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The popularity of dinosaurs seems never ending, as evidenced by the popularity of films such *Jurassic Park* and documentaries like *Walking with Dinosaurs*. But how much do these types of entertainment really tell us about recent scientific discoveries and the latest research into the world of the dinosaur?

This is the first book explain how scientists have been able to put together a picture of how dinosaurs looked, what they ate, and how they moved and interacted with each other. Taking a new approach to the subject, David Norman combines different areas of science, such as anatomy, genetics, forensics, and engineering design, to piece together the latest evidence of how animal life evolved on earth. Norman engagingly lays out the history of dinosaur research, from the speculation over ancient myths about dragons, to the latest virtual reality animation sequences and engineering design analysis. He also discusses the role that informed speculation and luck has played in many of the major discoveries.

This book is a fantastic introduction for those just beginning to take an interest in dinosaurs and a must-read for true dinosaur-lovers who want to know not just the latest theories and discoveries, but how scientists achieved them.

## **Dinosaurs: A Very Short Introduction Details**

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## Ahmad Sharabiani says

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## Ryan Mishap says

On our recent trip to the Southwest United States, I told Tracy that I wanted to see real dinosaurs--sure, sandhill cranes, golden eagles, pronghorns and stuff are cool, but imagine how rad it would be to see a huge dinosaur trotting across the sagebrush desert. Don't tell me what's possible!

Well, I didn't see any herds of dinosaurs, but we stopped in Big Water, Arizona in the Vermillion Cliffs/Grand Escalante area where there is a visitor center dedicated to paleontology and the growing discoveries of new species in the region. I saw dinosaur bones and mural re-creations and I guess that was enough.

I also purchased this book which is titled incorrectly. It should be called "A Short Introduction to the History of Paleontology, and Did I Mention My Own Discoveries?"

Still interesting even if we are introduced to only a fraction of the dinosaurs known to exist.

## Abrar Alarjan says

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## MegC S1999 says

Short and informative.

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## Actually-A -Badger says

Y'all know that dinosaurs have changed since you were a kid?! This is a good way to catch up on all the science that's been established on these prehistoric reptiles since the 80s, beyond the obvious "they were warm blooded and had feathers". Slightly spoiled by a random chapter that just goes on about the movement of iguanodon: it feels out of place, like the author's own research had to be placed somewhere in the book.

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## Jombo says

Great read

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## Isavarg says

Good book as it fills in the gaps which were in my Zoology degree as I wanted to do more stuff on prehistoric creatures than we did in the degree and it has brought me up to-date on things which I didn't know and refreshed my memory on the things I do know. Of course, I do need to do more reading, but it is a good place to start.

## Ali Alamer says

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## Bill Harrison says

Excellent brief introduction to Dinosaurs and the current research and theories. It made me want to dig more into these topics.

## Sue says

I wanted to learn the basics of dinosaurs in a book for adults. Now I understand the difference between endothermic and exothermic dinosaurs and how multiple sciences contribute to paleontology. Leads to a better understanding of evolution and the history of earth.

## Kathleen O'Neal says

While there are many books on this fascinating topic for young people, there are few good books about dinosaurs for adults, which is a shame. This great book bucks this trend by providing a scientific overview of

this topic for mature audiences.

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**Yasser says**

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**Iman El-shamekh says**

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