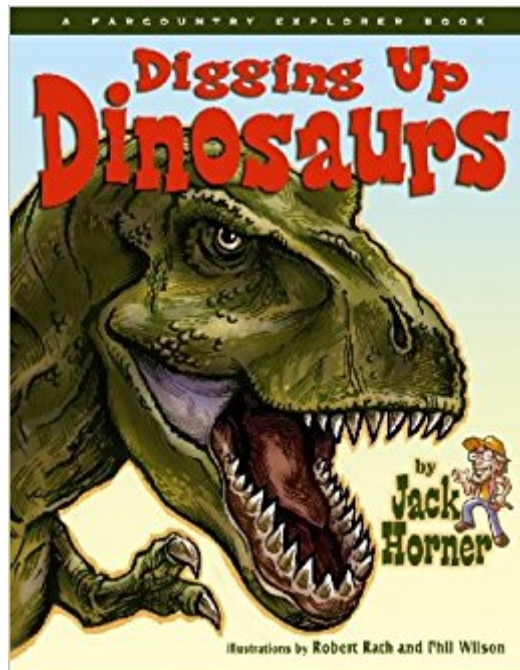




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# Digging Up Dinosaurs



## Synopsis

Written for kids ages eight to twelve, *Digging Up Dinosaurs*, by world-renowned paleontologist Jack Horner, is chock full of fun and fascinating information about fossils in Montana, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Horner takes kids along on the dig, explaining step by step how fossils are formed, the best places to find them, what it takes to get them out of the ground, and what the fossils tell us about the dinosaurs that roamed the Rocky Mountain states and the Dakotas. We even get to look back in time at what the region looked like during the Mesozoic Era and what dinosaurs ruled in what are now Montana, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota. **AWARDS:** Finalist, ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year Awards, Juvenile Nonfiction, 2007. Finalist, Ben Franklin Book Awards, Science and Environment category, 2008.

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## Customer Reviews

More than just a book about dinosaurs, *Digging Up Dinosaurs* teaches kids ages 8 to 12 about paleontology through the remarkable story of the recent discovery of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* bone with flexible blood vessels, found in Montana. Horner takes kids along on the dig, explaining step by step how fossils are formed, the best places to find them, what it takes to get them out of the ground, and what the fossils tell us about the dinosaurs that ruled Montana, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Jack Horner was born in Shelby, Montana, and discovered his first dinosaur fossil at age 8. He is now the most well-known paleontologist in the country and is recognized for his work with *Maiasaura peeblesorum* fossils, among many other important finds. Jack was the technical advisor for all three Jurassic Park movies, and the character of Alan Grant was based on him. He is the Curator of Paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana, teaches at Montana State University, and was named the Montana state paleontologist.

Jack Horner is a provocative thinker, one who can reach all sorts of fascinating conclusions through his careful yet open-minded examination of the fossil record. In this book, aimed at children, he shares his boundless enthusiasm and palpable glee for all things dinosaurian. At the same time, in a clear and simple voice, he teaches solid facts. He never talks down to children; but rather he explains complex ideas (permineralization, for example) in simple form. Although Dr. Horner draws from a world of knowledge about dinosaurs, his focus is clearly on the dinosaurs of Montana. The cartoons, I suppose, help make this more child-friendly, but they were my least favorite aspect of the book. I'd recommend this book most for children who are a step beyond the "oooh" stage and are actually interested in the science behind the amazing creatures. My seven-year old loved the book and Jack Horner is his favorite paleontologist. He's written several good books, both for children and adults.

Wonderful experience - easy transaction, fast shipment, all as hoped & expected.

Great for kids

This is more than just a kids' book. It has lots of good information from an expert. I would have liked to see a little more information about Jack's paleontological experiences from when he was young.

Got this book for my classroom. Students are enjoying it. They enjoy just thumbing through the pages and the quick blurbs.

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