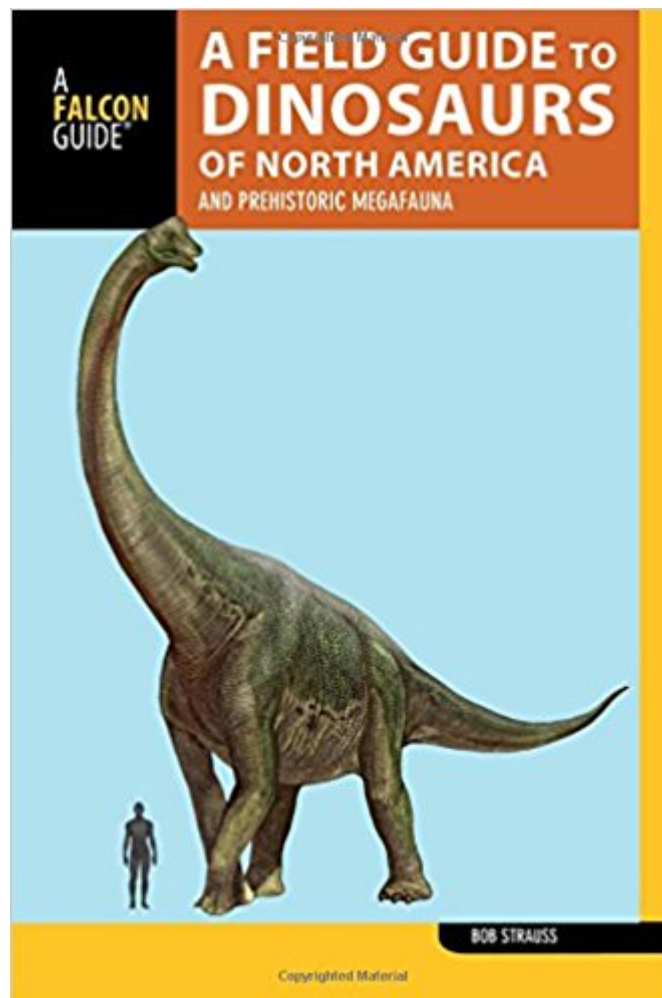




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Synopsis

A field guide to 60 dinosaurs and prehistoric animals that once lived in what is now North America. Featuring stunning illustrations of each animal by world-famous artist Sergey Krosovski and based on the latest paleontological research, this book provides information about the where and when the animals lived, what they ate, and more.

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Bob Strauss is the author of two best-selling question-and-answer books that range across the expanse of science, biology, history and culture: *The Big Book of What, How and Why* (Main Street, 2005) and *Who Knew? Hundreds & Hundreds of Questions & Answers for Curious Minds* (Sterling Innovation, 2007). Over the past two decades, he has written and edited for various scientific, medical and general-interest publications, including *Entertainment Weekly*, *Family Circle*, *Cardiovascular Medicine*, *FamilyPC*, *News of the American Physical Society*, and *ConsumerSearch*.

If you enjoy paleontology this is a great book. Facts, illustrations and just a pinch of humor. Each picture has a human scale figure for comparison.

This is a marvelous and engaging little book, appropriate for intrepid middle-schoolers through adults. The book takes the form of a field guide for ecotourists viewing dinosaurs as if they currently roam North America – a rather novel premise with which Bob Strauss succeeds to a surprising

extent. I was initially put off by this unexpected approach, but quickly understood that this enabled a level of humor and *color* in what could otherwise have been a mere dry recital of facts. The book consists of profiles of 60 of the most common dinosaurs, Mesozoic marine reptiles, Pterosaurs, and a handful of crowd-pleasing prehistoric mammals such as Smilodon. Each entry begins with a list of key facts (meaning of name, size, when and where it lived, what it ate, key museum where it can be seen) followed by the field guide, which combines interesting and up-to-date material with playful warnings such as: "If you're not mentally prepared, encountering an Ophthalmosaurus on a snorkeling expedition can be an unnerving experience" "imagine if that giant shark from Jaws had grapefruit-size peepers and an even nastier disposition. If you suspect you're venturing into ichthyosaur-infested waters, you'll need the protection of a sturdy cage, but whatever you do, don't take along your undersea flashlight. There's nothing that annoys an Ophthalmosaurus more than being suddenly blinded by a five-hundred-watt beam" "in the course of thrashing around, it will demolish your cage, your harpoon gun, and your internal organs, not to mention every single hired hand aboard your chartered fishing boat." Highly recommended. Highly entertaining. Highly informative.

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