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In this read-along picture book, a classroom full of young dinosaurs plays with toys, does art projects, and reads books. But each activity is another opportunity for the over-enthusiastic Tyrannosaurus Rex to wreak havoc. Parents and young children will love the call-and-response nature of the book, and young dinosaur fans will appreciate the listing (and pronunciation guide) for a dozen different dino species. The format is extra vertical in order to accommodate T. Rex's biggest messes.

Praise for *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks*

"Punchy writing, an equally in-your-face palette, and OHora's characteristically brash painting style make this as much a stompalong as a readaloud."

--*Publishers Weekly*

"Along with the pleasure of pronouncing those multisyllabic dino names, young audiences may find food for thought in the behavioral dynamics on display."

--*Kirkus Reviews*

"Warmly colored with childlike bodies and emotive faces, OHora's dinosaurs are among the cutest you will come across in children's books."

--*Booklist*

"The brief rhyming text, which scans well, tells a story with child appeal. There is a good balance of two-to-three word sentences with large, uncluttered illustrations, making the book a good choice for reading aloud. In their simplicity, the brightly colored pictures have the look of children's art, but they enhance the classroom setting appropriately with interesting details."

--*School Library Journal*

"The shapely dinos, whose rough charcoal-style outlines and strong colors vividly contrast with the white or sometimes black backgrounds, are chunky and friendly in an eight-crayon-box color scheme and snazzy Peanuts-reminiscent outfits."

--*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Together the chanting rhythm, ragged lines, and setting of an un-chaperoned dinosaur class create a satisfyingly high-energy, primal read-aloud strongly reminiscent of Bob Shea's 'Dinosaur vs.' series."

--*The Horn Book Magazine*

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From Reader Review *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!* for online ebook

DeA says

Great book for any child who needs to know about how to play with others. Colorful illustrations with accurate naming of the different dinosaurs in the book. Was a fun one to share with the toddlers in my storytime. Recommend to any child but most especially one obsessed with dinosaurs.

Linda says

Very fun book. I wish I'd written it. Long ago I made up a joke for my kids about dinosaurs: Q: Why don't dinosaurs drive cars? A: Because Tyrannosaurus wrecks! Well the tyrannosaurus in this story has a difficult time creating and playing in his preschool classroom. His kind and friendly classmates give him a chance for success. This is a fun picture book that young dinosaur lovers will especially enjoy.

Laura says

I love the rhythm and rhyme in this short. Tyrannosaurus has a problem -- his careless ways and playful streak means that he makes wreck after wreck. But when his friends call him out for his wrecking ways, he isn't able to solve his problem without some help and support from his dino buddies. The muted colors and charming details make the illustrations as much fun as the text. Recommended for pre-K read aloud, this is a story that invited participation and sympathy from young readers.

Ann Santori says

Adorable (not forced) rhyming, great colorful pictures, and some good opportunities to talk about behavior and 'on purpose' vs. accidental "wrecking."

Primo Flores says

My 2 and a half yr old kid likes it a lot, it is not on current rotation on the "go to bed" booklist but we have this one on the living room where he can have constant access to it. Since I got it, he picks it up and asks me to read it and I reread it 2 or 3 extra times per his request, and I oblige because it takes 5 minutes to go through it, this has been going on for about a week now.

The only reason I don't rate it 5 stars is that when I read it I translate it to spanish, and that wrecks/rex pun gets lost in translation, I have to say "Destruye!" instead of "wrecks!", clearly not the author's fault, but what can I say...

Kristina Jean Lareau says

I love this book.

Tyrannosaurus wrecks! The rhyming lines are perfect, not jarring or near/slant rhymes. The illustrations are bright, dynamic, created with ink and colored digitally giving this book an artsy yet clean look. This would make a great read-aloud, though would definitely take some practice to get those name right. Pair it with Are the Dinosaurs Dead, Dad? for a riotous time.

Lynn says

Perfect for back-to-school for preschoolers or kindergarten. What a great play on words, and introduction to homophones for older students!

Sparse, simple text is to the point and told in rhyme, making it easy for young readers to read it again and again by themselves. They will love saying, “WRECKS!” There is a pattern in the text with a surprise ending. The thick pages will stand up to the many page turns that little hands will want to do.

Bold, simple illustrations, sort of block style, showing a typical classroom. Mostly double-page spreads sometimes show the classroom background, and other times a solid color so the reader’s eye is focused on the conflict. The end papers provide an introduction to each “student” and it’s so helpful that the pronouciations were given - just in case some of us adults might not be on top of our dinosaur names. The “students” are engaged in a variety of activities without adult interference. I love that the “students” recognize the problem and deal with it themselves - great lesson!

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Wow! I guess I was a TW when I was in the 3rd grade! But I didn't know it at the time.

Cheryl says

He's not a bully; he's just enthusiastic, impulsive, and clumsy. But they're all good kids, so they manage to find a way to all work together towards peace, harmony, and success. Funny and adorable.

Venus says

In a classroom full of dinosaurs, everything seems to descend into chaos whenever Tyrannosaurus Rex Wrecks the place.

This is a very simple review. I absolutely love the play on words, the varied and authentic dinosaur names, as well as the colorful illustrations. The formatting, the use of space, and the utter chaos was fun, educational, and something little ones will definitely be able to relate to. After all, who hasn't had a Tyrannosaurus Wrecks kind of day?

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:Donna Marie says

TYRANNOSAURUS WRECKS! Just when you think you've read enough dinosaur books, thinking they should've been extinct by now, along comes another one---and you're glad they're still around!

The clever play on words entertains with each page turn, once again showing author Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen's expertise in the picture book format. Zachariah O'Hara's illustrations depict the action perfectly. This is a really fun read :D

Barbara says

This delightfully humorous picture book features young anthropomorphized dinosaurs attending school. While the other dinosaurs work hard in class, everything the Tyrannosaurus touches ends up becoming a big mess. At first it might seem that he is simply a destructive sort, but as readers move through the pages, they will realize that he's just accident-prone and deserves some compassion. Young readers will surely love the rhyming text, the adorable dinosaurs and the digitally-enhanced illustrations, created with Sumi ink and brush on watercolor paper. Just about anyone would enjoy the play on words with Rex and wrecks as well as the kindness of some of the other young dinosaurs.

Kelsey says

Age: Infant-preschool

Emotions: Messiness, destruction

Great rhyming meter full of dino vocab. While all the other dinosaurs are enjoying craft time or play time, Tyrannosaurs plows in and enjoys wrecking time. But the other dinosaurs get upset and Tyrannosaurus is left lonely and sad. All on his own, he figures out how to fix his destructive manner by repairing his mistakes and tidying up what he destroyed. This book will serve as a great way to discuss that making a mess of other people's hard work is not very nice.

Kristen says

This picture book for the younger crowd would be great to read in the beginning of the school year, or when this kind of scene in the block area becomes frustratingly familiar:

"Stegosaurus stacks. Triceratops erects. Gallimimus builds it up. Tyrannosaurus.../ WRECKS!"

I think reading this book aloud with discussion will be the best use for this book. Tyrannosaurus seems to be having a great time wrecking stuff, but his friends are miserable. When they all tell him to go away, he's heartbroken. Is he a bully or just lacking in self-control? When he tries to make amends and wrecks it all again, his friends pitch in to help he do what he needs to do. If only the final illustration showed

Tyrannosaurus helping to clean up the mess he made instead of just the girl Apatosaurus cleaning up.

N says

A cute story of redemption for a tyrannosaurus who learns that it's better to be nice and friendly than destructive for no reason.
