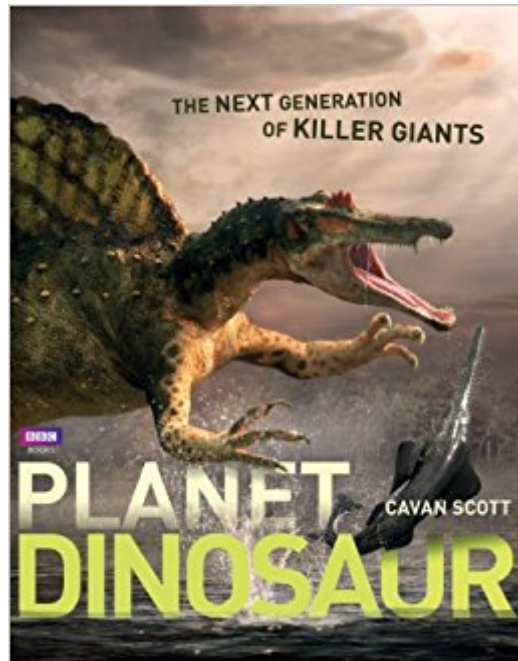




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Planet Dinosaur: The Next Generation Of Killer Giants



Synopsis

The companion book to the upcoming Discovery Channel television series, Planet Dinosaur is an introduction to the latest and most exciting dinosaur discoveries. The last decade has been particularly fruitful in the study of dinosaurs, with more new species found than were discovered in the preceding 200 years. Many of these discoveries easily eclipse previously known species and are rewriting what we know about dinosaurs. Planet Dinosaur is a global survey of the 30 most thrilling dinosaur species found in recent years. It provides a new global perspective on dinosaurs, revealing which species lived at the same time on different continents and how the Earth looked in each time period. Specimens in China, the Sahara, the Arctic, Antarctica and North America are especially exciting. The deadly predator, Giganotosaurus, outsized T-Rex. *Dracorex hogwartsia* lived in North America 70 million years ago and resembled a real-life dragon. Comprehensive text describes where the dinosaurs lived, their physical characteristics and their behavior. 120 stunning computer-generated illustrations and graphics render the awe-inspiring creatures in lifelike detail. This is the same technology used in the award-winning TV special Walking with Dinosaurs and in the bestselling book The Complete Guide to Prehistoric Life. A three-part TV special on which Planet Dinosaur is based will air on Discovery Channel in the summer of 2012. Information on the most exciting discoveries of recent years and extraordinary illustrations make Planet Dinosaur essential for anyone interested in dinosaurs.

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Customer Reviews

If you are buying this book for your children, chances are after opening the first pages and reading

some of it, you might consider keeping it for yourself. While the book may be geared to younger readers, there is a fount of information that people of any age can use... There are few dinosaur books as thorough as this one. (Shelf Life)

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This is a good book if you have the DVD of the same name - which I do. It reflects back on selected scenes in the DVD of the dinosaurs fighting, eating, walking, etc. and explains those sections in more depth. It does a good job and is easy for a 7 year+ child to follow along. It's a nice book to read together and talk about the movie scenes and spend time with your child too. HOWEVER - if you don't have the DVD and have watched it already, the book just doesn't make good sense and doesn't really impart any valuable information to a young reader. The context from the movie is essential. I can, without hesitation recommend this book and the DVD as a bundle. Perfect for a Christmas or birthday gift!

Like most of the other reviewers, I liked this book. It is a companion piece to an excellent BBC T.V. series narrated by John Hurt. This work focuses on more recent (last 10 years or so) discoveries about dinosaurs. The book is loaded with color pictures (computer generated dinosaur images) on virtually every page. These depict the creatures, their environments, theoretical lifestyles, etc. There is a lot of information presented in bite size segments. You can pick it up, read/view a few pages, then put it down having finished one topic rather easily. The prose is not especially geared for children as there are a lot of technical terms included in the text. However, the author is pretty matter of fact, straight forward in his presentation and does not sensationalize what he covers. He does not have to. It's amazing what scientists can deduce from the fossil evidence presented here. A kid's book? Adult book? I'm choosing a coffee table book (oversized but not unwieldy) that anyone can pick up and browse through.

Not formatted in PAL or Region 2 so I actually got to see it. LOL. Seriously, this is a good book. Great art and good information. I just wish the blu-ray were as easily accessed. I bought both at the same time. My whole family is very disappointed that we can't watch the documentary. DVD's and blu-rays have no business being region specific. They should be as easily read as a book.

was a gift...have heard no complaints, yet.

very interesting with many intriguing ideas

It's really full of prehistory.

My boys (nine and eleven) LOVE this book!! They were into dinosaurs as kids, but this book brought it all back with great updated content and very cool pictures. I am very happy with this purchase and recommend it for all dinosaur-lovers young and old.

What makes Planet Dinosaur such a great book is in subtleties and on many levels. Planet Dinosaur is kinda a new generation as far as books on the subject go. I am one of those people that visits the library to look at picture books on dinosaurs but this book would not be part of the major city library collection at the time and I discovered this at Barnes and Noble. For starters two books were originally my "end all" selections to date on the subject of dinosaurs and dino art- National Geographic Dinosaurs- Barrett Martin and DK Guide to Dinosaurs. In these books which are far more comprehensive on dino species and even number of pages- I would find breath taking images on the subjects and even human size comparisons as I recall. With all that, Planet Dinosaur comes out the actual winner or best book to me on the subject- literally sucking me in through no medium I can directly put my finger on. I would later find that subtle coloring and detail of the computer rendered images would evolve to be more striking, real, compelling and thought provoking even though the number of dinosaurs would be less varied then in the two previous mentioned books. Here the artist/ author brought to life the dinosaurs as the two previous books couldnt almost carving a solid niche in ones mind as a refernce tool on dinosaurs and their environments. Glimpses into their world or the earth before man were stunning and completely effective even though this book is relatively of moderate size. It would be a Trompe l'oeil pulling the whole book off with concise almost hidden or unknown accuracies such as daylight, glow, dimension, mist, haze, textures even movement. I got sold and ended up buying a book on a subject I only follow lightly and surely for free at the library. It ended up being the most important images based book on the subject to me and all this without huge size, species variety and even number of pages. Talk about genius! It was definently evident here-

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