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The ideal textbook for non-science majors, this lively and engaging introduction encourages students to ask questions, assess data critically and think like a scientist. Building on the success of the previous editions, Dinosaurs has been reorganised and extensively rewritten in response to instructor and student feedback. It continues to make science accessible and relevant through its clear explanations and extensive illustrations. Updated to reflect recent fossil discoveries and to include new taxa, the text guides students through the dinosaur groups, emphasising scientific concepts rather than presenting endless facts. It is grounded in the common language of modern evolutionary biology - phylogenetic systematics - so that students examine dinosaurs as professional paleontologists do. The key emerging theme of feathered dinosaurs, and the many implications of feathers, have been integrated throughout the book, highlighted by the inclusion of stunning new photographs in this beautifully illustrated text, now in full colour throughout.

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Hilary says

This was the most readable textbook I've ever had. It was intermittently hilarious and highly informative. It made learning enjoyable, and I loved my dinosaur class all the more for it! The graphics are very detailed and the verbiage isn't too dense. I highly recommend this to any aspiring paleontologists, professional or otherwise. However, this is at least a middle school reading level, a time after which most childhood dinosaur obsessions have passed. But I definitely enjoyed it as a 23-year-old!!

Katharine Holden says

Textbook. Choppy bits of information, with lots of filler. Illustrations disappointing.

Allen says

More of a textbook than anything else. A very good intro to science and paleontology.

Erik says

An excellent introductory book on dinosaurs, their environments, evolution and relationship to modern fauna. The only missing information is some graphical explanation on detailed cladograms features to help comprehend anatomical characteristics, which by no means is a demerit to this highly recommended book.

Daniel says

Fabulous book. Easy to read, broad, well illustrated, exciting intros to a lot of aspects and decent bibliographies. Shame on CUP for printing the third edition with so many typos though.

L.J. says

Excellent resource for paleo-enthusiasts. I found myself lost in some of the cladogram descriptions as I could not clearly see the relationship of certain groups of dinosaurs but overall the book is well written, extremely well illustrated and I have learned so much about behavior, environmental influences and general dinosaur (avian/reptilian) evolution and would recommend to anyone interested in this subject.
