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# National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book Of Dinosaurs (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)



## Synopsis

The third title in National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book series, this book is for kids 4- to 8-years-old who LOVE dinos! The prehistoric world comes alive with dinosaurs small, big, giant, and gigantic, with stunning illustrations by Franco Tempesta—who illustrated National Geographic Kids The Ultimate Dinopedia. Bursting with fun facts and age appropriate information, each spread features a different dinosaur, along with simple text in big type that is perfect for little kids. Young dino fans will love the interactivity included in every chapter, and parents will appreciate tips to help carry readers' experience beyond the page.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Catherine D. Hughes is the author of several books in the National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book series, including Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs, Little Kids First Big Book of Space, and Little Kids First Big Book of the Ocean. She also has a degree in early childhood development. Franco Tempesta is an illustrator who specializes in the depiction of dinosaurs and other primitive mammals. A member of the Italian Illustrators Association, he has worked with National Geographic Children's Books, Random House, and the Smithsonian

Institution. His work can be seen in titles such as Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs. Tempesta lives in Verona, Italy. To learn more, visit [francotempesta.eu](http://francotempesta.eu).

I am a parent of a child who loves dinosaurs. This book comes highly recommended. There are 52 different dinosaurs presented in the book, characterized by size; small, medium, large, and super. Each dinosaur comes with a full page color illustration, a brief description, and a small information chart showing its size, eating habits, and the time period in which it lived. This book was clearly designed for younger kids, because it has large print, pronunciation guides for all the dinosaur names, and imagination style questions associated with each dinosaur, like "if you could have a pet dinosaur, what would you name it?" for the micropachycephalosaurus. But children pick up the names very quickly, and soon you will find that they can remember the names of all the dinosaurs in the book just by looking at the picture. My favorite part of the book was the list of activities at the very end to continue your experience once you have finished looking over the book. The book has several suggestions that could be applied to varying ages and skill levels, from playing predator-prey, a hide and seek style game where you pretend to be dinosaurs, to the alphabet game, where you list each letter of the alphabet and try to find a dinosaur name to go with each one. If you are looking for a dinosaur book for older kids, there is also the "National Geographic Kids First Book of Big Dinosaurs", not to be confused with this book for "Little" kids. In that book, they use a similar format, but have many more dinos and a lot more general information about dinosaur habits, but no activities page.

Our little girl enjoys looking through this book. Sauropods include Camarasaurus, Brachiosaurus and Brontosaurus. Brontosaurus is a member of the family Diplodocidae, of gigantic sauropod dinosaurs. The family includes Diplodocus, Supersaurus, and Barosaurus. Brontosaurus is also classified in the subfamily Apatosaurinae, which also includes Apatosaurus. Brontosaurus is allied to Atlantosaurus, within the now defunct group Atlantosauridae. Wow, to be a Paleontologist and to discover these ancient animals and to classify them, oh what fun it would be. By the way, this book did not cover all of this information but leads one to do some research.

I bought this book for my 4 year old grandson and the pages started ripping out the very first day. And his Mommy was the one turning the pages! The artistry and dinosaur facts are superior and fascinating, but National Geographic failed to have this children's book securely bound. With better binding, I would give this beautiful book 5 stars.

This book is amazing. My 4 year old just discovered how cool dinosaurs are, and this book quickly became his absolute favorite. The book explains about all kinds of different species, give cool facts about them, and even breaks down how to say their names. Everything in this book is layed out so well, and is easy for a child to understand. The Easter Bunny is bringing some of the other books in this series, they're that good.

It took a while, but my 3-year-old finally decided to like this book! We only use the text so I can tell him what kind of dinosaurs are pictured; otherwise, he just really likes looking at it--and telling me stories about dinosaurs based on the pictures he sees and the other stories we've read. If the book stands up to his baby brother getting hold of it, it should last us years once we get to the actual content of it.

My 3 year old son loves dinosaurs and was so excited to get this book. First of all, the big really is big. Ok, it's huge!! It took at least 10 minutes to read through the dinosaur name on each page. The content is too advanced for my son right now, so we read the dinosaur name and a fact about the dino. As he gets older, we will read more of the information on the pages. It's great for dino-loving kids!

I purchased the Kindle version of this book. Even on a first generation Kindle Fire, it's beautiful. The illustrations are detailed and amazing. My son, 4, finds the illustrations fascinating and I have to say again that they are indeed extremely well done. The book is extremely well organized by the size of the dinosaur (small, big, giant, and gigantic), and includes "parent tips", a "dinosaur map", a glossary and index. The book is designed to be interactive with a parent reading it to a child. So, each page has a "discussion question" you can talk to your child about. For instance, "What is the biggest animal you have ever seen?" or "How do you cool off when you get too hot?" are two questions. The questions are apropos to the subject dinosaur being discussed on that page. Also, there is a pronunciation guide on each page for the dinosaur, some of them have crazy names.... Mycropachycephalosaurus...Archaeornithomimus.... not every dinosaur is Tyrannosaurs Rex. Oh, did I mention that it's even interesting for adults? My hat is off to Nat Geo for producing a book that isn't a chore to read to our child. Anyway, I highly, highly recommend this book. OK, I recommend it with one caveat. My son wants me to read it to him every night.

Great overview of dinosaurs. Good amount of info to keep my 4yo's interest. I love that it has a picture on each page so you can gauge each dino's size. Only drawback is that there isn't a single aquatic dinosaur featured.

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