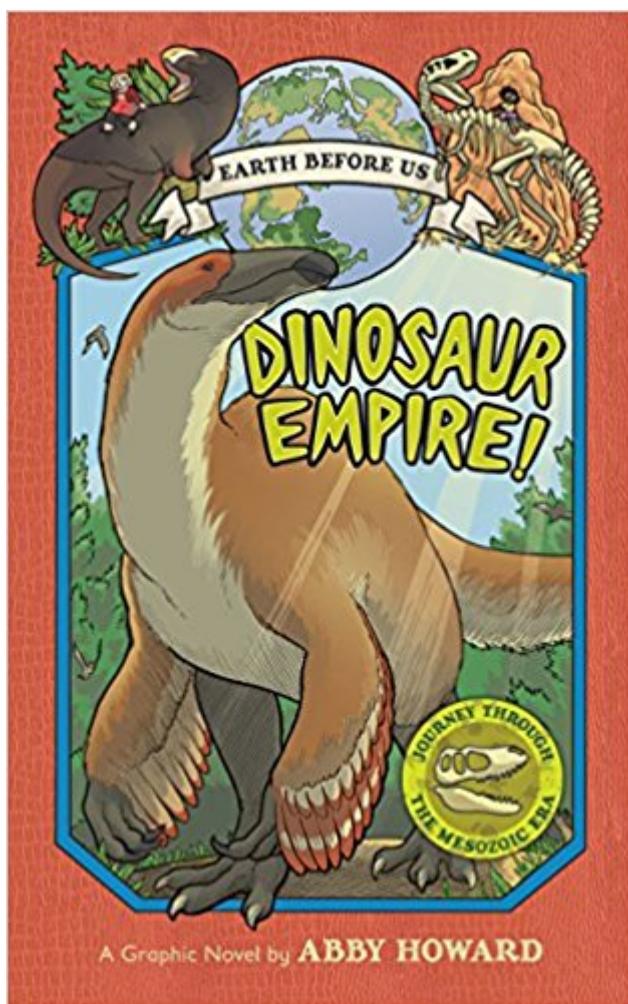


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Dinosaur Empire! (Earth Before Us #1): Journey Through The Mesozoic Era



Synopsis

Ronnie is just a normal fifth-grader trying to pass her science class's impossible quiz on the history of dinosaurs . . . until she happens upon her neighbor—Ms. Lernin, a retired paleontologist. With the assistance of Science Magic, Ronnie and Ms. Lernin travel back through time and space to experience the Mesozoic Era firsthand. They visit three important time periods in the development of the Mesozoic Era: the Triassic, the Jurassic, and the Cretaceous. Along the way, Ronnie finds herself face-to-face with real-life dinosaurs and reptiles, like stegosauruses, velociraptors, and thalattosaurs. With the help of her neighbor's trusty knowledge of prehistoric times, she learns the differences between herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, as well as between dinosaurs, insects, and reptiles. This insightful and informative graphic novel uses engaging art to bring facts to life, giving kids the tools to understand the evolution of these prehistoric creatures and the important effects this era had on our world today.

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Customer Reviews

"Howard details characteristics of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures, covers similarities and differences among different species, and offers information on evolution, convergent evolution, and mutations...a great edition to graphic novel or dinosaur collections." (School Library

Journal)**STARRED REVIEW** "An information-dense but fast-moving exploration of how scientists have come to understand life in that period (dinosaurs, as well as mammals, insects, and sea life), clearly and amusingly explained through the duoâ€”â€œs dialogue." (Publishers Weekly)"This is more a creative presentation of facts than a true adventure story, although there are plenty of tongue-in-cheek jokes buried in the energetic, sometimes frenzied illustrations...Itâ€”â€œs an effective way of putting the vast history of the world before humans in perspective; dinosaur nuts (and there are many) will eat it up." (Booklist)

Abby Howard is the creator of the comic website Junior Scientist Power Hour. Before becoming a full-time artist, Howard studied evolutionary biology at McGill University, where her deep interest in dinosaurs was born. Â

I've been reading this book at bedtime to my 5-year-old. Every night before bedtime she says "more dinosaurs please!" or "Mama, it's time for dinosaurs!" I really appreciate how much careful effort Ms. Howard has put in to expressing complex scientific topics in a way that kids can "get" it. We'll have to read it many more times before my kiddo really understands things, but it has been AMAZING to watch her learn -- to see the dawning of understanding on her face as she realizes how long dinosaurs roamed the earth and how short human history is, for example. It's an inspiring experience as a parent. But I've also thoroughly enjoyed updating my own knowledge about dinosaurs -- there's a lot scientists have learned about the history of dinosaurs on earth since I was a kid. (There's way more to learn than just about the whole "feathers" thing.) The illustrations are beautiful and engaging, while the text and character expressions include quick twists of humor that carry the story along. Love the whole package!

This is hands-down the best dinosaur book I've seen! It is a guided safari through millions of years, absolutely packed with dinosaurs, archosaurs, and other contemporary organisms living on land, sea, and air. Abby's illustrations are lush, detailed, engaging, and magnificent. They make you feel as though you are walking among the dinosaurs. There is not a single weak page in the book. .It has good depth and advanced details-- there is plenty here for an adult to sink their teeth into, and plenty for an adult to learn. Concepts in evolution are explained and developed throughout the book. There is very up-to-date information that has changed since the last time I was jazzed up about dinosaurs, and I learned quite a bit.Ms. Lernin and Ronnie are likeable characters with great facial expressions. Fans of Abby's work will see her characteristic quirky humor popping up to give the

book extra personality. Definitely, definitely get this book. If you like dinosaurs, this will be a dream come true. If you're not so hot about dinosaurs, it will light the fire. Makes a fantastic gift for any age.

Brilliantly written, delightfully executed, and beautifully illustrated, Abby Howard's "Dinosaur Empire" was an absolute thrill to read. It has such a clear focus on explaining often difficult subjects in the world of palaeontology, and introduces the reader to an entire menagerie of fossil animals and plants. The book is (importantly) geared towards young readers, but certainly anyone of any age can appreciate it. There are next to no flaws whatsoever that I have found, so I highly recommend this book as one of the best resources for people new to the world of dinosaur science, and it is also absolutely perfect for even the most die-hard dinosaur fan. I will be sharing this book as much as I can to as many people as I can.

Simply an amazing book. Top notch illustrations that are both highly accurate to modern scientific theory and gorgeous... and more importantly seductive for their favored prey. I mean audience. I mean children. I'm deeply impressed. I think this book is my new gold standard for packaging an amazing amount of detail and scientific concepts in an incredibly approachable and kid-engrossing book. My six-year old loves it and consistently chooses to read this book over the usual boy-fascinations. The soft introduction and clean repetition of concepts meshed with the lush illustrations and fun characters make this book a huge win both for fun and learning. Encore, encore!

Abby Howard captures the imagination of the young and old with her latest tome Dinosaur Empire. Through her wonderful artwork and clever storyline she covers the Mesozoic Era in a unique way. This girl sure knows her dinosaurs and the reader gets quite an education amidst the entertaining and beautifully drawn images and well-written text. It reminds me of The Magic Schoolbus and I'm sure Miss Frizzle is proud. I highly recommend this book for children of all ages.

Absolutely fantastic! I haven't felt this excited about dinosaurs since I was a kid. All those old obsessions came flooding back. It was great catching up on all the dino facts that have been discovered in the years since I was learning everything I could about them. I've done some research myself not long ago, but this presents the material in an easier way than me just browsing wikipedia. Highly recommended! I can't wait until my kid is old enough to read this.

I bought this on a whim, after seeing it advertised on Saturday Morning Breakfast Cereal. I was not disappointed! Not only are the latest finds presented, such as the protofeathers of ancient dinosaurs, but the diversity of the ecosystems is also explored! The book also notes many times that a lot of the information we have now is subject to guesswork and may change as new fossils are discovered, which is an important thing to remember in such a field. The book also arrived on time and in good condition.

I learned so much from this book! The breadth and depth of research on display is amazing, but it's all presented in a clear, comprehensible and lovely way. The line art and colors are super engaging, and the narrative made me honestly feel as if I was learning along with the protagonist.

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