped. Another equally negative point is that there is no sense of surrounding at all. All photos are against monochrome background. It looks like the passport photo album of dinosaurs. Where are the trees, lakes, rivers, mountains and all other elements of a proper ecosystem? Why don't they show the herds or perhaps an image with multiple dinosaurs, may be a mother like maiasaura with the baby ones or a guetzalcoatlus flying over a forest? Finally, I think the selection of dinosaurs are not very thoughtful. I could not find the most famous ones in the book. Of course, they can not include every dinosaur but a dinosaur book without T-rex is like an Africa book without a lion. For the price and quality of print, I think it could have been much better. My suggestion is : If you are only after one good dinosaur book, then go for the 'National geographic, kids first big dinosaur book'

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