

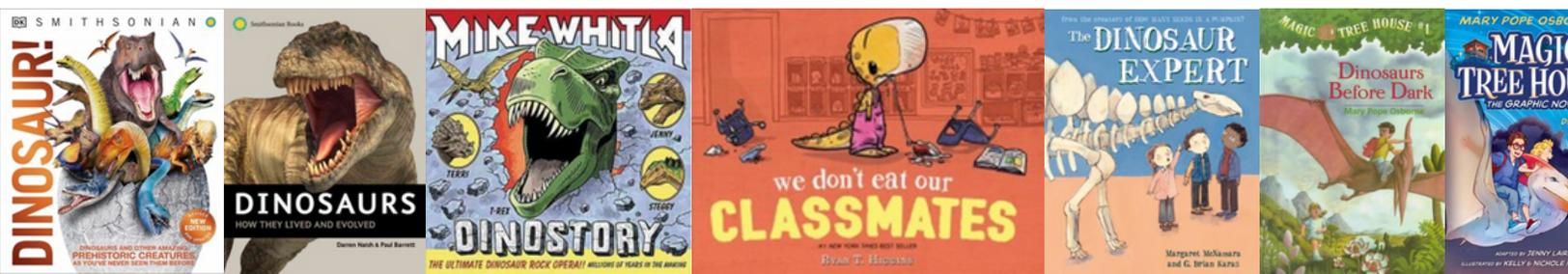


Family Book Club Topic: Dinosaurs

- We Don't Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan T. Higgins (E)
- The Dinosaur Expert* by Margaret McNamara (E)
- Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne (J)
- Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Jenny Laird (J graphic novel)
- Every Hidden Thing* by Kenneth Oppel (YA)
- Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton (fiction)
- The Lost World* by Arthur Conan Doyle (fiction)
- Dinosaur!* by John Woodward (J non-fiction)
- Dinosaurs: How They Lived and Evolved* by Darren Naish (non-fiction)
- Dinostory: The Ultimate Dinosaur Rock Opera!!* by Mike Whitla (music CD)



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Book Discussion Ideas

Was the book a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down' for you?

What three words would you use to describe the main character?

What three words would you use to describe where the book is set?

Who was your favorite character and why did you like them?

What did you think of the way the story ended?

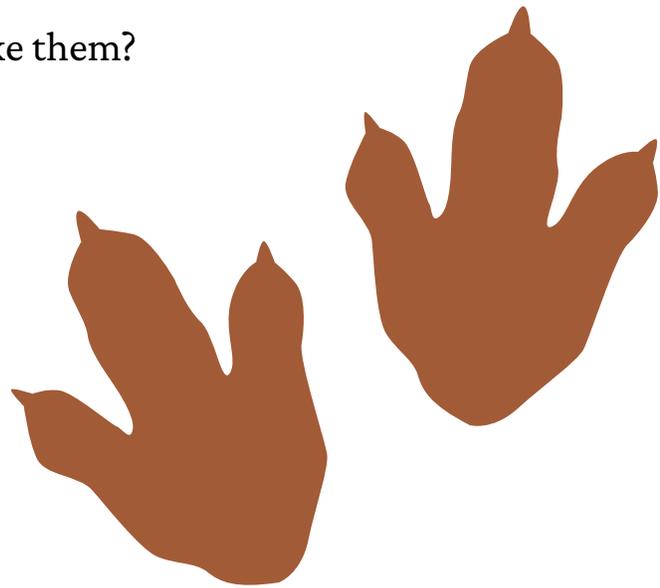
What do you think happens to the characters next?

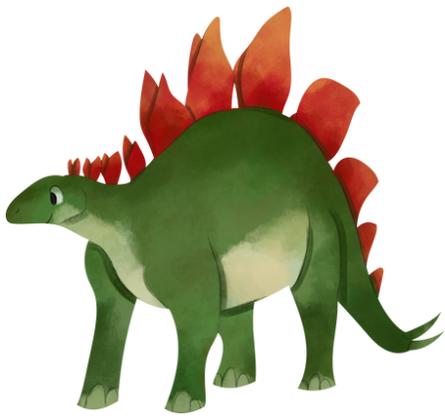
Did you learn anything new from reading the book?

Why do you think the author wanted to write this story?

If you could give the book another title, what would it be?

Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?





Dinosaur Fun Facts

In 1842, the English naturalist Sir Richard Owen coined the term Dinosauria, derived from the Greek deinos, meaning “fearfully great,” and sauros, meaning “lizard.”

Dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents.

There are roughly 700 known species of extinct dinosaurs!

Modern birds are a kind of dinosaur because they share a common ancestor with non-avian dinosaurs.

Until recently it was believed that feathers were unique to birds. Recent discoveries, however, have unearthed evidence for feathered non-avian dinosaurs.

Argentinosaurus is estimated to have been the largest dinosaur. It measured about 121 to 131 feet long (longer than three school buses) and weighed about 99 to 110 tons (more than 15 elephants)!

The largest dinosaur egg ever found was as long as one and a half footballs and could hold about six gallons of liquid.

The one-and-a-half-foot-long Micropachycephalosaurus was one of the smallest dinosaurs, but has one of the longest names.