Discovering Fossils

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Discovering Fossils is all about learning the history about fossils! The book progresses through history and shows when the first fossil was discovered and how much has changed in our understanding of our world due to the nature of fossils. People used to think that fossils were of mythical beasts, the bones of dragons and monsters, but then when the belief in those beasts faded the word dinosaur was created. Throughout the book there are charts, mini bios, and other intermittent materials that help one learn more about the history and nature of fossils.

This book is really information but incredibly word heavy. The information is really well researched and the book has a cool glossary that helps kids learn terms they may not know. While the glossary is nice, the author didn’t include helpful pronunciation guidelines for any of the dinosaur’s names, which makes it hard to sound out the names of the dinosaurs. This book would be perfect for probably fourth-grade and higher readers, but even then it’s a longer book with a lot of text. While there is a lot to learn from this book, it could fo been more succinct. Still a wonderful book for anyone interested in fossils!