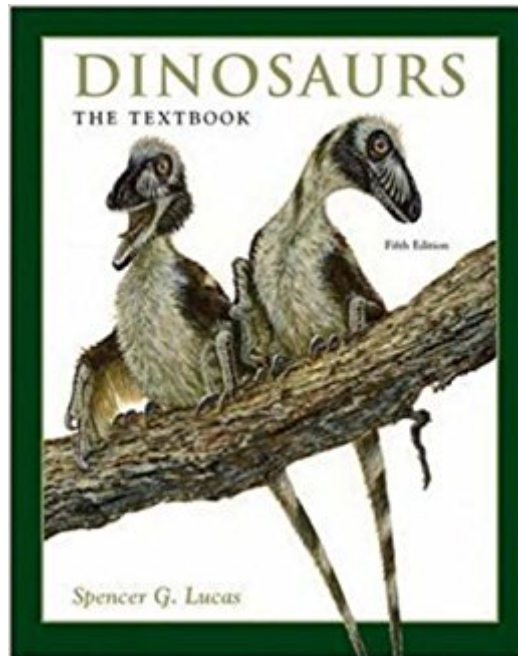


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Synopsis

Dinosaurs: The Textbook is a monument to our present understanding of these wonderful creatures. It is a book that takes the student on a journey through nearly every aspect of dinosaur biology, geology, and the history of their discovery. The book presents facts together with current ideas, notions, and controversies. Dr. Lucas presents dinosaurs as successful, living creatures that were merely different in appearance from animals living today. Dr. Lucas has written a comprehensive book that is easily read and understood by students with little scientific background--a book that teaches students not only how to use scientific methods, but how to synthesize data to create their own ideas. In contrast with many dinosaur books from the past, Dr. Lucas, although indicating his own views, allows students the opportunity to think for themselves.

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Customer Reviews

I have used two editions of this book as one of the texts for a general vertebrate paleontology course. The class, organismic biology majors, with some secondary science, PE., elementary education and geography majors, liked the clear writing, statement of objectives, and reviews of each chapter. Diagrams were also clear. It perhaps needs more background on plate tectonics, stratigraphy/sedimentation and extinction/bird origins.

This book is a basic introduction to the study of dinosaurs. It briefly covers the history of paleontology in general and of dinosaur paleontology specifically. The reader will learn what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur, and why other reptiles aren't. It covers the major divisions of dinosaurs with

brief descriptions of all of the large subgroups. If you're looking for a book that will get you beyond general audience level without requiring years of other studies to understand, this will be a good choice.

This author is fabulous! Oh, I wish I could shake his hand. This lovely gentleman wrote very clear text that is easy to understand. He gets to the point and offers extra information in green boxes. These boxes contain very interesting information and I was glad to read them. He provides plenty of anatomical depictions of dinosaurs so that readers can identify them clearly. The author didn't seem to show bias either. He justly pointed out whenever science failed to provide concrete answers or evidence to dinosaur behavior or physiology. I appreciate the fact that he explained disagreements between paleontologists and offered several angles to anything that was debated or otherwise uncertain.

Admittedly, I don't know much about dinosaurs outside of the movie Jurassic Park. That said, this book is put together well, and this edition is pretty much the same as the current edition according to my instructor. (read, ask your teacher if you can save yourselves a few bucks by buying this edition.)

Basically Dinos for dummies. Very easy to read with lots of information to get a better-than-average education on dinosaurs and a number of paleontology terms/concepts. The artwork and diagrams are also excellent. This is a textbook that is actually interesting and fun to read.

I teach a course about Dinosaur biology at a local community college and this textbook is exactly what we need for this type of course. This text allows me to teach science to students who think that science is boring or too hard. Although I have added a lot of scientific thinking on top of this text, the book itself does introduce students to thinking like a scientist by presenting both sides of an argument - for example what caused Dinosaurs to go extinct. The text allows me to teach both sides, all the facts behind each, and to allow the students to draw their own conclusions.

Its a very good book about Dinosaurs. It is not too technical it actually an enjoyable read. I believe it's because the author has a passion for dinosaurs.

It's a wonderful textbook that's entertaining and fun to read. You really can't say that about many

books...Maybe it's just because I like dinosaurs though.

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