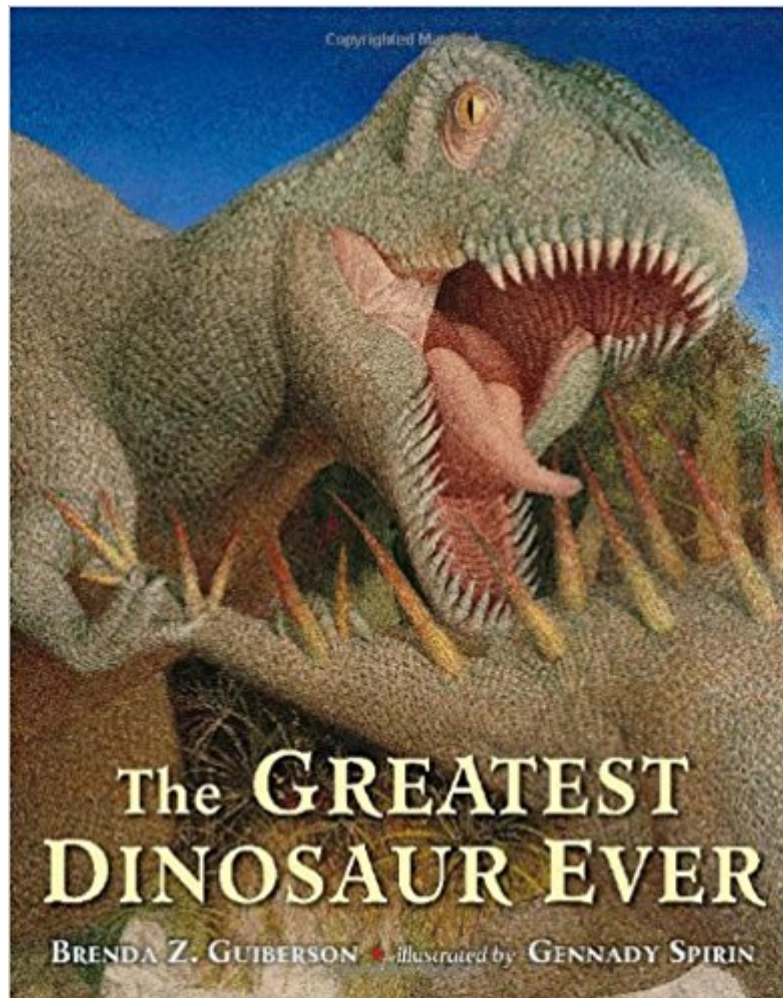




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The Greatest Dinosaur Ever



Synopsis

Which dinosaur was the greatest? Was it the tallest, the biggest, the strongest, the smartest, the weirdest, the fastest, or the smallest? Or was it the oldest bird, the best parent, the one with the best night vision, the best armor, or the longest tail spikes? In this picture book from Brenda Z. Guiberson, fascinating facts and spectacular illustrations will inspire young readers to choose their own favorite dinosaurs!

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Gr 1-4—This book poses the question, “Who was the greatest dinosaur that ever lived?” Each beautifully illustrated page declares “I, ----, was the greatest of them all!” The succinct text describes the superlative characteristic (biggest herbivore, strongest teeth, fastest runner) of the species and offers the gross, interesting, and informative facts that dinosaur-obsessed readers want to know. Each name includes a pronunciation guide (exactly what adult readers want). The text includes a mix of familiar and obscure species including “the first dinosaur to say I was a bird,” the best parent, and the longest spikes. Every full-spread illustration, in oil paint on paper, shows the dinosaur in its richly depicted habitat. Observant children will learn as much from the detailed, painterly images of groups of animals moving together, hunting prey, and adapting to new environments as they will from the text. The dreamy quality of the art keeps these giant predators from being too scary. Whether read aloud or pored over individually,

this book is sure to please anyone who has ever wondered about dinosaurs. Leila Sterman, Chappaqua Library, NY (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

"Which dinosaur was the greatest?" In a few sentences on a richly illustrated double-page spread, 12 dinosaurs take turns explaining why each deserves the title "greatest." The question comes down to what the term really means. Sauroposeidon, for instance, was the tallest, while Spinosaurus was the longest, and Tyrannosaurus rex was the strongest. Oviraptor claims to have been "the best parent," while Ankylosaurus boasts "the best armor," with bony plates, a club on its tail, and even armored eyelids. Grand in scale and distinguished in appearance, the beautifully executed oil paintings offer richly detailed views of prehistoric times in varied locales. Through the creatures' monologues and the brief but informative notes appended, children will learn a few facts about a dozen dinosaurs, and in the end, they are the ones encouraged to choose the greatest of all. From the writer and illustrator of *Life in the Boreal Forest* (2009) and *Frog Song* (2013), here's another handsome book for the science shelves. Grades K-3.

--Carolyn Phelan

Just as described! Thanks so much!

Wonderful book for my five 1/2 year old grandson. He found a lot of enjoyment reading this and will continue to enjoy it as time goes on. Well written.

My son loves this book :)

He carries the book everywhere he goes. His sister fights with him over it -- he has memorized the entire book -- almost.

My almost four year old loves hearing this book read to him. He likes the fact that it's written in a "competitive" voice: "I'm the greatest...." Each page begins in this fashion and is then followed by a few interesting facts about the featured dinosaur. It also includes a pronunciation guide which is really helpful, especially since it includes some of the lesser known dinosaurs. It's not too long or too short. I like the fact that it reads like a storybook so you're not reading endless pages of facts

with no storyline. Older kids would also enjoy reading it independently. Perhaps the only downside is that the pictures are painted and the colors are slightly muted but at least they are very detailed. Very glad we purchased this book. It's the right combination of facts and storyline.

This is a great book for kids who love dinosaurs. My 4yo son loves it and I especially like it because although it is non fiction it reads more like a story and less like a fact book.

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