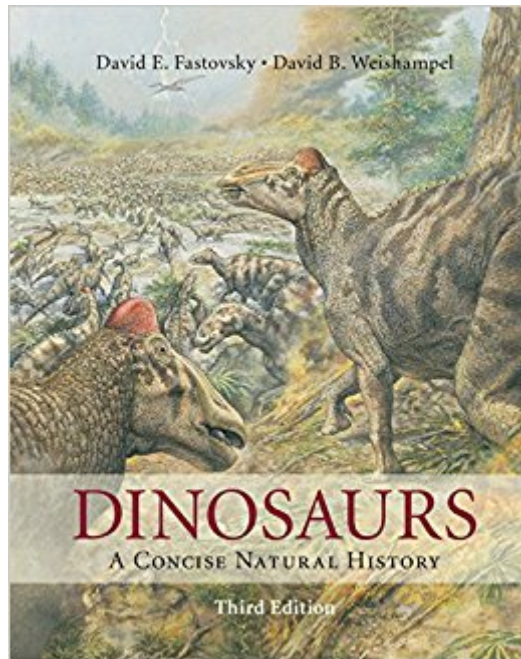


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# Dinosaurs: A Concise Natural History



## Synopsis

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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Dinosaurs continues to make science exciting and understandable to non-science majors through its emphasis on scientific concepts rather than endless facts. Fully updated and now integrating the theme of feathered dinosaurs, this beautifully illustrated, lively and engaging text will encourage students to ask questions and think like a scientist.

This book provides excellent scientific information easily understandable to those just trying to understand dinosaurs and serious students. Highly recommended.

An excellent text that covers the current state of dinosaur science. Excellent as an introduction to science in general, and dinosaurs/ prehistoric life in particular. Not perhaps for the geology/paleontology undergrad, but definitely not a pop-up book!

Perfect condition, fun book, almost considered just buying it so I could read the chapters we didn't

get to in class on my own time. But alas I'm returning it because buying it is way too expensive. Do yourself a favor and rent this book!

item was as described and arrived on time

I didn't realize that apparently doesn't believe in page numbers until after I bought this. Not having page numbers makes this useless for class. I have to spend a ton of time looking for what I think is the appropriate location for my assigned reading. If the professor wants us to go to a certain page in class, I'm screwed. I can't even see a place to change the font size. If you need this for class, I'm sorry but you might be forced to spend 30 bucks more, just to have a usable text for class.

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