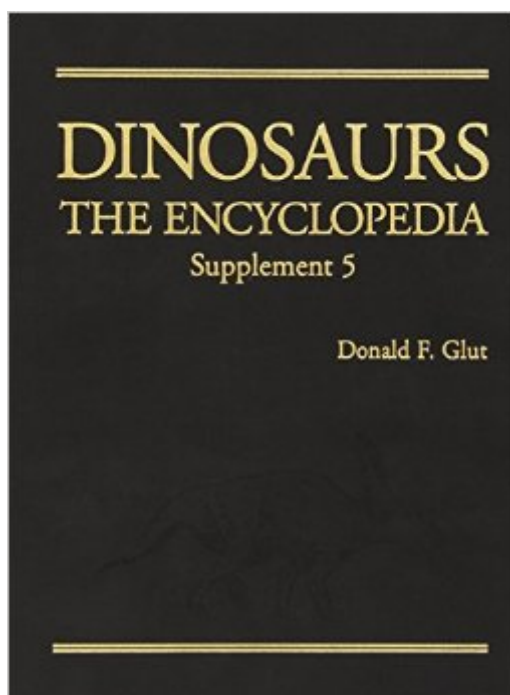


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Synopsis

Here is the fifth supplement to *Dinosaurs: The Encyclopedia*, a 1998 American Library Association Outstanding Reference Book (ARBA called it "a reference legend...lavishly illustrated, cleverly written, and extraordinarily comprehensive"). Since the publication of the acclaimed first volume, a virtual explosion in the number of exciting discoveries in dinosaur paleontology has made supplemental volumes necessary and indispensable. Among the many dramatic events discussed in the fifth supplement are the discovery of what may be the largest Jurassic theropod specimen yet collected; the uncovering of evidence of a dinosaur possessing opposable fingers; and Robert M. Sullivan's reassessment of Pachycephalosauria. Like the previous supplements, this volume includes lengthy sections on dinosaurian schematics and genera and updates the encyclopedia's list of excluded genera.

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If you are a serious dinosaur lover with some money to spend, this is the book. At the time of publication, every classified species was included, along with pertinent details and from 1-3 pages of write-up. It talks of the holotypes, it has 1-2 photos on every page, it gives it all. It is exhaustive, well written, and just simply outstanding. Put it this way, paleontologists and reconstructionist-artists keep this on their desk like the military folk keep a copy of Jane's, it's simply far and away the best reference on the various species of dinosaurs. Is it pricey? Yup. However, you could easily spend

far more buying every dinosaur encyclopedia sold on and still come up with a fraction of the material that is in this book. To be blunt, no other reference is in it's class. Throw in that periodic supplements are published that describe all of the new species and information discovered from the previous release, and you simply can't go wrong. If I have to pick one flaw, it's that some of the photographs are of poor quality, however most of these seem to be because the only surviving photo is a zerox or what have you, so the quality is dependant on the source picture, not due to any corner-cutting (of which there seems to be NONE) in the book.

In the ever changing science of paleontology, sometimes it is impossible to keep up...until now. Donald F. Glut's *Dinosaurs: the Encyclopedia*, along with this subsequent and future supplements, reviews and condenses ALL (not merely some) of the technical papers published on the "terrible lizards" and packs them into one place. Want to know whatever happened to Brontosaurus? Look it up! For the budding enthusiast who is not quite sure what all the jargon means, a dictionary of terms is included in the back. If you are serious or want to be serious about the study of dinosaurs, Glut's encyclopedia is the place to start. Personally, I plan to purchase any and all future supplements to this wonderful bible of dinosaur science.

Following in the footsteps of the original, the suppliment provides a detailed account of dinosaur research in the last couple of years. It covers both newly discovered species, as well as revisions of old ones, and goes at some length into general controversies about the life and extinction of the dinosaurs as well. Like the original, it makes no concessions to the lay person. But if you can follow the lingo, it's got all the information you could want, and lots of cool pictures to boot.

If you already have Glut's *"Dinosaurs: The Encyclopedia"* and the previous four supplements, the (A) you have used up nine inches of shelf space, and (B) you need this fifth supplement, which as usual is basically a distilled essence of the last eighteen months' primary literature on dinosaurs. If you don't have the core volume, then that is definitely where to start, rather than with this supplement.

Mr. Glut has made available to all, the continuous flow of new information and findings involving dinosaurs. The supplements to his original encyclopedia explore new discoveries as they become available and with sound theories, continue to enlighten and entertain. This endeavor has become one of my favorite references concerning one of my favorite subjects. Highly recommended!

I bought this book a few years back and it is quite excellent. I think the series is updated every few years, and things constantly change with dinosaurs. This book has excellent drawings and actual photos of models, replicas, and skeletons of dinosaurs. Microraptor is in this supplement as well, and dinosaurs evolving into birds is discussed in here as well. Different groups like the sauropods and hadrosaurs are discussed with new discoveries and information. Many species and footprints are discussed in here as well. Highly recommended for any paleontologist, dinosaur enthusiast, and/or future paleontologist (like me).

Anyone who's been keeping up with this set knows what I'm talking about. I start paging through any given volume and find I've lost the better part of a day. I'm not, in any way, classically educated in the finer points of paleontology but find it easy enough to take time to figure out what's being said about whose stony anatomy. Every volume has been well worth the investment.

If you want to find all there is known about each and every dinosaur, this is the place to look. It's technically comprehensive, accurate and complete. An overwhelming undertaking. Required reading for the serious dino-freak.

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