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The Greatest Dinosaur Ever

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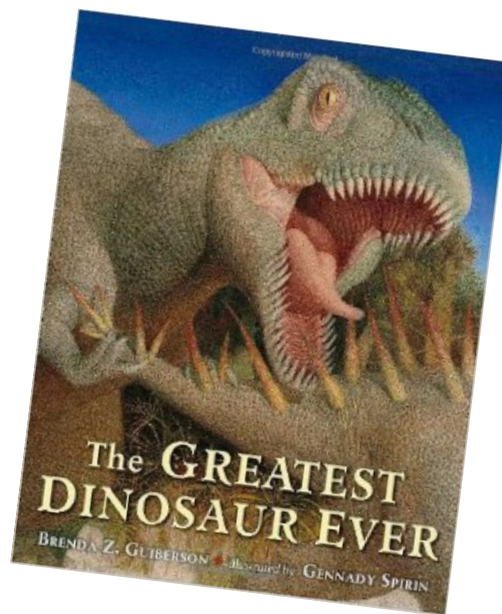
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Book Review

Title: The Greatest Dinosaur Ever
Author: Brenda Z. Guiberson
Illustrator: Gennady Spirin
Reviewer: Liz Kazandzhy
Publisher: Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780805096255
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Which was the greatest dinosaur of them all? Page by page, this book takes you through all the greatest dinosaurs—the fastest, tallest, smartest, and even weirdest dinosaurs, and dinosaurs with other unique and fascinating characteristics. From the well-known Tyrannosaurus Rex and Stegosaurus to the unfamiliar Therizinosaurus and Troodon, you'll learn about all sorts of remarkable creatures and what they were capable of when they lived on the earth.

The best part of this book is the vast variety of dinosaurs featured, and the traits and abilities that are mentioned fill the reader with a sense of awe and admiration for these prehistoric animals. The book's text is informative and fun (complete with a very helpful pronunciation guide for the dinosaur's names), and the illustrations are definitely eye-catching, taking up the majority of the page and highlighting both the features of the dinosaur and the environment in which it lived. Lastly, this book can provide a valuable teaching moment by prompting a conversation about what makes people (or things) great. Adults and children can discuss the talents and characteristics that make every individual unique and great in their own way, and children can learn that comparing yourself to others, for better or for worse, can often be unproductive. For dinosaur-lovers or simply those who enjoy learning, this book would be very much enjoyed.