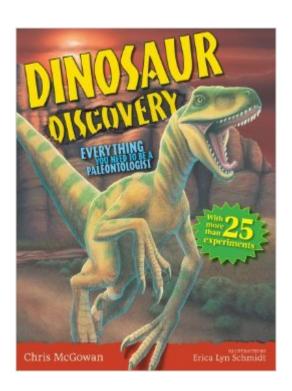
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# Dinosaur Discovery: Everything You Need To Be A Paleontologist





## **Synopsis**

Dinosaurs like you've never seen them beforeâ "in a book packed with more than 25 hands-on experiments. What do dinosaurs look like from the inside out? Take a journey with renowned paleontologist Chris McGowan as he examines species from Allosaurus to T. Rex! Along with each creature are experiments that kids can do on their own to make sedimentary rock, replicate a fossil, and uncover how we know what we know about dinosaurs, even though they've been extinct for millions of years. More than twenty-five hands-on experiments include Breaking Bones, which uses chicken bones to see how fossils were preserved; creating a replica of a feathered Archaeopteryx fossil; and using a turkey neck to dissect a Brachiosaurus' bone structure. You'll be a paleontologist in no time!

### **Book Information**

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#### Customer Reviews

My first grader is interested in fossils and dinosaurs, and I've found some books to be above her level in terms of comprehending the information. Dinosaur Discovery is different as it summarizes the important features of certain dinosaurs without overwhelming the reader with too many details. The large-scale illustrations by Erica Schmidt are vivid and convey the magnificence of these prehistoric creatures. The text by author Chris McGowan aptly focuses on the key features and

significant characteristics of each dinosaur. The highlight of the book however are the experiments. Any aspiring paleontologist will be delighted to carry out these detailed experiments that enable young children to learn how to make fake rock, measure force, faking fossil feathers, experimenting with flying feathers, finding one's center of mass, doing underwater trials, and many more. The best part is that many of these activities involve children actively moving around, and the materials for the experiments can be easily found at home or in craft stores, and at a modest budget. The experiments are designed to foster children's curiosity about dinosaurs and what made them such amazing creatures, especially in terms of their size, the way they moved, etc. I highly recommend this book to anyone who has a child keen on science and dinosaurs.

A book about dinosaurs with experiments that kids could do to feel like amateur paleontologists, or to better understand dinosaurs, seems like it couldn't go wrong, right? Yet, for some reason, this book fails in its intentions. The book has pages that could be divided into two categories, the dinosaur pages and the experiment pages, which are interspersed with each other. The dinosaur pages are pretty good, written at a level that's perfect for young children. It has a pronounciation guide, it highlights peculiar parts of the dinosaur, it mentions unique things about that dinosaur, it has a basic summary, and it has a at a glance breakdown of what the name means, where the fossil was located, the type of creature it is, the time period it lived in, and how long the creature was. The experiment pages are where this book fails, which is too bad because it was these pages that were meant to be the book's strength. First, the font used in the pages is way too small. Second, it's not always clear exactly what the experiment is trying to prove or replicate. Third, the directions are not always as clear as they should be. More space could have been used for these pages to make them more user friendly

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