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When Fish Got Feet, Sharks Got Teeth, And Bugs Began To Swarm





Synopsis

If you think dinosaurs are cool, wait till you learn what covered Earth 430 million years ago. That's long before dinos even existed. There wasn't much on land - some really tiny plants and even smaller animals like millipedes and mites. But offshore life was another story. Six-foot-long relatives of modern scorpions roamed the open water, gobbling up smaller creatures. Fish were out there, too. There just weren't many of them, and they were much different than today's fish. For one thing, they didn't have jaws. But they were the first animals to have backbones. Eventually they crawled out of the water on primitive feet - and the rest is history! Award-winning author Hannah Bonner delivers an engaging and thoroughly entertaining tour through a few hundred million years of evolution.

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Customer Reviews

This book would have been great in my college geology class. It makes learning about prehistoric creatures interesting and puts them into a simplified order to gain some general knowledge. I think lots of kids skip over the part between the big bang and dinosaurs, and this makes part of that time period exciting!

Solid science attractively presented so it's engaging for both a 4 year old and for his parents -- a repeated request for bedtime reading.

This short book by National Geographic introduces the reader to the diverse forms of the original

plant and animal life that originally appeared on Earth. The book starts with the Ordovician period, and ends with the Permian period before the dinosaurs appeared. The principal topics covered are the appearance of fishes, the rise of bony fishes, the greening of the Earth's surface, and the appearance on land of the first arthropods and tetrapods. The level and detail of text is appropriate for anyone above 6 years old. This book contains no photographs, only color illustrations and an occasional graph or timeline. The illustrations of the plants and animals are not overly detailed, and match the style and detail of the cover art. The book is interesting to read, and I myself enjoyed reading it as much as my children

What a wonderful format for presenting a lot of information about the prehistory of the earth. This heavily illustrated book is very "readable" and humorous. A good gift for a 7-8 year old budding paleontologist.

I was immediately taken with this wonderful book. Although intended for younger readers, the charm of the illustrations (both 'realistic' and 'cartoony') and humor makes it a delight for older readers as well. This book covers the Silurian and Devonian periods, giving a good overview of the Earth and it's life in those time eras. It should be enjoyed by both children and adults. My highest compliments to Hannah Bonner for writing and illustrating this book. I highly recommend it for old and young paleontologists everywhere!

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