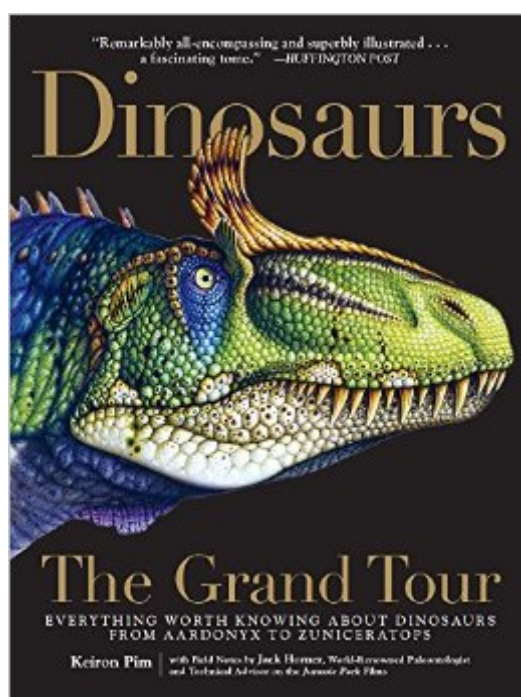


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Dinosaurs - The Grand Tour: Everything Worth Knowing About Dinosaurs From Aardonyx To Zuniceratops



Synopsis

From Aardonyx to Zuniceratops "A Dino-Mite Gathering of All the Dinosaurs (More Than 300!) Worth Knowing About We live in a golden age of paleontological discovery "the perfect time to dig in to the spectacular world of dinosaurs. From Aardonyx, a lumbering beast that formed a link between two and four-legged dinosaurs, to Zuniceratops, who boasted a deadly pair of horns, Dinosaurs "The Grand Tour details everything worth knowing about every important dinosaur that scientists know about "more than 300 in all. " In Dinosaurs you "ll learn all the gory details "about geology, anatomy, evolution, astronomy, and even Native American and Chinese mythology. Stories of harrowing paleontological expeditions conjure the thrills of history "s most famous dinosaur hunters. Highlights of recent research reveal what "s going on in the world of dinosaurs today, including scientists " recent discovery of pigments embedded in dinosaur fossils that shed light, for the first time, on dinosaurs " true coloration. Illustrations on virtually every page bring these prehistoric creatures to life in all their razor-sharp, long-necked, spiny, scaly glory. " And for readers inspired to test their dino-expertise in the field, renowned paleontologist Jack Horner "s field notes will help enthusiasts set out on their own expeditions. Track down dinosaur footprints at Horner "s recommended sites, head out on a cross-country dinosaur road trip using Horner "s list of top North American dinosaurs as your map, and learn what it "s like to be a leading paleontologist who "s been part of some of the most sensational dinosaur discoveries ever "and how you can get involved, too!

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The fact that so many of the pictures are mere silhouettes is, at first, off-putting. However, there are more actual illustrations than it seems from a skim, they are, in themselves, excellent although usually not in full color, and in reality, the vast majority of these animals are known from such partial material that the full illustrations we're used to are largely speculation anyway. Overall, this is actually a fantastic survey of dinosaurs for the 2010s. Pim's book proceeds as if a Martian came down and simply wrote a book about the dinosaurs known so far, with no sense that the grand old American dinosaurs of the Morrison Formation plus a little bit of Protoceratops and Oviraptor from the Gobi desert are somehow the "primary" animals. China, as such, gets as much airplay as the United States, and one senses that Pim wanted to shine a light on lesser-known genera rather than rehash the same old Triceratops and Stegasaurus (although those get fine coverage as well). Page after page we get capsule-sized introductions to dinosaurs we've never heard of -- or as fans, maybe read about briefly on a blog five years ago and promptly forgot (Meilong, Brachytrachelopan, Gigantoraptor). Pim is great, also, at giving what's interesting about each animal instead of dumping out undigested data -- he has actually written a BOOK. He doesn't cover every genus, but there are now too many known for a book like that to be readable, as opposed to a reference book. Lists are nice, but the internet now gives us those at the push of a button. What we want is a presentation, and Pim has done one of the best ones on dinosaurs I have ever read. In an ideal universe, ten years from now Pim should do a revision, add on a bunch of newly discovered genera, and commission more full illustrations.

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