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This extremely little short book (only 6 pages!!!) is written in the same style as Jane Yolen & Mark Teague's other dinosaur book collaborations together, such as HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY GOOD NIGHT? and HOW DO DINOSAURS GET WELL SOON? The book was created as a promotional item to teach kids to have good reading habits and to respect books. The illustrations are lively and the rhyming text delivers the message well. As short as it is, this could be one book that parents might not mind reading over and over.

- Amazon reviewer tvtv3

## How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read? Details

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## **From Reader Review How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read? for online ebook**

### **Amy Erwin says**

Summary - This book is about the humorous ways in which a dinosaur could learn to read. The book follows different dinosaurs before their bedtime story.

Review - This was a Triple Crown book. I thought the story was cute as it rhymes throughout. "Does he sound out the words? Or just take a quick look? Does she lose her huge temper, then jump on the book?" The back of the book also includes "about reading" which gives tips. The illustrations are inviting.

Classroom -

- 1) Reading is fun
  - 2) Anyone can learn to read
  - 3) Rhyming words
  - 4) Learning how to read.
  - 5) ELL students
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### **Serenity says**

\*I received a free copy of this book from the publisher through my district library services\*

I was absolutely delighted to find this book, and I can't wait to share it with my students. I was surprised when I came to add it to my Goodreads list that it has been in print since 2003. How did I never see it before?

Anyway, like all the How Do... books, the Yolen walks us through some not so good behaviors, then through some positive behaviors. This book is a little different because it is followed by a little back matter advising parents how to help their kids read. As always, Teague's illustrations are adorable, the rhyming text is fun, and it provides opportunity for discussion.

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### **Dolly says**

This is a very short book that's all about reading. It's a great book to read at bedtime, especially with younger children. It is too young for our girls, so I just read it myself while waiting for a flight. Nice addition to the series.

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### **Isabel Smith says**

Jane Yolen and Mark Teague are at it again. They've created more dinosaur magic with their latest storybook, *How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?* This book follows the same formula as the books that preceded it in their beloved dinosaur series. At first, the dinos exhibit silly, laughable misdeeds as the author imagines the many things they could but shouldn't do. Then, there is a shift and the author shows readers the good and proper behaviors that the dinos are actually exhibiting. This formula is genius because it subtly shows children how to act by example...I love it! In *How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?* young readers will eagerly flip through the pages to see how their dino friends read books; then they'll likely be motivated to read as the dinos do. This book would make a perfect readaloud at the beginning of the school year for preschoolers and kindergartners when young minds are at their best and ready to learn new skills.

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### **Jamie Jessup says**

I love the way that this book teaches students good reading habits! Sometimes it can be hard to get students into the habit of practicing good reading habits, so I would read this book to younger students to help them develop those habits. Reading out loud, sounding out words, and not giving up are really important skills for young readers to master and a lot of them will need help when it comes to reading and understand the content. I would read this book out loud to the class and then ask them to come up with some good reading habits that we can all use when we are reading. I would most likely use this book in kindergarten and first grade classrooms, because those are the grades where reading is first starting to develop and it is the most important to instill those good habits.

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### **Kelsey Rice says**

This book is about the wondering how a dinosaur reads. does he sound out words or does he skip the hard words? This book ends with dinosaurs being nice to the books and wanting to read more. I thought this was such a cute book! It is not my favorite picture book but I loved the illustrations. I liked how their were more than just one dinosaur and they were different on every page. I think this book could be used in teaching how to treat books. Also, I think it could be used to talk about different dinosaurs. It would be a really fun book for young kids.

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### **Karen says**

A fun book that teaches children how to treat books.

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### **Bridget R. Wilson says**

Just how does a dinosaur learn to read? Yolen explores this question with delightful speculation and ultimately teaches you what you should and shouldn't do while reading.

What I thought: I love Yolen's Dinosaur series, but as a librarian, I am especially fond of this title. Yolen's lyrical prose is wonderful. The book is almost a song. Teague's illustrations are deliciously realistic. These are not cartoon dinosaurs, but real dinosaurs.

### **Pug says**

I notice that this book is a part of a series... which may help explain why it was so weak. I picked it up because of the colorful dinosaurs, expecting it to be funny because they were reading a book! I should have known after the first stanza that it was going to be a rhyming book (I really hate those). The illustrations were mildly amusing, but the whole "story" was stupid.

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### **Barbara says**

This creative team clearly loves dinosaurs, and those illustrations perfectly depict them in all their unique glory. As they have done in their earlier books, the author and illustrator tackle the challenges of learning to read. It's certainly not something that always happens easily, and the text and images depict some of the struggles and frustrations as well as serving as a primer for how to treat books until eventually, as is clear here, books become a child's best friend. Back matter includes tips about reading aloud and learning letter sounds and rhyming words. As readers come to the end of the book, they just might feel reassured that if dinosaurs can learn to read and start to love to read, then maybe, just maybe, they can too. This encouraging message about literacy made me smile even with all those dinosaur antics.

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### **Kathy says**

My children and I love these books by Jane Yolen. They find it hilarious that the dinosaurs are just like normal kids with human parents. Never a dull read!

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### **Lara says**

This whole series is an enjoyable one. Lyrical poetry showing a gradual shift from inappropriate behaviors to more positive ones. Great learn-by-example stories. And the dinos are drawn with such gorgeous detail - "real" dinos, not just cartoon characters, and more species than just T Rex, Pteranodon, and Stegosaurus.

This title specifically holds a special place on my bookshelf. I am a librarian, after all. I love the spreads inside the covers, all the different species reading. This one is a great addition to storytimes on dinosaurs or reading.

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### **Nancy says**

Wasn't as good as I was hoping!

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## **Sam says**

If you've read one, you've read them all but that's not to say they aren't lovely and catchy. I can see this being a useful 'library tour storytime' book as it goes through all the not-to-dos. The end notes on this one are pretty fantastic as they give young readers some reading strategy. Illustrations, as always, are vivid and fun.

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## **Kelsey Gourd says**

Great for encouraging young kids to learn to read, how to take care of books, and the back includes great tips for adults to work with their kids on reading.

I can see a lot of teachers/librarians using this for back to school mindset discussions, but also upper elementary teachers could use this to talk about how to read during silent sustained reading. Great discussion prompts about actually reading, what to do, what not to do, etc.

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