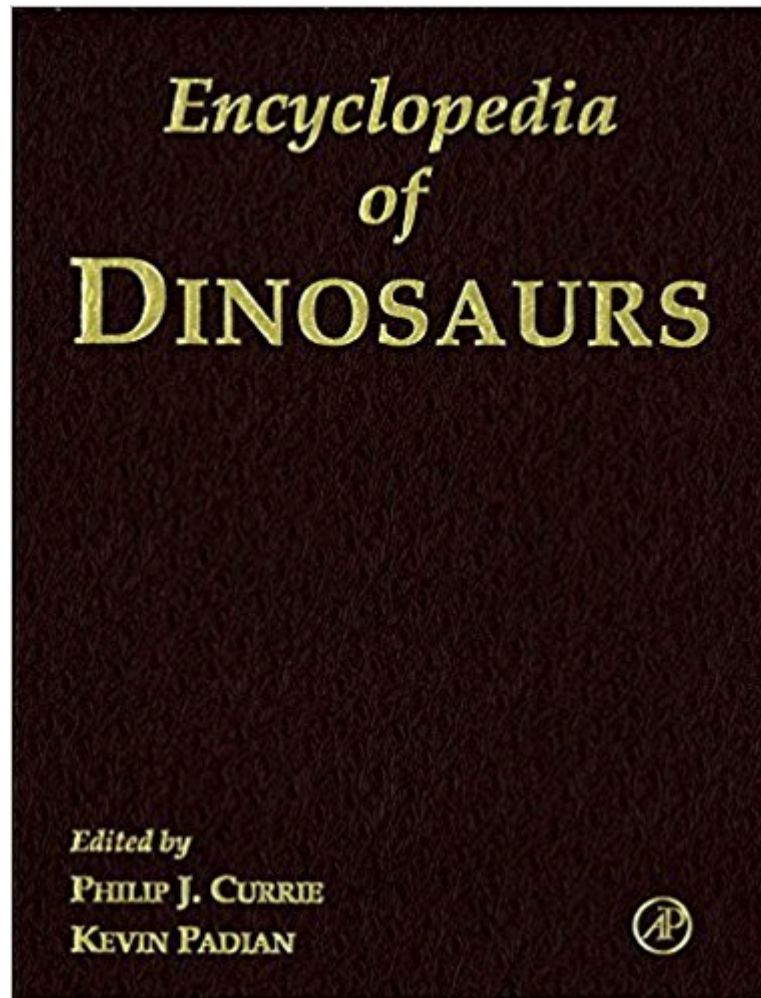




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This book is the most authoritative encyclopedia ever prepared on dinosaurs and dinosaur science. In addition to entries on specific animals such as Tyrannosaurus, Triceratops, and Velociraptor, the Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs covers reproduction, behavior, physiology, and extinction. The book is generously illustrated with many detailed drawings and photographs, and includes color pictures and illustrations that feature interpretations of the best known and most important animals. All alphabetical entries are cross-referenced internally, as well as at the end of each entry. The Encyclopedia includes up-to-date references that encourage the reader to investigate personal interests. The most authoritative encyclopedia ever prepared on dinosaurs Includes many detailed drawings, photographs and illustrations in both color and black-and-white Contains comprehensively cross-referenced alphabetical entries with internal references, as well as references at the conclusion of each entry Provides in-depth references, allowing readers to pursue independent interests Includes sixteen plates and 35 color illustrations

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Grade 8 Up AA Although this is definitely an adult reference book, libraries with young dinosaur aficionados should prick up their ears. Topics are arranged alphabetically, with generous cross-referencing. The articles are written by experts; for instance, John Horner has penned an article that discusses his discoveries about dinosaur parental care. Besides chapters on individual dinosaurs, this book covers some intriguing territory, including topics such as "Diet," "Color," "Problems with the Fossil Record," and "Size and Scaling" (which explains how extinct dinosaurs

are weighed). There are also articles about specific digs and sites. Most of the articles cite references. Small black-and-white illustrations and a few color plates expand on the text. What most recommends this densely written volume is that it brings readers straight to the facts, fresh from the scientists' mouths, instead of filtering the information through an intermediary writer. ACathryn A. Camper, Minneapolis Public LibraryCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Here are two new encyclopedias for the more serious dinosaur enthusiast. Intended as a companion to the classic taxonomic reference, *The Dinosauria* (LJ 3/15/91), *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs* emphasizes discoveries published in the scientific literature since 1990. In this context, the paucity of maps and illustrations seems a less serious omission. Written by well-known paleontologists and organized alphabetically by subject, the signed articles cover kinds of dinosaurs, biology, geology, research, and museums where dinosaurs are on display, including a worldwide list of museums and sites. There is some overlap with *The Dinosauria* in dinosaur descriptions, but this encyclopedia offers authoritative articles on many topics not covered in that work, such as "color," "intelligence," and "ornamentation." While the language may sometimes be too technical for the general reader, *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs* provides a nice link between popular and scientific dinosaur studies. The author of *The Complete Dinosaur Dictionary* (Carol Pub., 1995), which was aimed at young adults, Glut now offers a far more detailed and technical work oriented toward dinosaur material in museum collections. Following 74 pages of background information, the encyclopedia is devoted to an alphabetical list of dinosaur genera. Each entry tells the date of discovery, name derivation, occurrence, age, and diagnosis; gives a list of key print references; and refers to important museum specimens that have furthered the study of dinosaur paleontology. The black-and-white illustrations are mainly photos of museum specimens and reconstructions, with a deliberate avoidance of fanciful interpretation. The emphasis on museum collections makes this a unique work. Both titles are recommended for academic and larger public libraries. Amy Brunvand, Univ. of Utah Lib., Salt Lake CityCopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Though this book may be old and a bit dated compared to what we know now about dinosaurs, it's well worth having, because it reveals far more than just dinosaurs. It also shows a great many aspects into dinosaur paleontology itself and how it works.

This is an extremely technically oriented publication that is about as fun to read as having a tooth

pulled...I was so glad when it was finished

This is always going to be added to. That being said, this is the book everyone serious about the subject should have.

This book is filled with information (some out of date due to the 1997 publishing though). It is great for anyone interested in detailed information on dinosaurs. Students, fossil collectors, or anyone looking for deep educational information will love this book. To make this clear it is not a book that most children (unless they are a little older) would enjoy, this book is a resource only with a few photos.

As a novice to this stuff, I found the Latin names a little confusing for all of the types of dinosaurs there were. I did read on, without being able to pronounce most of them confidently, and found the descriptions to be useful of each kind of them and the pictures of the few of them were decent, not great, but decent.

Having a degree in biology I appreciate the content of this book more so than the average individual. It has the appeal to all levels of interest and is written on a level that almost anyone can appreciate.

this is the definitive book on dinosaurs- more of a reference than a through and through read, has everything you need to know from the experts

I am sure I will be spending many fascinating hours perusing this beautiful volume. I'm really looking forward to learning more about these powerful creatures!

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