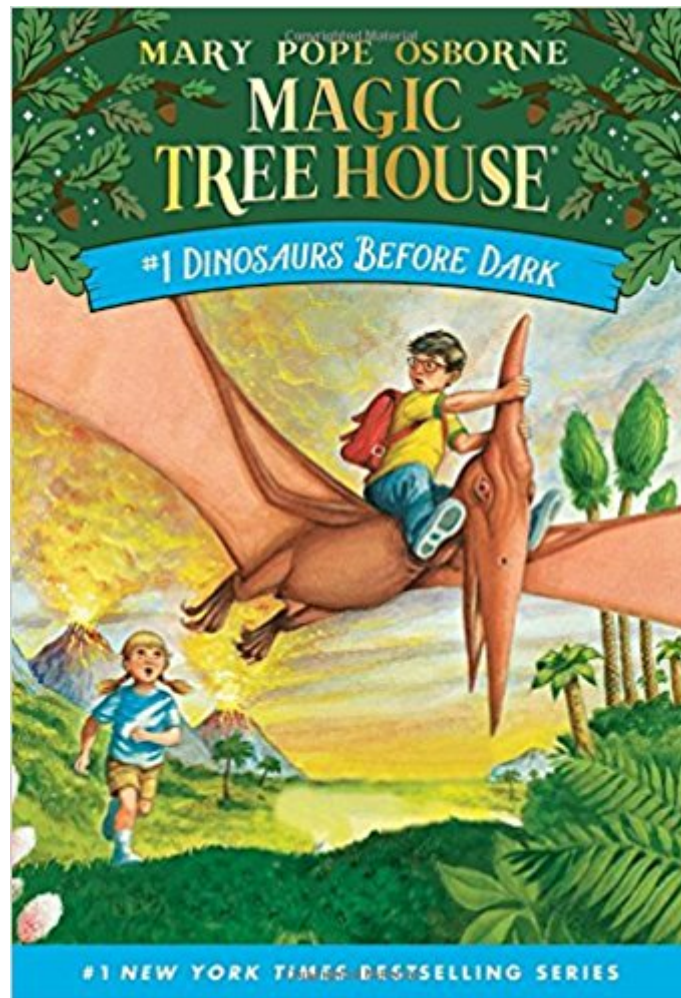




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Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House, No. 1)



Synopsis

The #1 bestselling chapter book series of all time celebrates 25 years with new covers and a new, easy-to-use numbering system! Where did the tree house come from? Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the prehistoric past. Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark—or will they become a dinosaur’s dinner? Did you know that there’s a Magic Tree House book for every kid? Magic Tree House: Adventures with Jack and Annie, perfect for readers who are just beginning chapter books Merlin Missions: More challenging adventures for the experienced reader Super Edition: A longer and more dangerous adventure Fact Trackers: Nonfiction companions to your favorite Magic Tree House adventures Have more fun with Jack and Annie at MagicTreeHouse.com!

Book Information

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Series: Magic Tree House (Book 1)

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-- This enjoyable time-travel fantasy is a successful beginning chapter book. Jack and his younger sister find a tree house filled with books. When he wishes he could really see the Pteranodon pictured in one of them, it appears at the window. The children have been transported back to the Cretaceous period. They begin to explore and are soon threatened by a Tyrannosaurus.

The Pteranodon comes to their rescue, and they figure out enough about the magic that carried them back in time to be able to use it to return home. There is plenty of suspense and magic here, and enough dinosaur information to please science buffs. Characterization is sketchy and older children will find the plot predictable, but readers just past the easy-to-read stage will find it satisfying. It should attract those who devour Ruth Chew's books. --Louise L. Sherman, Anna C. Scott School, Leonia, NJ Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Illus. in black-and-white. "With an entertaining blend of fact, farce, and fantasy, Osborne tells the story of Jack and his sister, Annie, who take a trip in a magic tree house and land in a time 65 million years ago. They find dinosaurs and volcanoes and adventure. Veteran storyteller Osborne builds the power of reading into the story: it's the books in the tree house that give the kids the magic to travel and see far, far away."--"Booklist.

My 6 year old loves this series. They teach history and geography and more in a fun story. My boys can't wait to see where Jack and Annie will go in the next one.

I have a very reluctant reader... he's 6. We spend a lot of money on a tutor to try and get his reading level up hoping he won't dislike it so much. The tutor suggested the Magic Tree House series and he absolutely LOVES them!!!! He read this book in two days- this is the first time he's EVER been excited to read (he got up one morning and flat out asked first thing if he could read!!). I'm really pleased with this book and have already bought several others in the series that he has now read or is working on. For me this is a miracle series. I know several teachers have posted reviews saying not to expose your children to Mrs. Pope's terrible writing style (citing grammatical issues and terrible sentence structure)- personally, I just want my kid reading (and preferably something not terribly offensive like a few others out there for this age group- we don't do potty humor around this house), I'm fine with teaching him sentence structure separately if needed as long as he's developing a love for reading now which he clearly is. On a side note, having listened to him read this story out loud, I think the story is really cute.

Great transition to chapter books! My four and a half year old really likes this book, so I will be ordering more. I like how there are still some pictures too.

Finally a book series my oldest enjoys reading! Love the hard cover can't wait to get the next in the

series.

My son started reading this series at school, he was so interested i've kept buying the next book and he loves reading them. Great book series!

My 7 yr old son has just finished the first one. He was just getting the hang of sounding out multiple syllable words and once he was done I believe he is already a much more confident and enthusiastic reader...he said, "You remember how you asked me about seeing the story in my head? I can see it! Is there a second one?!" I'm thrilled!!

These books have revolutionized one of my student's reading progress! He was a DRA level 12 when he started, and now is a level 20 after half a year of working with him. Motivation does play a huge part in his growth, and these books were just the thing. Each has action, facts and enough suspense to keep him hooked. So thankful for Mary Pope Osborne and her work!

My granddaughter loves this series but I was shocked at how short these books are. I will find another series to buy for her. I don't think these are worth \$5 each.

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