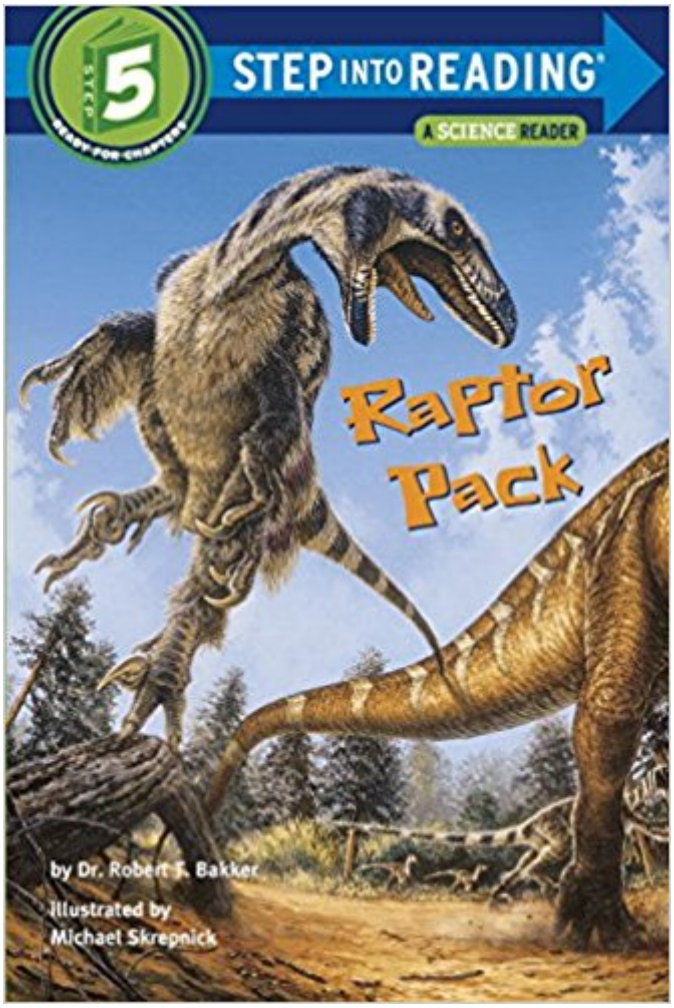
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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

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The writer has adopted a very interesting approach of setting up a story scene and trying to unravel each strength and weakness of the raptors chapter-wise. My 6 yo is enjoying the way the paleontologists figure out from the bones different characteristics of the dinos. The most interesting thing that struck him was the teeth of predators found on the prey!!! The dinosaurs are compared with the living animals today so the kids have better reference point and also understand evolution in a subtle way. It is a must-read for those interested in dinosaurs!

Prompt and as expected. Thank you.

I love these series. But most important that my son does. I got 40+ books and he loves to read them (usually it is not that easy to make him read). I got mix of 2-3-4 levels for the second grader, second level is too easy, but it creates some fun and he reads them with pleasure. Love it, I would recommend it.

O.K.- wow, where has Bob Bakker been all my life? Well, at least for the last 1.5 years since my daughter became interested in dinosaurs. Raptor Pack is a fabulous chapter book for grade school readers, but also for preschoolers who love dinos, like my 3.5 year old. The book tells the story of a deinonychus pack hunting in the uncertain wild world of the Cretaceous Period, then explains how Bakker A REAL PALEONTOLOGIST was on the Montana dig in the 1960s that discovered the first ’terrible claw’ of this new raptor. He explains its discovery, study and the reconstruction of this animals appearance, hunting and hiding behavior and life. So it’s not yet another dino book with a dumb-down story. This book challenges young dino-lovers with engaging information - it has a compelling narrative, an explanation of scientific methodology and is illustrated with descriptive, dynamic scenes from the recreated dinosaurs’ life.Bakker is a great story-teller and enlivens his stories with just the right amount of fun word play (he calls herbivores ’veggie-saurs’ - totally funny for my 3.5 year old) and plot (the raptors climb a tree to sleep and then spit up on the enormous carnivore trying to hunt them). Though my 3.5 year old is not reading on her own yet, she loves listening to the story in the book, and hearing about the ’terrible claw’ - and seeing how it compares to an eagle claw (this is a visual and written comparison in the book - again, one of Bakker’s talents - making the info relevant to people of all ages) and how it was used by Deinonychus. My daughter was so inspired by Bakker’s story, she has been telling everyone that she wants to be a "Stegosaur Paleontologist" (her favorite dinosaur). I told her she better pack her bags for Montana then - and not discount any OTHER non-Stegosaur fossils she finds (!)Bakker has written other dinosaur

books, whose delivery we are eagerly awaiting. And you can’t beat the price ($4!)

If you’ve read Palentologist Robert T Bakker’s excellent book ’Raptor Red’ ,your gonna love this.Aimed at the ’learning to read’ market, it is however an excellent explorationof the Raptors world ,in a day to day living sense.Packed with illustrations & Bakker’s excellent writing style , very soon youare living with this pack.At the same time the science is not lost & the evidence for his conclusionsare presented clearly.If only he would write more.Engaging for a ’learning to read’ book , fascinating for a glimpse into thissupreme predators lifestyle.Chris D

KIDS LOVE THESE BOOKS

My five year old daughter loves to read this book with me. We checked it out from the library and she liked it so much that we bought our own copy. My 7 year old son also likes this book. I thought parts of it might gross her out (this is a book about a meat-eating dinosaur), but she finds it really interesting. The drawings are realistic, but not gory or over-the-top. It is a very informative and a good length, without being boring or too technical. The book provides a balanced mix of a "day in the life of a raptor" narrative and archealogical technique, which I think keeps the book going at a good pace and keeps both of my children’s interest. They ask good questions and actually like to laugh about the "gross parts." (ex. Raptors burp up undigested bones like owls do! Ewww, dinosaurs burp! Hahahaha.)

Super! My granddaughter who loves all things dinosaur thought this book was great!

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