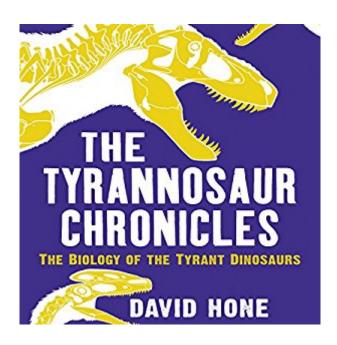
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The Tyrannosaur Chronicles





Synopsis

Adored by children and adults alike, tyrannosaurus is the most famous dinosaur in the world, one that pops up again and again in pop culture, often battling other beasts such as King Kong, triceratops, or velociraptors in Jurassic Park. But despite the hype, tyrannosaurus and the other tyrannosaurs are fascinating animals in their own right and are among the best-studied of all dinosaurs. Tyrannosaurs started small but over the course of 100 million years evolved into the giant carnivorous bone crushers that continue to inspire awe in palaeontologists, screenplay writers, sci-fi novelists and the general public alike. Tyrannosaurus itself was truly impressive; it topped six tons, was more than 12 meters (40 feet) long and had the largest head and most powerful bite of any land animal in history. The Tyrannosaur Chronicles tracks the rise of these dinosaurs and presents the latest research into their biology, showing off more than just their impressive statistics - tyrannosaurs had feathers and fought and even ate each other. This audiobook presents the science behind this research; it tells the story of the group through their anatomy, ecology and behaviour, exploring how they came to be the dominant terrestrial predators of the Mesozoic era and, in more recent times, one of the great icons of biology.

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Customer Reviews

I've been on a bit of a dinosaur run lately. Not because I suddenly grew interested in the great creatures; that interest began at around two or three and hasn't waned a bit. No, it's just simply that for whatever reason, a good number of new books have been released recently, including this

review's subject, The Tyrannosaur Chronicles by David HoneAs the title implies, Hone is working within a tightly constrained focus here rather than dealing with dinosaurs in general. His focus on tyrannosaurs (the group, not simply the singular Tyrannosaurus Rex) is laser sharp, allowing him to delve into what we think we know about the creature in great and all-encompassing detail. Some, particularly casual fans of dinosaurs may very well find the book too detailed -- it really does drill down into the nitty gritty -- but if the granular details on bones, for instance, gets a little much for you, it's easy enough to skim through to the next paragraph that zooms back out to a more accommodating level. I confess there were a few such moments for me in the biology section, but they were few and far between and mostly I found it all fascinating, both in the details of the creatures themselves and in our ability to determine said details. Or at least to our best level of confidence; Hone is always careful to remind us that we are working with very little data here most times, as well as reminding us of the difficulty of peering back in time 65-100 million years ago.

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