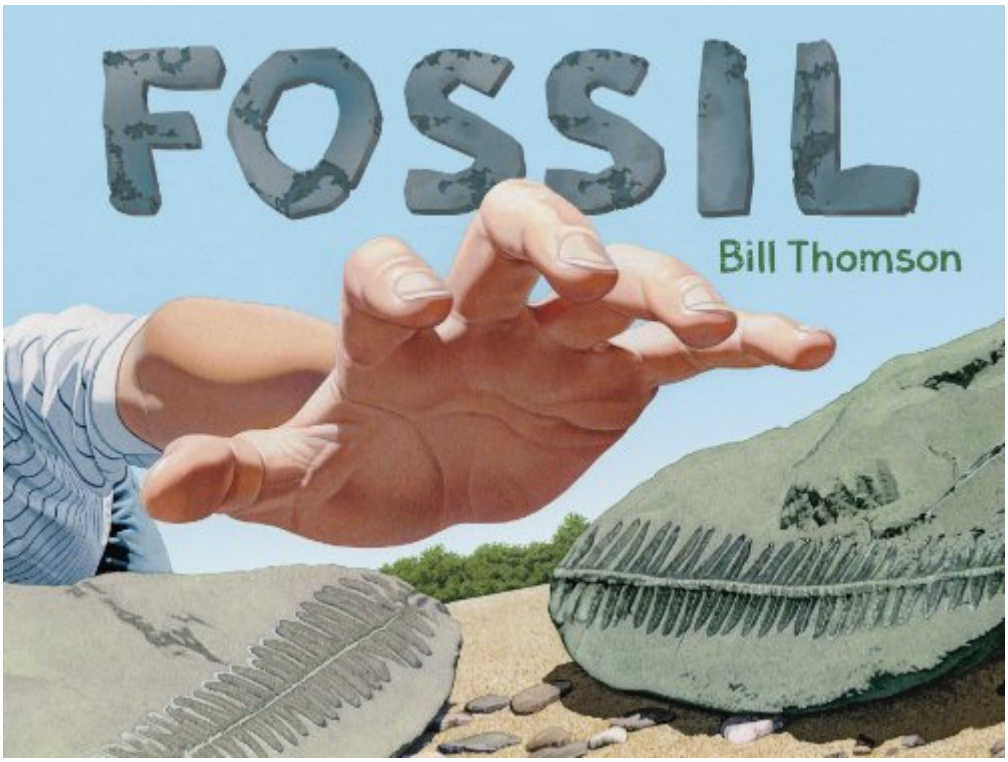
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Synopsis

When a boy and his dog go for a hike, the boy trips on a fossil, and it comes to life, revealing an ancient plant. The boy is so intrigued that he breaks two more fossils that come to lifeÃ¢â ¬â •a dragonfly and a pteranodon. When these prehistoric creatures collide with present reality, the boy must figure out a way to make things go back to normal. Visually told through art, this "wordless story" will surely spark imagination and creativity.

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Customer Reviews

I gave this to my 6yr old daughter for Christmas and she loved it! She is really taking off with her reading and I bought this mistakenly thinking it had a word story accompanying the illustrated story. It is all illustrations but they are so beautiful, so amazing that words are not needed to tell this story. I was disappointed for a moment (because I'm trying to encourage my daughters fledging reading skills) until I "read" the story, flipping each page and following the storyline by looking at the amazing illustrations, but I was really impressed with the story and how it is told with those beautiful illustrations. I realized something after I finished the story....there may not be printed words for my

daughter to practice on, but she has to use her imagination and critical thinking skills to follow a storyline using illustrations only. For this reason I found Fossil to be a beautiful book, a fun book, AND a learning tool....which was one of the reasons I bought it. I recommend this book to anyone, of any age, it's wonderful.

I like it as much as I love chalk (by this author) or Flotsam and Sector7 (by David Wiesner) or The snowman (by Raymond Brigg). I think it's the same quality in 'picture' and 'massage to readers'. About the end; a boy must destroy the dinosaur fossil, I see this as the only way to rescue his dog, it's okay. I compare it with ' I want my hat back' (by Jon Klassen). In 'I want my hat back' , at the end a bear decided to eat the rabbit who robbed his hat..., actually, no need to eat a rabbit. It's the difference between 2 books, which have a negative ending. Fossil is much better.

Recently gave a copy of "Fossil" to a friend's second grade grandson. His eyes just lit up as he looked at the illustrations and told me his version of the fossil adventure. So many details that stimulate a child's imagination can be gleaned from each drawing as the story progresses. Adults are amazed at the quality of the art work as well!

A beautifully illustrated book that clearly shows the relationship between fossils and living things with a bit of fantasy and adventure thrown in.

I learned that if you break any rock you might see a fossil. I liked how the boy imagined tbe ancient beings come to life!!

Bill stimulates the imagination of his young readers with his amazing artwork.My grandchildren climb in bed with their parents regularly to "read" Chalk to them.They were so excited to receive Fossil as a Christmas gift (as were their parents).

LOVE his books - the illustrations are amazing and so life like. I just taught a wordless book unit to my students and his book by far created the most talk and interest. They really are amazing.

I really love these illustrations! I also like that it doesn't have words, allowing me to make up a new story every time I read it to my 7 month old son.

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