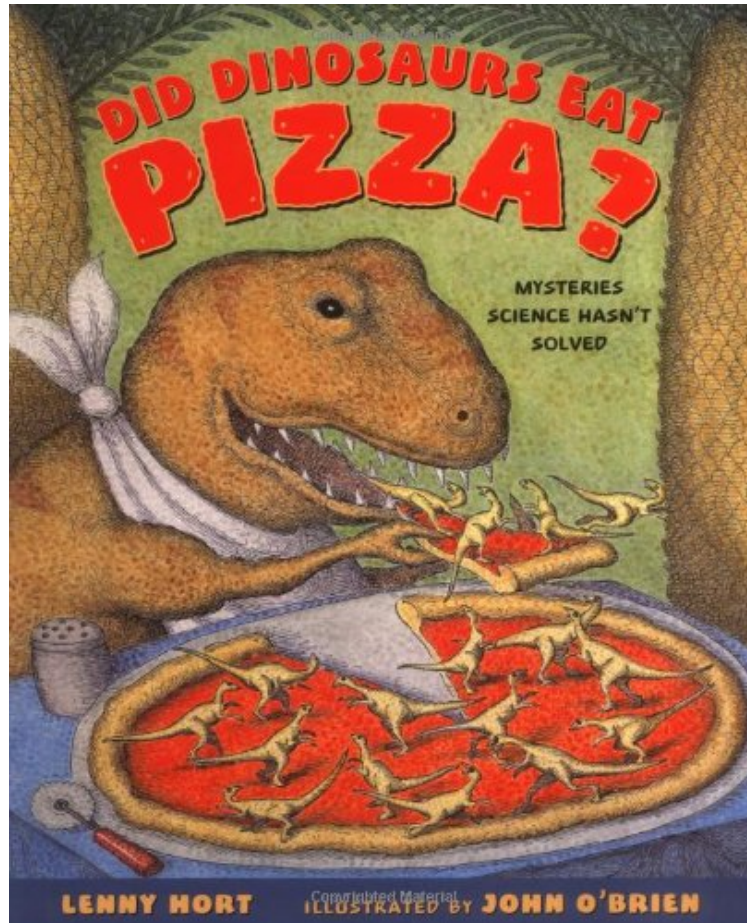


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Have you ever seen a dinosaur in your backyard? Of course not. But where did they go? What did a Parasaurolophus sound like? Why did the Spinosaurus have enormous fins along its back? Do you ever wonder what a Tyrannosaurus rex ate for dinner? Perhaps it feasted on freshly caught Maiasaura. Or maybe it preferred slow-roasted Pterodactyl.

Scientists aren't sure what a T. rex's meal was like, but they're fairly certain it didn't involve pizza. There's a lot we don't know about dinosaurs. We may not have all the answers--but laugh your way through this fun-filled book and you'll discover the mysteries!

From School Library JournalGrade 1-3--A bit of creative humor and detailed ink-and-watercolor illustrations will stir the imaginations of readers who question the mysteries surrounding these prehistoric creatures. As the text alternates between what scientists know and don't know about them, museum experts paint a model, a single dinosaur joins its relatives in a zoo's birdhouse, and a long-neck nibbles his way through tropical pizza trees. Did dinosaurs see in color? How did they get enough to eat? What color were they? How did they communicate? Why did they have fins or plates? More likely, the book raises questions, not answers. Its format entertains but answers little. Mark Teague's bolder, fanciful illustrations in Jane Yolen's imaginative books (Scholastic) fit the youngest of readers a bit more closely. However, children gather around any book with dinosaurs as the primary topic, and the playful illustrations combined with a bit of information and thought-provoking questions make fine starters for investigation. An additional purchase for most libraries.--Mary Elam, Forman Elementary School, Plano, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistPreS-Gr. 3. With so many books about dinosaurs being published for older children, it's refreshing to find a good one for younger kids still in the throes of dinosaur fever. Better still, this one steers clear of both tooth-and-blood illustrations and the pretense that science has all the answers. The discussion opens with the idea that even though much is known about dinosaurs, there are still mysteries to solve. The pages that follow introduce a series of unanswered questions--for example, What sounds did they make? Was Tyrannosaurus rex a hunter or a scavenger? Clearly written and filled with fascinating facts for dinosaur enthusiasts, the book introduces a new mystery or two on each double-page spread. O'Brien's detailed, often-witty ink drawings, brightened with colorful washes, interpret the facts imaginatively. Teachers and parents can use this unusual book to spark discussion about dinosaurs and, perhaps, about the insatiably inquisitive nature of science. Carolyn PhelanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorLenny Hort is the author of *Seals on the Bus* and several other books for children. He lives in New Jersey with his family. John O'Brien has illustrated many children's books, including *The Beach Patrol* and *This Is Baseball*. He divides his time between Miami, Florida, and the New Jersey shore.