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The Dinosaur Department Store

Lily Murray (Illustrated By Richard Merritt)

Keynote

Eliza Jane was an unusual child. Some called her wilful, some called her wild!

Description

SELECTED AS ONE OF THE MAIL ON SUNDAY EVENT MAGAZINE'S TOP SUMMER READS 2019

Our feisty heroine Eliza Jane isn't your average child. Instead of a cute, fluffy bunny, she has her heart firmly set on a prehistoric pet. Join Eliza Jane and her parents on a marvellous magical tour of their local dinosaur department store.

From huge, stomping sauropods stretching their necks to a pair of loved-up Ankylosaurs called Maud and Frank, there are plenty of amazing dinosaurs for Eliza Jane to choose from. But this wild child is hatching a fantastic plan of her own.

With the rich and vivid art of bestselling illustrator Richard Merritt and a witty rhyming text by picture book author Lily Murray, this truly wild picture book will appeal to dino-loving, adventurous children everywhere.

Sales Points

- A really wild, fun and fantastical picture book for children aged 3+. Designed to be read together with a parent, kids will be introduced to a wide range of dinosaurs from the lesser-known to the familiar
- Featuring a BAME lead character who encourages STEM learning through an introduction to dinosaur names and characteristics. This story has the potential to inspire an interest in STEM fields such as paleontology (the study of dinosaurs) or protecting species in the wild (conservation). All children will resonate with the cheekiness and the adventurous spirit of Eliza Jane, and along with the universal interest in all things dinosaurs, this picture book will spark important conversations and appeal to children everywhere
- Final page features fun 'selfies' of the dinosaurs mentioned in the text and a pronunciation guide so kids can learn how to say their names
- Richard Merritt's books were at the forefront of the adult colouring craze (best-selling *Art Therapy* and *Menagerie* series) and his bright, bold artwork brings these fang-toothed monsters to life
- Lily Murray's titles for Frances Lincoln Children's Books include *Hello, Hot Dog!*, *This Book is Magic* and *The People Awards*. Other recent titles include *Dinosaurium* for Big Picture Press and *World of Cities* for Walker Books

Reviews

- 'Refreshing... gloriously colourful and bold. Lots of fun for all ages' - *Books for Keeps*
- 'Wild, fun and adventurous' - *Primary Times*
- 'This picture book has a brave and compassionate lead character, perfect for curious young children' - *Absolutely Mama*
- 'With bright, bold artwork, a feisty female lead and a great twist at the end, The Dinosaur Department Store is perfect for fans of dinosaurs' - *Mini Travellers Blog*

Author Biography

Richard Merritt (Author)

Born and bred in North London, Richard Merritt has been an illustrator for 15 years after graduating from Central Saint Martin's college of Art and Kingston University.

Richard has worked with many book and editorial publishing houses, design groups, advertising agencies and more, on lots of varied projects, from children's books and packaging to magazines and costume illustration for film. His intricately detailed illustrations have become a staple of the best-selling *Art Therapy* and *Menagerie* series, and has led to television appearances.

Lily Murray (Author)

Lily writes both fiction and non-fiction books for children. Her titles include big books about dinosaurs (*Dinosaurium*), rhyming books about dinosaurs (*The Dinosaur Department Store*) and stories about escapee hot dogs (*Hello, Hot Dog!*). Her next title for Buster Books features a very naughty parrot and a conscientious puppy. Follow Lily on Instagram and Twitter @lilymurraybooks.