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My Teacher Is A Dinosaur: And Other Prehistoric Poems, Jokes, Riddles & Amazing Facts





Synopsis

With lively illustrations, poems, riddles, jokes, and interesting facts, Loreen Leedy takes readers on a prehistoric tour beginning with the formation of Earth 4.5 billion years ago. Readers will learn about the plants and animals in each period up to when dinosaurs and small mammals and even humans appeared. There's a timeline that helps clarify the different periods covered, and kids will especially enjoy the entertaining and captioned artwork, humor and intriguing informational tidbits throughout. A fascinating introduction to prehistoric times that will wet readers' appetite for more.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 940L (What's this?) Hardcover: 48 pages Publisher: Two Lions (September 1, 2010) Language: English ISBN-10: 0761457089 ISBN-13: 978-0761457084 Product Dimensions: 10.2 x 8.4 x 0.5 inches Shipping Weight: 1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (41 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #1,042,577 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #116 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Nature > Fossils #308 in Books > Children's Books > Humor > Jokes & Riddles #552 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Science Studies > Earth Sciences Age Range: 9 - 12 years Grade Level: 4th - 7th

Customer Reviews

There is no denying the fact that the information that Loreen Leedy has crammed into her book, "My Teacher Is A Dinosaur," is fun for children (and adults) to learn. Leedy's book literally starts at the beginning with the formation of Earth and ends up with arrival of man and the Ice Age.Problems arise when one attempts to navigate the numerous poems, riddles, facts, jokes, etc. There seems to be no real organization to any of it. Jokes randomly pop up in different spots on pages. Facts squeeze themselves between poems about everything from cockroaches to plesiosaurs. The only thing that remains constant is the timeline of events.I'm not saying that tossing a bit of chaos into a children's book is a bad thing (it isn't, since it keeps kids interested in finding things on the pages),

but with so many multiple font sizes, placements, and colors, readers can become a bit distracted by it all and forget the things that the book is attempting to teach everyone. This isn't a bad book at all. The illustrations are lively and the poetry is pretty good. The facts seem to stand up for themselves as well. I just wish Leedy would have taken a bit more time to give this book a tad bit more structure.

My 7yr old son really enjoyed this book. Be prepared to constantly hear jokes about lava. I am ordering the hardcover book for him because I got the kindle version, and it is very hard to read. There are sections of print that are super small, and there is no way to zoom in on them like in other books we've read.

I am always looking for new dinosaur books for my Kindergartener. This one is a little advanced for him but I know it will be a favorite on our bookshelf for years. The book combines the best of a non-fiction dinosaur fact book with the fun of a joke book. The pictures are wonderfully detailed and each page is packed with interesting facts. We save the jokes on each page for last to give us a little chuckle. Some of the jokes are a little advanced for the younger ones as they rely a great deal on puns. However, parents will get a good chuckle out of many of them and will enjoy the book just as much as the kids do!

My 4 year old really enjoys this book. It is not a bed time type story but it has tons and tons of info and things to read throughout the whole thing. It has some nice jokes, but a lot of cool facts for my little dino-lover. Really like this one.

****If you seek a teacher who takes you on a tour through prehistoric times this colorfully illustrated book will do the job with distinction, combining poems, jokes, and appetizing the readers with colorful information and riddles. This fun book contains delightful poems and fascinating facts about prehistoric Earth, including plants and animals. It starts from the early beginnings, and traces the rise of several different plants and animals; and concludes as fossil record shows modern humans appear with the colossal mammoth and mastodon who roamed the northern hemisphere. In a chronological sequence, strides through this encyclopedic collection of prehistoric times, when a new planet was formed are amazing. Each page hits the highlights of a period, focusing primarily on living things; "The creatures are voracious, excitable and mean." The digitally drawn and painted illustrations are all captioned and include pronunciations. Varied fonts help to keep the busy pages organized so that the poetry is distinguishable from riddles, etc. An excellent time line helps make the facts clear. Overall, the tantalizing facts and pictures will stimulate my grandson Noah's' curiosity.Kid-rejoicing riddles include such as, Q- Why didn't the mammoth work in the school cafeteria? Curious readers drawn to the colorful pictures of strange creatures find themselves reading the captions and poems as well. Its inclusion of prehistoric life before the dinosaurs, adds a wonderful experience to its many collections. Digital drawings and paintings of the creatures, render those pages busy, but lively. It can be read at several age groups, as the poems and illustrations are fun for young Oliver, while the facts would be good for older book owner. Its not just a story, the cool book is filled with interesting facts, jokes and riddles.

My kids love this book. It very informative. Has great pictures. You can tap on the screen and highlighted information pops up. Definitely recommend for any family with children who are interested in dinosaurs.

This book will last years! The book while geared for school age children, is also great for preschoolers. They can flip through and parents can read little facts and jokes to them. Older kids can really learn a lot about prehistoric history by reading everything in this book. It is they type of book that every time you read it you find out something new. The illustrations are really fun and vibrant. The information is laid out in such a fun way that it makes it easy to absorb a lot of facts and knowledge in an un-intimidating way. An excellent book for kids that love to spew facts and are constantly want to learn more. The book is long enough to keep them interested for weeks, if not longer. This would also make a great gift for a grade-schooler.

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