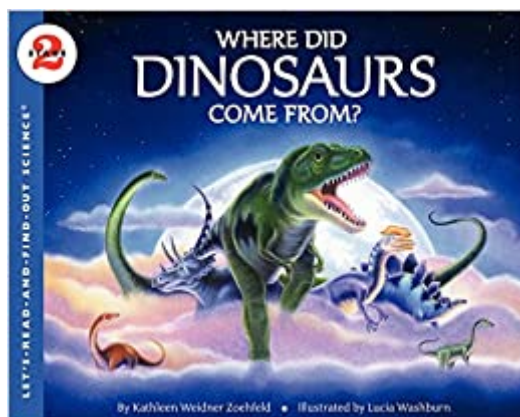


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# Where Did Dinosaurs Come From? (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2)



## Synopsis

Stegosaurus had spikes along its back. Triceratops had long, sharp horns. Tyrannosaurus rex was enormous. Millions and millions of years before the first people lived, these fascinating creatures ruled the Earth. To find out where they came from, you have to look way back in time . . . 3.5 billion years ago! Come explore the biggest mystery of all: Where did dinosaurs come from? Read and find out!

## Book Information

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Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld is the award-winning author of more than seventy books for children. She has written several books in the Let's Read And Find Out Science series, including: WHAT LIVES IN A SHELL?, an NSTA/CBC "Outstanding Science Trade Book" and winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science "Best Children's Book" award; WHAT IS THE WORLD MADE OF?, a Children's Book of the Month Club Main Selection; WHAT'S ALIVE?, also named an AAAS "Best Children's Book"; HOW MOUNTAINS ARE MADE, an NSTA/CBC "Outstanding Science Trade Book"; DINOSAUR TRACKS, "a great choice for even the most discriminating dinophiles" (School Library Journal); and DINOSAURS BIG AND SMALL, winner of the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio "Best Book Award." Kathleen was a children's book editor for over ten years before becoming a full-time writer. When she is not reading, researching, writing, or editing she loves to spend her free time exploring, doing fieldwork, and preparing and curating fossils for her local natural history museums. She lives in Berkeley, CA. Lucia Washburn has illustrated more than a dozen books for children. Her Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science books include Dinosaur Tracks, Dinosaurs Big and Small, and Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?, which has illustrations that "provide vivid visualizations of long-ago landscapes" (School Library Journal). Her other books include Look to the North by Jean Craighead George, a 1997 Parents' Choice Gold Award winner praised as "a fine addition to science collections" (ALA Booklist). When she travels, she and her family enjoy visiting the local museums to see their dinosaur collections. Being the mother of two children, she has a special fondness for Maiasaura. She lives in California with her family.

An amazing book which soon became our son's favorite book...we probably read it every day two times for over a period of couple weeks. What parent loved most about this book that it is a good story which captivated the child's interest and its good science. The book is also a keeper because apart from the story there are two timelines which are very useful to look over again and again. The title is a question which is what usually motivates scientific investigation. The story starts with several such questions/dinosaur mysteries (Why did dinosaurs grew so big? Why there are none of them around today?) , but this book focuses on the origins of dinosaurs. These questions prompted us to write down our questions about dinosaurs to which we need to find answers in further reading ...4-year old had lots of questions and then he concluded: My big question is where those first single-celled animals (shown in first time line) came from? I was amazed by my 4-year old. The entire book is a good intro to evolution of life on earth...single-celled animals to fishes to amphibians to first reptiles to ...dinosaurs. The book is well written and text is well coupled with appropriate and beautiful illustrations. There are many dinosaur books for this age, but this one definitely is one of the best as far as scientific education goes. We bought used book in "very good" condition and we received it looking like new.

Cool book for kids, daughter loved the realistic art work.

As described.

This is a gift for a little dino lover. I leafed through the book quickly before giving it, this is fully and beautifully illustrated. I'm sure he will like it.

While I often use this series of science books, I was disappointed with this one.

This entry in the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out-About series looks back in time for fossil clues to the mystery of dinosaur origins. Concepts and scientific principles are clearly and simply explained. The specialized vocabulary of course raises the reading level, but kids who collect dinosaur names won't be put off. They'll love learning that long before the familiar Brachiosaurus and Allosaurus there existed Archosaurus, Eoraptor, and many more. A glossary defines 41 early creatures, mentioning size, diet, and--perhaps most important--how to pronounce each name. Clear full-color illustrations support and supplement the text well. For example, drawings of two skulls show one infallible way to distinguish a dinosaur ancestor from an early mammal relative. The book has two timelines. Near

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