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Sally and Joe discover a mysterious set of footprints leading out into their garden and beyond -- and they are convinced the footprints were left by a dinosaur. Could they possibly be right? Join them in a clue-finding adventure and discover why you should never, ever follow a dinosaur!

A joy to read-aloud, filled with funny ideas and a clever, cautionary twist!

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Jodi says

I (actually my roommate Jodi) picked this up for me at ALA2016. It is an unbound galley and I finally read it today. I thought it was really cute. When two siblings find what they believe are dinosaur tracks, they start following clues but periodically the footsteps change and each time they do, the siblings make up a plausible- to them - reason. When the tracks disappear, their parents tell them that they shouldn't be following hungry dinosaurs anyway. But the kids are more ingenious than that and set a trap. It is a cute ending and adorable illustrations. Dinosaur fans of all genders and ages (though it is designed for the pre-k - 2 set) will get a good smile.

Dierdre says

Siblings Sally and Joe are positive that the mysterious footprints they find belong to a dinosaur. An imaginative, quirky, cumulative story follows the siblings as they try to catch the mysterious creature, even after warnings from their mother about hungry dinosaurs. The trap they make to catch the creature was very inventive. Cute book for quirky dinosaur fans.

Debbie Tanner says

This one would be great for drawing conclusions or inferring.

Rachel Crowe says

This book is about two children, Sally and Joe. They find a set of foot prints one day that were going through their house. So just like every kid they went into deceptive skills to see what they could find. They started to think that it could be a dinosaur! They pictured a lot of images in their head and pictures the dinosaur dancing and cooking and swimming! The kids had lots of laughs that day. This book would be a good book to show the children because imagination is a great piece of the mind and it always helps shape their mind.

Crystal says

Silly

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

Review: NEVER FOLLOW A DINOSAUR

Join an imaginative sister and brother who combine imagination and logic to track a dinosaur, using footprints, discerning size, shape, weight and pressure. This cooperative pair of siblings design and construct a "dinosaur trap." This is an illustrated story which will appeal to young readers and to the younger "read to me" set.

Hilary says

I love the children's deductions, and the mental picture of the dinosaur the build. And what a clever ending!

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Tracy says

Really cute. May work for storytime if I clip some pages to make it shorter.

Debbie Smith says

One afternoon, Joe and his sister Sally spot a strange set of footprints. After close examination, Joe is sure they are tracks from a small dinosaur. So what do children with imaginations do? Follow the tracks, of course. The footprints lead to their pet's bowl: an empty bowl. So it must be a very hungry dinosaur the two conclude. They continue to follow the footprints into the yard and notice how deep the prints are. So it must be a heavy dinosaur. As they continue to follow prints they end up concluding that the tiny prints must be from a hungry, heavy, swimming, dancing dinosaur with a headache and a sore foot and wings!" Will they ever find the animal that made the prints?

Cons: The story is cute but the ending was a bit of a letdown.

Pros: A fun, silly story about children's imagination.

Erin says

Boo! I wrote a review and it went chasing that dinosaur because it's not here anymore. Both my son and I loved this mystery of Jurassic proportions. I was convince it was really a duck but, apparently, I shouldn't quit my day job for a life of super sleuthing. The artwork and the storyline were everything I was hoping for when I found this gem at the library. I think both boys and girls would love this.

Alexis Zappitelli says

This story is a cute read, involving characters, Sally, and Joe. Sally and Joe discover mysterious footprints all throughout their house that they think might be from a dinosaur. They go on journey to follow them to figure

out what they really are from, even though their parents do not recommend them doing so. Joe and Sally make a trap to discover why the cat food keeps disappearing. This story is filled with humor that makes it very enjoyable to read.

Sandra says

Joe and Sally found some strange footprints in the kitchen floor, and all the evidence points to a hungry, heavy, dancing and swimming dinosaur. They have worked very hard building a perfect dinosaur trap. Will it work?

Lovely story with lovely characters. They know the footprints were made by a dinosaur despite their father saying dinosaurs are extinct, and they are confident of being capable of catching it if they succeed in making the perfect trap. So when the unthinkable happens none of them are surprised. They knew it all along, didn't they? Wonderful illustrations and refreshing text make a funny story about curiosity, perseverance and imagination.

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Marjolein says

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I'm unable to resist a book about dinosaurs, at the same time, I also believe that the love for dinosaurs can not be taught too early. So, this picture book about two siblings looking for dinosaurs after they find mysterious tracks is right up my alley.

It was a quick and cute read. There is some real mystery going on and the drawings are nice. I'm positive I would have really liked it as a child.

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gina says

A cute book! Woods seemed very interested in the small details of the lovely drawings. He lost interest before the book was over and asked for a different book. I'm not holding it against the book though. If he actually disliked it he wouldn't have let me get more than a page or two in. I wish we owned it in print because I think it would go over better with him. I'm also really unsure (because we got an e-book version) if this is a picture book, or an early reader book. We read it on my kindle app and it formatted incorrectly, making a few weird incomplete or run on sentences, and pictures matching up oddly. It added to a bad reading on my part because I was like "uh, what?" mid story, so I think if I had a correct version in print he'd enjoy it more. I'd still recommend checking it out from your local library if they have it. Very cute.

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Carla Johnson-Hicks says

My grandson loves dinosaurs and we had fun reading this book together. He enjoyed looking at the pictures and guessing what the next description would be. The story follows a building sequence that would be excellent for vocabulary development as well as teaching about descriptive words and encouraging students to add adjectives and adverbs to their writing. The other thing that this book shows is how to draw conclusions and make inferences, something we are always trying to teach children. The story is done in a fun way so that children do not even realize they are learning something. The illustrations are cute, especially how they add to dinosaur after each new description is explained. The footprints run along the bottom of the page and point in the direction one would read text so the reader is invited to turn each page to see what will happen next. My grandson giggled as he saw what the dinosaur looked like on each successive page until the ending which even surprised me. A good mentor text for classrooms and a fun read for young children.

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