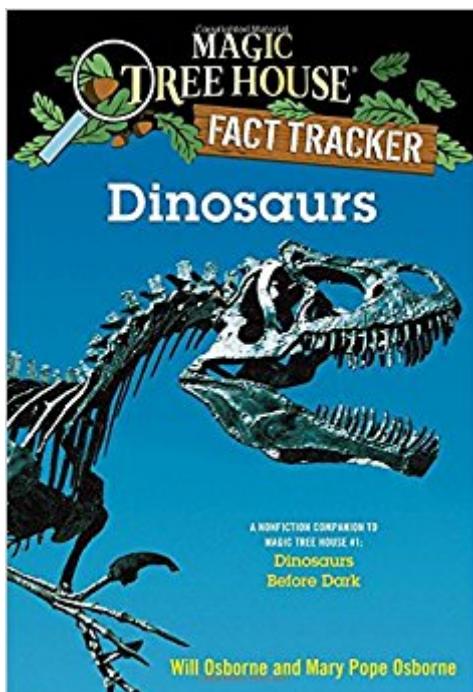


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# Dinosaurs: A Nonfiction Companion To Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark



## Synopsis

The #1 bestselling chapter book series of all time celebrates 25 years with new covers and a new, easy-to-use numbering system! Getting the facts behind the fiction has never looked better. Track the facts with Jack and Annie!! When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure inÂ Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark,Â they had lots of questions. When did the dinosaurs live? What other animals lived at that time? Which dinosaur was biggest? How do we know about dinosaurs? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts. Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie, the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discovered in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures. And teachers can use Fact Trackers alongside their Magic Tree House fiction companions to meet common core text pairing needs. Â Did you know that thereâ ™s a Magic Tree House book for every kid? Magic Tree House: Adventures with Jack and Annie, perfect for readers who are just beginning chapter books Merlin Missions: More challenging adventures for the experienced reader Super Edition: A longer and more dangerous adventure Fact Trackers: Nonfiction companions to your favorite Magic Tree House adventures Have more fun with Jack and Annie at MagicTreeHouse.com!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4-The authors begin with an explanation of how they did their research, assuming the personas of Jack and Annie, two children who traveled back in time before returning home to do more conventional research. A discussion of the kinds of dinosaurs, misconceptions about them, and a description of other creatures that lived at the same time are included, as is an explanation of the role of fossil hunters. Another chapter offers theories about what happened to these intriguing creatures. Jack and Annie offer brief definitions and comments in sidebars; otherwise, the text reads like straightforward nonfiction. The Osbornes conclude with a listing of books, museums, videos, CD-ROMs, Internet sites, and museum visits for further information. Frequent black-and-white cartoons, labeled illustrations, and photo reproductions are instructional and appealing. While this book is a great place to begin research for a report, it will also be enjoyed by those interested in the subject. Edith Ching, St. Albans School, Mt. St. Alban, Washington, DC Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Who invented the word dinosaur? What was the name of the biggest dinosaur? This book includes everything you ever wanted to know about the real-life world of dinosaurs.

My 6yr old son likes the facts of everything!! He really enjoys reading the story and then picking up the fact book and learning more about the subject! I think these are a great companion to the Magic Treehouse stories with Jack and Annie.

You just can't go wrong with beginning readers and Magic Treehouse books, fun way to cram your smallish person full of facts and make them want to read.

This book is actually interesting to read. My son very much prefers fiction over non-fiction, but both of us enjoyed reading this book. It was presented in a more narrative fashion than many non-fiction books and had little notes and such from Jack and Annie throughout tying it to his favorite series. I actually learned a few things reading this to him. Definitely not just another boring dinosaur book. The reading level is probably a year or two higher than the regular series, so while my son reads those books on his own, I read this one to him. I liked it enough that I plan on buying more Fact Tracker books to go along with the stories he is reading.

We love all the research guides for MTH. They are written at a higher Lexile level than the stories

but it makes them fun to read together. My 6 year old doesn't have the patience to read through a research guide the entire way through on her own but together it makes for a fun project...she gets to tell me about what happened in the story to Jack & Annie and together we learn some fun facts about whatever time/place the story was about.

My daughter loves the magic tree house book series and so I bought this companion book to go with the first book. It is interesting but she is not as interested in it as she is the regular stories.

My 9-year old and I read the first book of the MTH series together using the Novel Ideas supplemental packet. That in itself was pretty adequate for provide more depth to the reading experience. The Dinosaurs Fact Tracker was stock full of interesting facts that were completely age-appropriate, but I didn't feel there was much connection between the Fact Tracker and the MTH book. Though I understand the point of these companion books are meant to provide a wider look into the background of the MTH books, I felt like the Fact Tracker was just random dinosaur facts. I was hoping for a little more correspondence to the MTH book and to present events.

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Students really enjoyed all the facts of this book to go along with Osborne's tree house book. The facts were easy to understand for 2nd graders and easy words for them to read. They really enjoyed the pictures and finding what dinosaur they liked best.

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