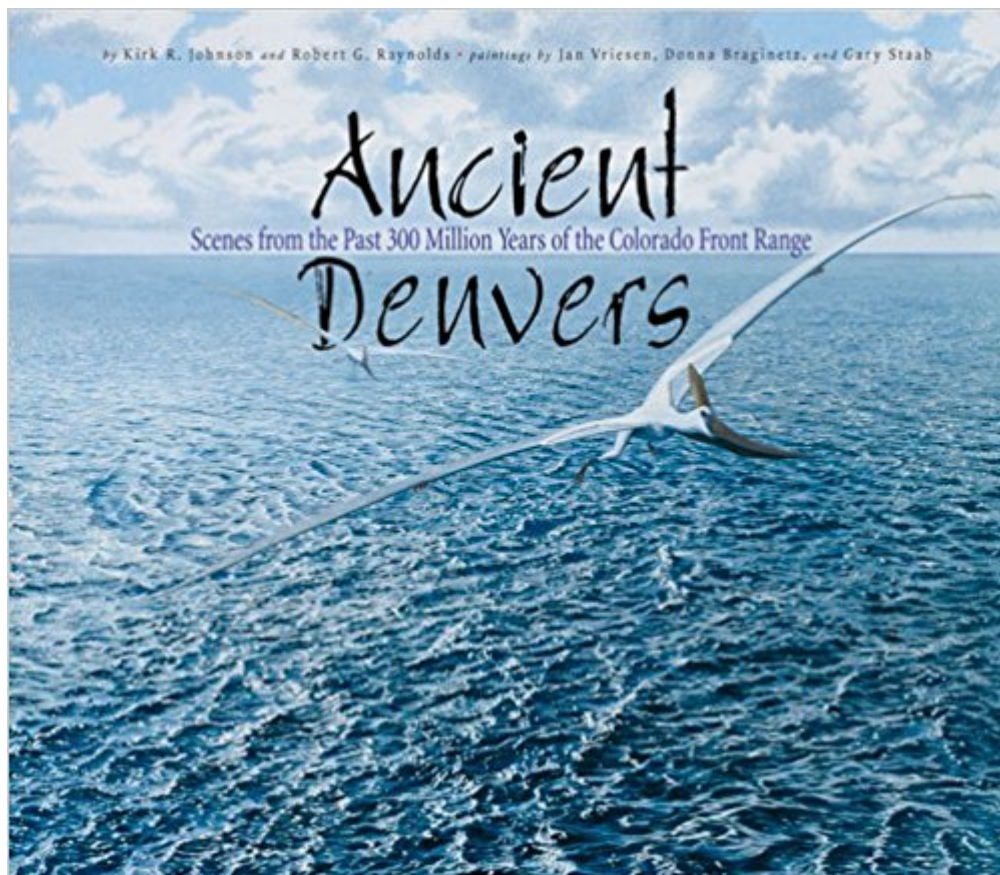




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Ancient Denvers: Scenes From The Past 300 Million Years Of The Colorado Front Range



Synopsis

A look at how the geology, environment, and landscape of what is now Denver has changed over the millennia.

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Customer Reviews

Rated a "Must Read" and called a "sweeping survey of prehistoric Colorado flora and fauna uncovered by 1999 dig." -- Book Register, March 1, 2006

Kirk R. Johnson is the Senior Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. He received his PhD in geology and paleobotany from Yale University in 1989, and did postdoctoral research in the rainforests of northern Australia before joining the Denver Museum of Natural History in 1991, where he directed the installation of the museum's Prehistoric Journey exhibit. His research focuses on fossil plants, the environmental effects of the dinosaur-smiting asteroid, and the birth and death of biomes. Johnson lives in Washington, D. C.

This book highlights some of the geologic history of the Denver area and beyond. It is based on museum displays and is not meant to be a detailed narrative. It serves its purpose! As a geologist and instructor, I was quite happy with this brief overview and illustrations. Kirk Johnson is a knowledgeable and talented author and educator who knows how to make complex science understandable for anyone.

We are Colorado-ans, but not geologists. "Ancient Denvers" is a wonderful starting point towards understanding the story of front range geologic history. It provides a beginner's level overview that can be used as a jumping off point towards learning more. In addition to explaining the different ages in perspective to the front range, it also tells you places where you can see each age exposed geologically. We plan to visit these places and learn more. As avid hikers in the region we often see places of varied geology and wonder what the history is -- we are just beginning our journey of learning.

I first saw this book in a rock/stone shop I was visiting. Love the book then and still love it. I relocated here about a year ago and this book gives me a great look at my surroundings.

This book is excellent. It presents geology of the formation of sedimentary layers in the Colorado Front Range through text and illustrations. It literally brings the layers to life.

I read this interesting book as soon as I got it. I used to live in the Denver area so it meant a lot to me to see what happened so many years ago. I'm passing it on to my family to read. Thank you for having the book. I saw the program on the Velocity channel so I was able to find it on E-bay. helen

Beautifully illustrated and written book for anyone looking for an easy to understand assessment of the changes in the landscapes and animal life of Denver's Front Range over a three hundred million year span. Suitable for all ages.

This is a great review of the Denver area for anyone who has an interest in ancient history and geology.

It is obvious that a great deal of research has gone into this publication... likely more than we know. The study of the fossils that have been excavated in the Denver area have obviously given the Paleontologists a better understanding of what life was like in Colorado, the past 300 million years. A larger version of the pictures in this book, are on display at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. I have been there many times. Although this book is a short read... you'll love it. Becky

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