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A boy brings home a big egg that hatches into a dinosaur.

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Carol McGloshen says

Even though the grunts feel that George is a problem because of his large size they ignore the friendship that little grunt has established and make him take his pet back and disregard how that made little grunt feel. This Book shows that feelings are important no matter what size you are, and that others should look past appearances.

Porter says

I liked it because there was a big dinosaur.

Josiah says

To me, this seems quite a bit different from most of Tomie dePaola's other picture books. Set in prehistoric times, with an overtly stereotypical caveman family named "The Grunts" as the main characters, Tomie dePaola once again creates an amusing story about a dinosaur egg that hatches unexpectedly, introducing a new cumbersome pet for "Little Grunt", the youngest Grunt child.

The baby dinosaur, named "George" by Little Grunt, turns out to be by nature a difficult houseguest, eating the Grunt family out of house and home and creating a measure of havoc everywhere he goes. Little Grunt is eventually forced to give up his friend George, but having a dinosaur for a companion can be a life-saving asset, as the Grunt family finds out when a volcano eruption strikes their cave.

Little Grunt and the Big Egg is a nice story, with excellent artistry. I would give it one and a half stars.

Kayla says

One day a little boy was on a quest to find eggs for his family. What he brought home was much more than an ordinary egg. When the egg hatched a dinosaur was inside. They decided to keep him for awhile, until he was too big to fit inside their cave and broke everything in sight. The dinosaur had to go and the boy was so sad. When the volcano erupted and the family didn't know what to do, George the dinosaur came to save the day. George took them to a new cave that the liked even better. I enjoyed reading this book. I think young students would like reading this book as well, especially boys who are interested in dinosaurs.

Auttumn C says

Tomie dePaola never disappoints me and this is just another case where the story is just as good as I expected. This book can be used during pet appreciation month, or it can be used as not judging a book by its

cover. It is a sweet children's book that most children will be able to relate with because almost every child has been through the case where the parent will not allow the child to have the certain pet. This book touches on that subject and students need to see how the little boy deals with that type of disappointment with respect for his elders.

babyhippoface says

Little Grunt finds a giant egg. It hatches, and a dinosaur becomes Little Grunt's pet. But George (the dino) grows too quickly and causes too many problems, so the people of Little Grunt's village send him away. When an earthquake hits, and a volcano is about to erupt, George comes to their rescue even though they had treated him badly.

Gotta say it: meh. Not impressed. The story's been told over and over, and the illustrations didn't impress me.

Morgan says

Little Grunt and The Big Egg is a great read for young readers. The story is very funny and is interesting the whole way through. Everyone wants to know what is in the egg! The illustrations could be a little better, they do not capture the story.

Alexis Munk says

Although I did not like the illustrations, I did like the story. I think the name Grunt is adorable. It is sad when the villagers make the dinosaur leave just because he is getting too big. But I'm glad they realized they wanted him in the end.

Shannon says

Whenever I come across a new (to me) book, I invariably desperately want to pair it with one or two or seven other books that I think would work well together. This book on its own isn't the most amazing thing I've ever read, but how awesome would it be to use with Peter Brown's *Children Make Terrible Pets*??!

Diana Thomsen says

Totally unrealistic, but it was a lot of fun. While recommended for the discussion of prehistoric humans, I didn't find that it added much to the discussion. I think "Boy" by Mayhew was actually a better choice as a read-aloud for this topic.

Michele says

"Little Grunt goes in search of eggs for Sunday brunch, finds the biggest egg he has ever seen. Turns out it to be a dinosaur egg, and like every child who finds a stray Little Grunt begs to keep him. The family reluctantly agrees. George the dinosaur grows quickly becoming more work than the family can handle. Granny Grunt suggests a nice little cockroach as a replacement pet. However, when the volcano erupts, who comes to their rescue?

Like how this cave dwelling stone age family has Sunday brunch with omelets and pancakes, Mama Grunt wears an apron, Papa Grunt sneezes into a tissue, they all say ""Ooga, ooga"" a lot, and their leader is named Chief Rockhead Grunt."

Dolly says

This is a cute story with fun illustrations and hilarious onomatopoeia (ooga ooga, Waaargh! Wonk!) We talked about how this could never have happened, how dinosaurs were long extinct before even cavepeople existed, but it's just a story. And a fun one at that.

Sam says

Really big eggs always end up being really big dinosaurs... go figure.

The story of Little Grunt, his quest for an egg, his acquisition of a pet-that-is-too-big, and his family's desire for cockroaches.

Cute, quick, and classic.

Leslie says

I've always loved Tomie dePaola, but fall more in love with her work with every new book I discover.

This clever and witty book set carries the subtitle: A prehistoric fairy tale, which will tell you something about the fun you will have in the reading. Little Grunt makes a pet of the dinosaur who hatches from the egg the Grunt Tribe finds, only to have his grow too big to fit in the Grunt's cave. But in the end, Little Grunt's pet will save the Tribe! Enjoy the fun twist at the end.

Angie says

Synopsis: *"A boy brings home a big egg that hatches into a dinosaur."*

My Review: This was a favorite of mine as a kid (I had won it in a summer reading contest). It is great that I get to share it with Munchkin now. A very cute story about a boy and his dinosaur who won't stop growing and gets too big for the families cave. It is not only a great story for little kids but a little reminder to parents not to make any promises you can't keep and to research to be sure the pet you get your kids is one that suits the whole family and living situation (ok animal rescue volunteer lecture done). The illustrations are cute. It is more appropriate for kindergarten aged kids as it is a little long. This is also great for either boys or girls.
