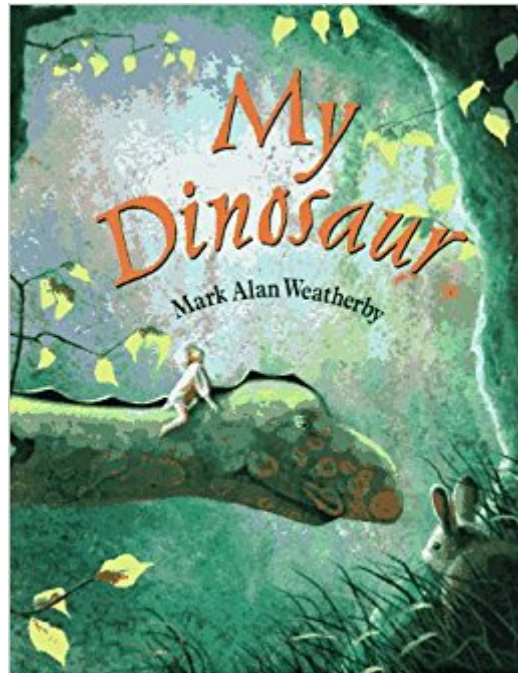




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My Dinosaur



Synopsis

Finding her dinosaur hidden among the trees on a moonlit night, a little girl accompanies her enormous friend through the woods on a magical nighttime journey. By the author of *The Last Dinosaur* and *Dinosaur for a Day*.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Bathed in moonlight and magic, Weatherby's first solo effort (he illustrated Jim Murphy's *Dinosaur for a Day* and *The Last Dinosaur*) effectively blends fantasy and realism in an original tale of a girl's nocturnal adventures with her unusual playmate. The story generates an instant appeal with its unlikely pairing of a diminutive, pink-nightgown-clad towhead and a benign creature so enormous it only appears once in its entirety (readers mostly glimpse just the tip of a tail, an eye, a head and neck, and so on). Weatherby amplifies the allure with his fetching cast of extras: fantastical fish, sleepy-eyed owls, a family of plump little raccoons who watch the activity from a nearby branch. Impressionistic acrylics overlayed with metallic paints yield interesting visual textures, both velvety in their softness and marble-like in their surface patterns. The setting—a mist-dappled forest—further enhances the bewitched mood, and when the girl comes down to breakfast the following morning with leaves in her hair, readers will want to believe that something extraordinary truly has transpired in this enchanted evening escapade. Ages 3-7. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 2. A murky, moonlit forest is explored by a small girl riding atop a huge dinosaur in this nighttime odyssey sure to attract a wide audience of young dreamers. The mottled green dinosaur dominates the double-page views as the two friends play hide-and-seek, greet forest animals, drink at the river, swim, stretch high above the treetops, and finally return home at daybreak. Weatherby's paintings in acrylics and suffused metallics are dreamy and evocative. Opening and closing portraits of the child narrator have a rosy realism that begins to blur as she swings fearlessly from the dinosaur's neck and tail. The forest animals are realistic; the figure of the dinosaur is softer, but just as striking as the statuesque creatures the illustrator provided for Jim Murphy's *The Last Dinosaur* (1988) and *Dinosaur for a Day* (1992, both Scholastic). His spare, somewhat wooden text sketches the night's events, ending with a nice tongue-in-cheek exchange in the new day: "At breakfast, I yawn. 'How did you get leaves in your hair?' my mother asks me. 'I played with my dinosaur last night,' I tell her. 'That's nice,' she says." This romanticized fantasy is a satisfying encounter with the ever popular prehistoric giant. Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston
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This book has been a family favorite for ages. The pictures are magical and the story gentle and flowing. It follows the night-time adventures of a little girl and her beloved dinosaur, as they romp through the forest and play with the creatures. The perfect bedtime story, all of my kiddos LOVE wondering if they'll wake up with leaves in their hair too :) Heartwarming and perfect, I highly HIGHLY recommend this one.

In general, dinosaur books favor boys so it was delightful to find one where a little girl and a dinosaur become nightly friends. My own daughters loved this book so I decided to give it to a neighbor friend for her baby shower, especially since we're in the same book club.

from the first time i read this enchanting book to my 2yr old son, we both loved it. he talked about it all the time and we read it at nap time and bedtime every day for two weeks (library book), then we had to get it again and he still loved it just as much. it is simple enough to let both our imaginations play. it made me think of when i was a little girl imagining i had large animal friends and i loved to think that my son was having that same kind of feeling as we read. there is nothing negative in the story or scary or confusing. it is a great story of adventure, just the kind of adventure kids already love to pretend. i went ahead and bought it because i look forward to my new baby girl loving it just as much as my son does.

I love this book!! I used to read it to a little girl I babysat for. We would read it everyday before nap time! I had to have it for my kids, too!!! Was very happy with the condition the book was in as well!!

This is the fourth copy of this I've purchased. Great illustrations and good story of a small girl's fantasy friend. It's been a favorite goodnight story for my kids and my grandkids. Great gift and well loved.

My daughter goes to the library every tuesday and checks out several books for us to read during the week. There are a couple that she has insisted that we read over and over again and this was one of them. I bought this book for her for Christmas so she could have it whenever she wanted to read it. She and I both enjoy reading this book at bedtime!

This is such a cute book! It's about a little girl and her nighttime play with her dinosaur. We picked this book up at the local library for my 5 year old. The first time I read it, her eyes lit up and I could tell that she was imagining she was the little girl in the book with her dinosaur. I came to find this book so I can get a copy for her to keep. She loves this book and is slowly working her way to reading this book for herself.

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