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Book Review

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Everyone in the tribe knows that dinosaurs died out long ago. However, it seems no one told Tumtum, Tib’s ‘imaginary’ dinosaur friend. Although Tib is a human child and Tumtum is a sharp-toothed dinosaur, the two have a special friendship that starts because they both have a red spot around one eye. Between adventures with Tumtum, Tib tries to convince other people from his tribe that Tumtum is a real dinosaur. In the end Tumtum is welcomed to the tribe after he saves Tib and the other children from a pack of wolves.

This is a graphic novel that is fun and easy to read. By formatting the book as a graphic novel with many short adventures on each page, the author has made this an appropriate read for many struggling young readers. By using the pictures, even nonreaders can enjoy the story. Furthermore, this story will appeal to all dinosaur fans who have ever wanted a pet dinosaur of their own. The story is a fun adventure which uses characters with modern day characteristics and places them in a hunter-gatherer society. This combination allows readers to relate to the main character while at the same time providing an opportunity for an interesting setting with corresponding pictures. Cavemen interacting with a dinosaur is a good premise for any book.