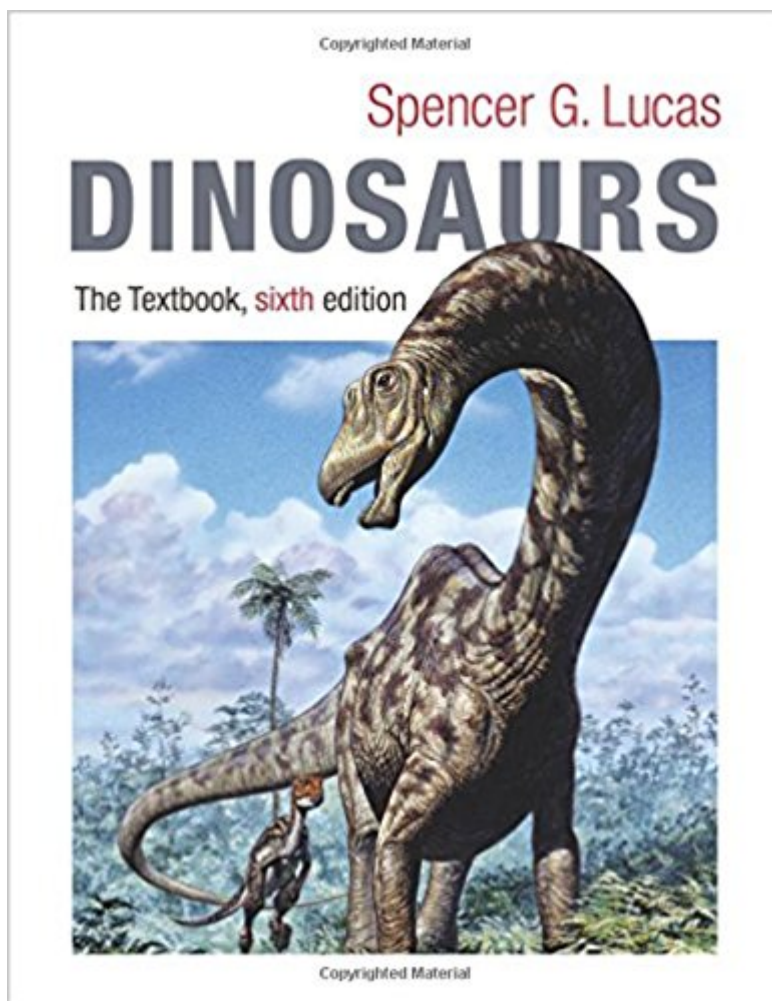


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Dinosaurs: The Textbook



Synopsis

Geared towards a broad variety of students, *Dinosaurs: The Textbook*, sixth edition, is a concise and lucid presentation of the biological and geological concepts of dinosaur science. It clarifies the evolution, phylogeny, and classification of the various species while modeling the best approach for navigating new and existing research. Revised to reflect recent fossil discoveries and the current consensus on dinosaur science, this text moves through the major taxonomic groups—including theropods, sauropodomorphs, ornithomorphs, ceratopsians, pachycephalosaurs, stegosaurs, and ankylosaurs—and concludes with updated chapters on the behavior and extinction of the dinosaurs, their biological relationship to birds, and their representation (or misrepresentation) in art, literature, film, and other forms of popular culture. The sixth edition represents a major revision of the leading text for an introductory course on dinosaurs, including comprehensive updates based on the latest scientific discoveries, research, and literature. With an extensive art program revised by leading paleoartists that features cutting-edge illustrations, it is a complete reader-friendly pedagogical package with extensive end-of-chapter summary tools, review questions, a detailed glossary, a dinosaur dictionary, and a comprehensive index. Please visit our supplemental materials page (<https://cup.columbia.edu/extras/supplement/dinosaurs-the-textbook-sixth-edition>) to find study and teaching aides for both students and teachers using *Dinosaurs: The Textbook*, sixth edition in class.

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I don't think that you can produce a better book than what Spencer Lucas has written. It has been well proved over many years, and this thoroughly updated edition meets the demands of the rapidly evolving science. (Sherwood W. Wise Jr., professor of geological sciences, Florida State University) This book is the best available introduction to dinosaurs for college students, as earlier editions have been. (John Cisne, professor of earth and atmospheric sciences, Cornell University) Dinosaurs is a concise, well-written, and profusely illustrated introduction to this ever-fascinating subject. It is ideally suited for college-level courses. (Hans-Dieter Sues, senior scientist and curator of vertebrate paleontology, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, coauthor of *Triassic Life on Land: The Great Transition*)

The perfect textbook for nonscience majors, this volume clarifies the evolution, phylogeny, and classification of the various species while modeling the best approach for navigating new and existing research. Revised to reflect recent fossil discoveries and the current consensus on dinosaur science, the text is structured around major taxonomic groups and concludes with updated chapters on the behavior and extinction of the species, their biological relationship to birds, and their representation (or misrepresentation) in popular culture.

Its a very good book about Dinosaurs. It is not too technical it actually an enjoyable read. I believe it's because the author has a passion for dinosaurs.

This book is a basic introduction to the study of dinosaurs. It briefly covers the history of paleontology in general and of dinosaur paleontology specifically. The reader will learn what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur, and why other reptiles aren't. It covers the major divisions of dinosaurs with brief descriptions of all of the large subgroups. If you're looking for a book that will get you beyond general audience level without requiring years of other studies to understand, this will be a good choice.

This author is fabulous! Oh, I wish I could shake his hand. This lovely gentleman wrote very clear text that is easy to understand. He gets to the point and offers extra information in green boxes. These boxes contain very interesting information and I was glad to read them. He provides plenty of anatomical depictions of dinosaurs so that readers can identify them clearly. The author didn't seem to show bias either. He justly pointed out whenever science failed to provide concrete answers or evidence to dinosaur behavior or physiology. I appreciate the fact that he explained disagreements

between paleontologists and offered several angles to anything that was debated or otherwise uncertain.

perfect

Admittedly, I don't know much about dinosaurs outside of the movie Jurassic Park. That said, this book is put together well, and this edition is pretty much the same as the current edition according to my instructor. (read, ask your teacher if you can save yourselves a few bucks by buying this edition.)

Basically Dinos for dummies. Very easy to read with lots of information to get a better-than-average education on dinosaurs and a number of paleontology terms/concepts. The artwork and diagrams are also excellent. This is a textbook that is actually interesting and fun to read.

AAA+++

Husband used this for his class, he said it was an okay textbook.

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