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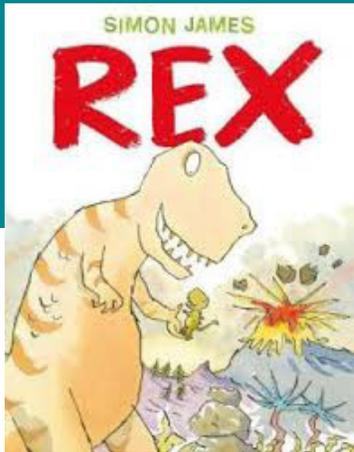
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Book Review

Rex

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

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40

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There once lived a terrifying tyrannosaurus that could crush boulders with his bare claws and pull whole trees out of the ground. No other dinosaur dare bother the tyrannosaurus until one night an abandoned little egg hatched. The baby little dinosaur wandered around lost until he ran into the foot of the tyrannosaurus. Little baby Rex followed the big scary tyrannosaurus around mimicking everything he did. When the Tyrannosaurus said gently that he was not Rex's dad, Rex decided to venture out on his own to discover who he really was. But Rex quickly became scared of the other dinosaurs and the mystery of the night. Lonely and afraid, he finally fell asleep but woke up with a start as the ground was quaking and the jungle shuddered with a deafening roar. Little Rex was so terrified that he cried out for help. The big dinosaur had been searching for Rex all night and did not stop until he was found. The two dinosaurs carried on scaring the other dinosaurs in the jungle. The big dinosaur made sure to teach little Rex all the tips and tricks of ruling the jungle because, "that's what dads are for."

Rex is such a fun and cute book for any child that loves dinosaurs. This book is geared more towards preschool through young elementary school aged children. Each page in the book has large beautiful illustrations that go along with the story. This book is good for young readers to read because there are just a few sentences on each page, although a more experienced reader may need to help with longer, complex words that a young reader may know. Rex may be used in situations where children have been adopted and are maybe feeling that they do not belong. Children may be able to relate with young Rex and find a sense of belonging as Rex did by the end of the book. This is not an educational dinosaur book as many other dinosaur books are. This book is more of a storyline based off of dinosaur characters. Even though each page has large illustrations, the color variety is lacking. Most pictures throughout the book are of the same color scheme.