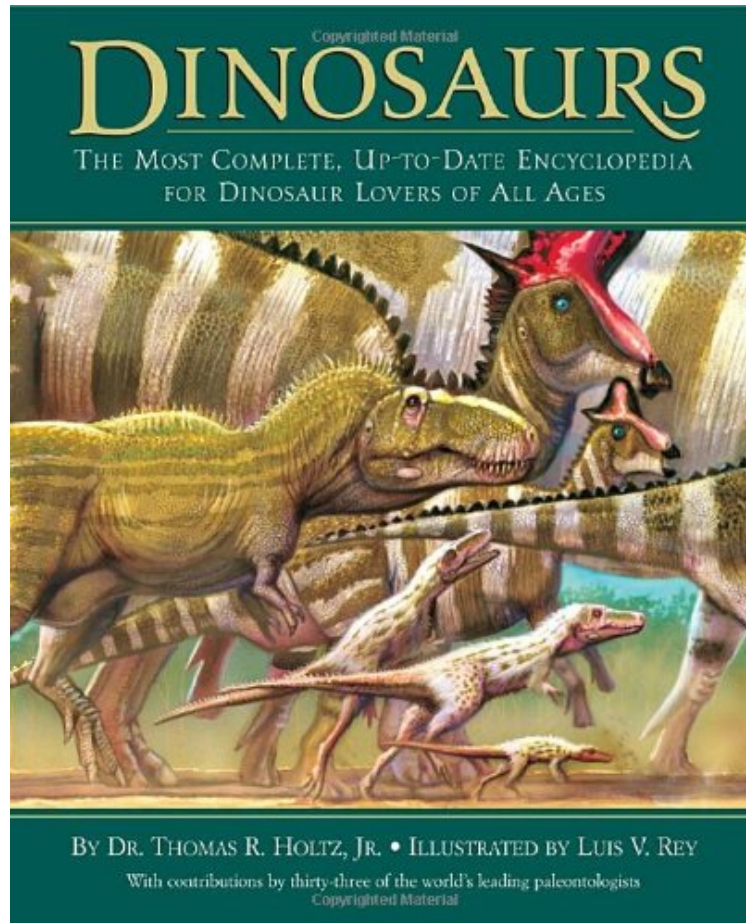


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From Booklist Authored by one of the world's leading paleontologists, this volume delivers a plethora of facts and discoveries about dinosaurs. Despite the fact that it is called an encyclopedia, the volume is arranged in 42 chapters, beginning with a short history of the discovery of dinosaurs. Other chapters cover topics such as fossils and fossilization, geologic time, where to find fossils, and how museum preparators achieve reconstruction with the limited specimens recovered. Explorations of taxonomy, evolution, cladistics, and dinosaur origins precede a thorough examination of each group: Ceratosaurs, Spinosaurs, Carnosaurs, etc., 24 varies in all. Examinations of dinosaur eggs and babies; behavior; life during the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous eras; and dinosaur extinction complete this book. Scattered throughout the book are 33 sidebar articles by leading paleontologists. Illustrations include photographs, graphs, and charts, as well as color artwork, on every page. An appendix (Dinosaur Genus List) and a glossary of terms conclude the work. Passionate dinosaur lovers will want to read this new title cover to cover, but students doing homework assignments may be overwhelmed. With their encyclopedic arrangement, titles such as *Age of the Dinosaurs* (Grolier, 2000), *Dinosaurus: The Complete Guide to Dinosaurs* (Firefly, 2003), and *Scholastic Dinosaurs AZ: The Ultimate Dinosaur Encyclopedia* (2003) are more accessible as reference tools. Recommended for collections where another resource on dinosaurs is needed, and if you already have dinosaur titles in your reference collection, this is one to circulate. Grades 7-12. -- Cheryl Ward (Starred) ...this eye-catching imagination grabber will be enjoyed (on different levels) by dinosaur lovers of all ages. -- School Library Journal, December 2007...[a] rich and informative treatment of everything related to dinosaurs...even the higher-level concepts are presented remarkably clearly. -- Horn Book Magazine, January/February 2008...a very good bet for favorite 2007 dinosaur book in our PT PIX...truly sets a standard for reference material. -- Prehistoric Times, Issue 83, Fall 2007...beautifully written and illustrated...this NSTA/CBC Outstanding Science Trade Book will be valuable in the middle through secondary classrooms... -- NSTA...encyclopaedic in scope and exceeds all expectations. A superior book the young dinosaur lover in your life will cherish. -- January magazine.com...the most dynamic title on the subject that I have seen for this age group [older kids] in awhile. -- Bookslut.com, December 2007...would work beautifully as a gift for a paleontology-minded preteen...or any adults.... -- Wordcandy.net Dinosaur fans seeking exhaustive information...need look no farther than Holtz's scientifically oriented but accessible account...an outstanding resource. -- Publishers Weekly, November 5, 2007 I am holding a treasure.... This is a book that should have pride of place on any bookshelf. -- Roger Smith, Publisher, Dinosaurnews.org This is the most comprehensive, up-to-date dinosaur book for enthusiasts of all ages, professional or non-professional in experience. -- Dino Russ's Lair Anyone with even a passing interest in dinosaurs

should not miss this journey into their diverse and strange world. Holtz and his colleagues fill the book with fascinating details ranging from discoveries of new species (e.g., a sauropod, *Amphicoelias*, with a mass of 18 elephants) to old favorites (e.g., *Tyrannosaurus rex*, which may have lived and hunted in packs). They cover major and minor groups, predator-prey relations, social interactions within species, habitats and habits, and evolutionary trends. With its conversational tone and Rey's engaging illustrations, the book should appeal to young adults and a general audience alike. --Science, December 5, 2008

There are certainly a lot of dinosaur books out there, enough to build a library entirely devoted to them, but which ones are the best for people who want to know more than that *Apatosaurus* was really big? The field changes so quickly that no one book can cover everything, but there are a few reference titles in my own library that I use more than others....

DINOSAURS: THE MOST COMPLETE, UP-TO-DATE ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR DINOSAUR LOVERS OF ALL AGES may look like a book designed for children, but (as the title says) this is presently the most complete and up-to-date book on dinosaurs you can get your hands on. All the major groups of dinosaurs are covered, reconstructed in eye-popping colors by Luis Rey, and it is a good resource to quickly become familiar with dinosaur diversity. The author of the book, paleontologist Thomas Holtz, has also been updating the list of known dinosaur genera on an online appendix, which is one of the most useful resources available to those wanting to keep up with new discoveries.