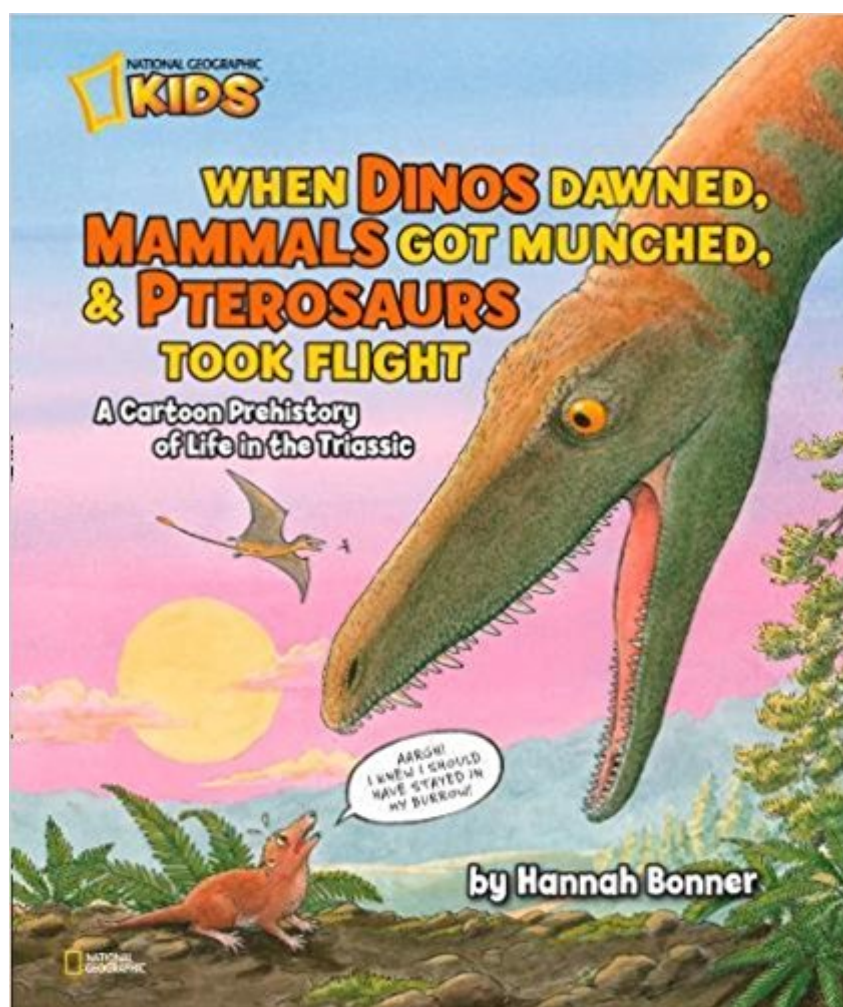


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# When Dinos Dawned, Mammals Got Munched, And Pterosaurs Took Flight: A Cartoon PreHistory Of Life In The Triassic (National Geographic Kids)





## Synopsis

In the style of *WHEN BUGS WERE BIG* and *WHEN FISH GOT FEET* this book discusses all the exciting developments of the Triassic Age, from the recovery of the planet from the most deadly mass extinction ever, to the first appearance of the dinosaurs. We also get to meet the first mammals, the first pterosaurs (flying reptiles), the first frogs, a host of predatory marine reptiles, early turtles, and the first coral reefs. With the books' signature blend of humor and clearly presented information, cartoon illustrations help keep the fact-filled material extra fun. National Geographic supports K-12 educators with ELA Common Core Resources. Visit [www.natgeoed.org/commoncore](http://www.natgeoed.org/commoncore) for more information.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Hannah Bonner's illustrations have graced many publications, including the bestselling Scholastic Science Dictionary and several award-winning National Geographic Kids books. She is also the author and illustrator of *When Bugs Were Big*, *Plants Were Strange*, and *Tetrapods Stalked the Earth*, which Booklist selected as one of its annually awarded Top 10 Science Books for Youth. To learn more, visit [hannahbonner.com](http://hannahbonner.com).

This is the third I have acquired over the last few years in this series of books. They are written in an easy to read amusing way but convey lots of information. The illustrations are excellent, and these books really give you an excellent glimpse into some long-ago periods of Earth's history and the changes that have taken place as life evolved into more recognizable forms, and emerged from the oceans onto land. Although these books would be perfectly readable by grade school kids, I found them a fascinating read and a great opportunity to learn more about a time I knew little about. I have a Ph.D. in biology, by the way.

The third book by the delightful Hannah Bonner picks up where the previous one left off...into the Triassic with the first dinosaurs! But before there were dinosaurs, there were a whole menagerie of creatures they shared a very different planet with. I'm amazed so much information can be presented in so small a package! Again, the charming, delightful series instructs and entertains. The science is easily understood, and the artwork is magnificent. I heartily recommend this book, and I hope Bonner continues into the Jurassic with a future addition to her library.

We have two of the other books from this series and have enjoyed them immensely. This one did not disappoint. The artwork is fantastic, the kids giggle while reading it, and I love that it presents the science accurately. We *highly* recommend!

Funny book, great watercolor pictures!

Our seven year old grandson loved it as shown by his demanding it be read to him at bedtime each night during our visit together.

I am a paleontologist and a bit of a purist on books/DVDs I recommend for anyone interested in fossils. Popular books often have many technical errors or oversimplifications that can mislead readers on both subtle details and very broad ideas. Not so in "When Dinos Dawned..." Hannah Bonner's book features an amazing density of wonderful information on the Triassic Period, the first period of the Mesozoic Era when dinosaurs began to rule the Earth. Bonner features a greater diversity of reptiles and animals from the Triassic than any other popular book for children or adults. The cartoon reconstructions of animals are very accurate and energized. Each and every detail in the book was clearly researched meticulously. Half-shelled turtles, tail-clawed "monkey lizards,"

toothless crocodile relatives, the very first dinosaurs, and dozens of other beasts are all highlighted. Hilarious comic strips help make sense of the important events at that time. Best of all, the information here will help build an understanding not only of paleontology but of natural history in general. As an introductory text on dinosaurs and fossils, I cannot recommend this book enough. If you have a young person in your life interested in dinosaurs, prehistoric life, or animals in general, go ahead and buy this book!

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