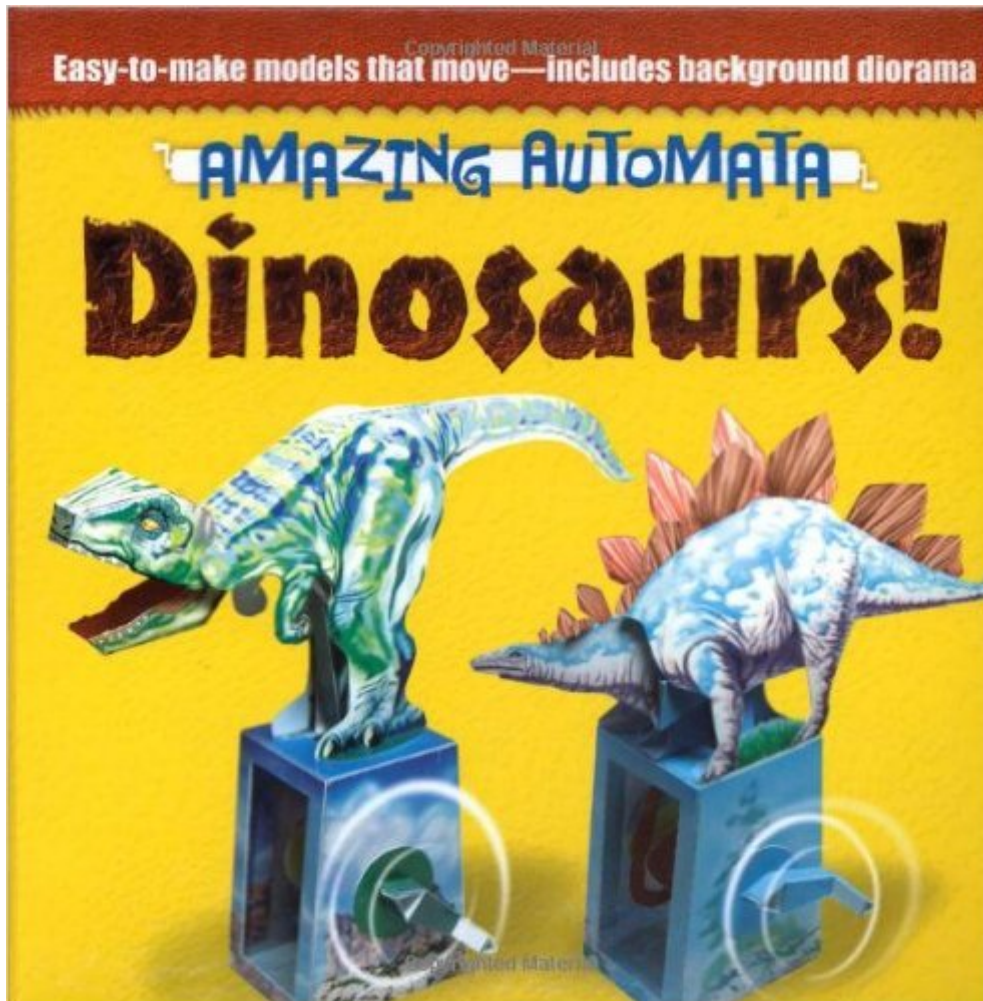


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# Amazing Automata -- Dinosaurs! (Dover Origami Papercraft)



## Synopsis

Create moving models of five different dinosaur species â€” from ichthyosaurus, the fish lizard, to Tyrannosaurus rex, the tyrant king, along with the armor-plated stegosaurus, the flying pterodactylus, and the bone-headed pachycephalosaurus. Kids ages 10 and up can follow simple directions that explain how to build the crank-powered replicas. The book is also loaded with facts about all sorts of dinosaurs and includes a background play scene and a convenient pocket for storing loose pieces.

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Age Range: 10 and up

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## Customer Reviews

I got it as something to do with my six-year old, but I ended up doing all the work; he still enjoyed punching out shapes and doing the folding, even if I was doing the gluing & parsing of instructions. For the most part, these paper creations are pretty amazing; it's often not obvious until you put the final parts in place what sort of movement you'll get when you crank the handles. However, the instructions are often a little more vague than they'd have to be, and it requires a fair bit of fine motor control to do some of the delicate gluing. On just about every model, there was one point where I realized I had misread a step or missed a sentence - the instructions could have benefited from more diagrams and less text. Occasionally the instructions violated their own rules -

when gluing numbered sections together, you ALMOST always glue the side with the labels on them together, but there were a few times this was not the case. One model in particular (pachycephalosaurus) I had to cut apart and re-glue, as well as reshape several pieces, before it would finally work without binding or tearing itself apart, and ironically, it's the simplest of all the mechanisms (a simple up/down piston pushing on a see-saw body). It also required some clay in the nose to give it enough weight to fall down into position.

We purchased two copies of this book for the grandchildren ages 8 and 6. (Two copies to keep them from arguing about who-gets-to-do-what.) The pieces are easy to remove from the book (not always the case with other punch-out books), the printing is excellent, and the resulting dinosaurs provoke hours of fun after their assembly. The children are curious, too, about what makes them work. Perhaps we have engineers in the making.

A great book for indoor fun and dinosaurs. The dinosaurs fit in your house and are automated.

This book is horrible. I was so excited to get this for my 7 year old. It looks fun, very bright and colorful. The items are easy to punch out. But, I had to do it all. It was super frustrating for me and my son. He can put together 1000 piece Lego sets by himself, but not this. I would not recommend purchasing this for any age.

These are very hard for children to assemble. To be honest, they were challenging for my husband and I also.

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