

Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs

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Prehistoric Predators: Paleontologists once thought that sauropods, giant long-necked dinosaurs, were too heavy to walk on land. Although it is now known that this isn't true, it was believed that their bodies were too heavy for their legs to support. Sir Richard Owen, a British scientist in the mid-1800s, actually hosted a dinner party inside one of his model dinosaurs.

In *Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs* (Candlewick Press, color illustrations, 35+ popups, 12 pages, hardcover, \$26.99, 0-7636-2228-1), Robert Sabuda, who studied art at Pratt Institute, and Matthew Reinhart, who studied industrial design at Pratt, present a picture of prehistoric life as today's science depicts it. With the figures of their subjects literally springing from the pages, this book will captivate—from those too young to read to those too old to see. The information contained in every page and popup is intelligent enough to provide actual scientific fact, and manages to be understandable to smaller children without talking down or seeming condescending to older ones. It discusses dinosaurs' anatomy, mistakes in early paleontology, and leaders in the field, and provides a clear overview of what the fossil record can tell about these bestial behemoths and their pygmy playmates.

Seasoned dinosaur followers and those just discovering their delights will be infected alike by the contagious obsession of dinosaur mania spread by this book.

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