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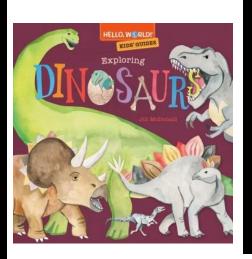
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While the drawings in EXPLORING DINOSAURS will delight readers of all ages, this book is filled with lots of narrative, statistics, questions, and facts. After introducing the three periods of dinosaur life, the author introduces one dinosaur after another. The Stats panel at the edge of each page gives name, name meaning, location of fossils, and size information. Questions are located in the bottom corner, and actual facts are designated by an asterisk. The font and color are different than the main narrative block. The questions challenge the reader to imagine and try to draw them into the dinosaur world. These questions would be useful when reading aloud to a group. For example, "Would you rather have a long neck or a spiked tail?" The asterisk comments give more information. For example, "Apatosaurus eggs could be as big as a basketball." Readers of all ages can learn something from this book.

