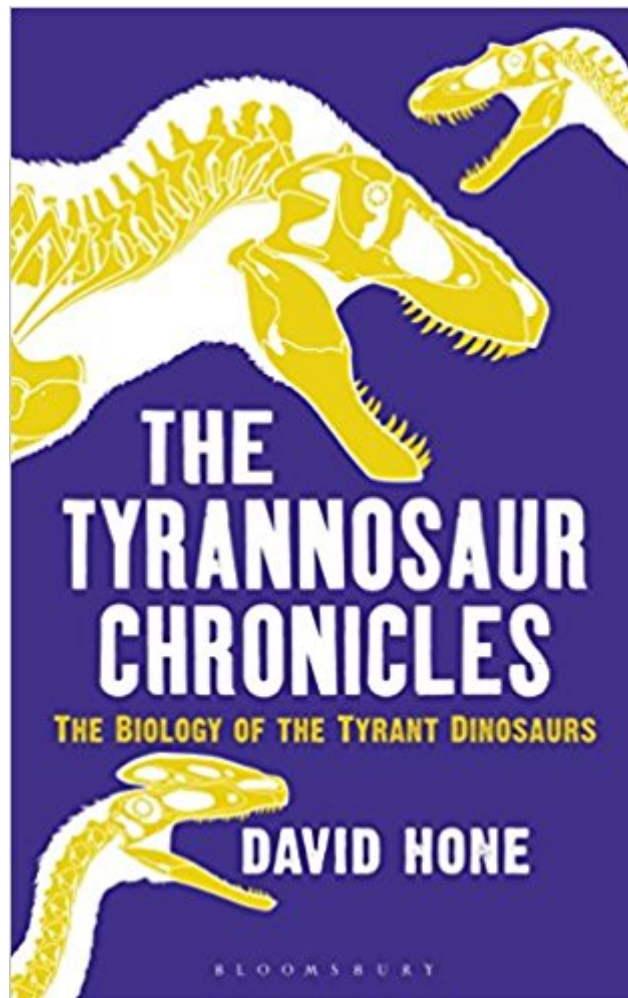




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The Tyrannosaur Chronicles: The Biology Of The Tyrant Dinosaurs (Bloomsbury Sigma)



Synopsis

'Gripping and wonderfully informative' Tom Holland, *New Statesman* 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 12m (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 book 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 and, in more recent times, one of the great icons of biology.

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This is a "small footprint" book -- about 9 x 5.5 inches. That surprised me; I thought it was going to be a coffee-table book. If one is interested in dinosaurs, one almost has to read a new book every five years. This would be the book for 2016. So much changes, so fast. I won't repeat what all the other reviews have said. It's a 5-star book. I don't like bucket lists, but if I had a bucket list, a visit to the Judith River area in Montana and a visit to the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana, would be on the list. I can't imagine anyone seriously interested in this subject not having this book.

A fantastic book on a famous family of dinos. My only complaint: this book is far too cheap! Not fair to the author. But it's good news to anyone who is on the fence about this book. Have a serious interest in dinosaurs? You'll learn *way* more than your two-fifty's worth. Don't even think about it. Just get it.

I just started reading it today and this book explains so clearly the anatomy and lifestyle of T-Rex. It keeps my persistent questions answered and the reading flows very naturally between chapters.

This is a fabulously interesting book for self-confirmed dinosaur nerds. Hone knows his bones, but he resists the temptation to get bogged down in technical minutiae, and keeps the book moving at an enjoyably fast clip. Hone tells a fine story of this fascinating group of creatures and brings them to life and even gives them personality. This is a book for aficionados, amateurs, and nerds alike. I hope that Hone will write more popular books because he clearly has a gift for communicating scientific discoveries.

This is a very readable survey of the tyrannosaur family. I work in a museum with a world famous paleontology collection. Finding books to recommend to visitors with non-science backgrounds is often challenging. This book meets that challenge. Intelligent, but not overly pedantic, it clearly explains the evolution of one of the most well known dinosaur families in the world. I highly recommend it.

Everyone has heard of Tyrannosaurus rex, but not many realize that there have been about 30 species of Tyrannosaurs discovered thus far and that these other species are, in many cases, just

as interesting as T-rex. This is a great book that goes into depth about the many different Tyrannosaur species and what is currently known about them: where they lived, their prey, their behavior, etc. Anyone with a love of Paleontology (and a basic knowledge of it) and of dinosaurs in particular would likely enjoy this book.

I want to start by saying that I have spent the last 15 years teaching about paleontology so my depth of knowledge is a bit deeper than most amateurs. I do read a lot of general knowledge books about dinosaurs and other prehistoric life so I can a) try to keep up on the current information on the animals and to b) have good reviews of that knowledge that I can put into my lessons. This book was good, but not great. There is nothing new. In fact the book feels a bit dated (only a couple of years, but in the world of dinosaurology that can be a lot). It was a nice review of well-known information. David Hone does a good job of countering Jack Horner's contention that T. rex was an obligate scavenger and also points out that just because animals hang out together they're not necessarily a social group like a pack of wolves. So it's overall a good book for beginners, but if, like me, you want more depth there are other sources out there that are better.

A wealth of information regarding what paleontology is doing these days.

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