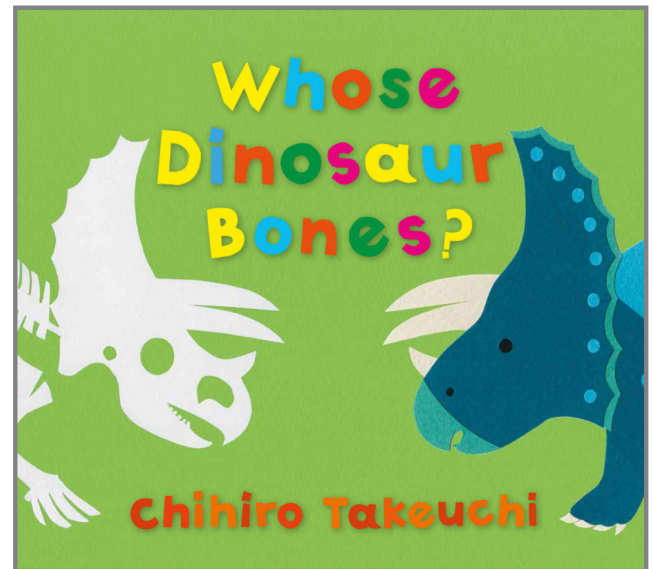


Whose Dinosaur Bones?

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SYNOPSIS

Discover the world of dinosaurs in this scientifically accurate exploration of some of the most popular creatures of the past. Identify dinosaurs by their bone structures and learn more about each of the creatures with the fun facts spread in the back of the book.

Papercut artist Chihiro Takeuchi has created vibrant spreads featuring the skeleton of a different dinosaur. Use the colours and visual clues to determine whose dinosaur bones they are.

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Chihiro Takeuchi is a renowned papercut artist living in Osaka, Japan.

In 2015 and 2016 Chihiro was part of a select group of artists to exhibit at the prestigious Bologna Book Fair.

She has produced several books including, *Whose Bones?* and the successful board books *Colours* and *Animals*.

THEMES

- Dinosaurs
- Problem solving
- Science
- Anatomy
- Skeletons

STUDY NOTES

- What are bones? What is their function? What happens if you break a bone? What if an animal breaks a bone?
- How is it possible to guess whose bones belong to each dinosaur? What hints do you see? Do you think you could guess every dinosaur from its bones, or did the artist choose ones that have especially distinctive skeletons? Can you think of any other dinosaurs with unique skeletons that the author/illustrator could have included?
- Images of skeletons and skulls are often used to scare people. Why is that? Do you think bones are scary? Why or why not?
- Have you ever seen dinosaur bones in a museum? What kind of bones? Why do you think they were there?
 - Do you know what work a palaeontologist does?
- Did some of the fun facts surprise you? Which ones and why?

- Do you have a favourite surprising fact about dinosaurs that you can share with everyone?
- Ask the children to look at a dinosaur skeleton. Then look at a human skeleton and compare it to the skeleton of a dinosaur. How are they different? How are they similar?
- Trace your footprint and compare it to a dinosaur footprint shown in the book. How are they different? Are they the same in any way?
- Ask the children to think of as many words as possible that rhyme (or nearly rhyme) with bones. Can they make a rhyming poem about bones using some of these words?
- Does anyone know a song or dance about dinosaurs or bones? Would they be willing to share it with the class?
- The author/illustrator creates her illustrations entirely from cut paper shapes. What images can the children create using cut paper shapes? Try cutting out your favourite dinosaur shape, and then some bones for that dinosaur.