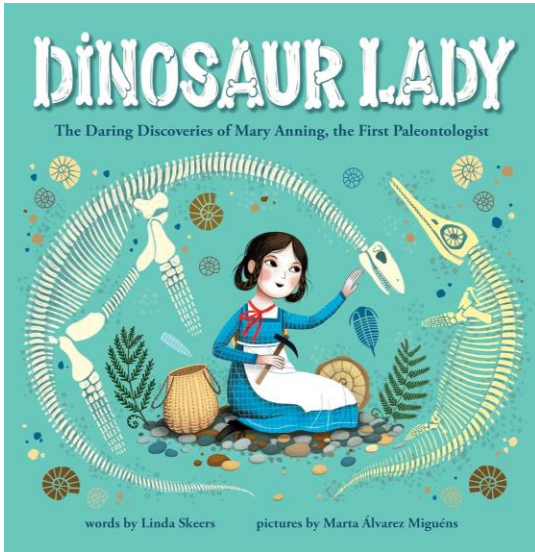


Discussion Guide for Families



Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Mary Anning's fearless fossil hunting led to groundbreaking discoveries that helped establish the field of paleontology. Despite facing discrimination as a woman, her work reshaped scientific understanding of the natural world.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child "What do you think fossils are, and why do you think people might have been excited to find them a long time ago?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- What kinds of curiosities does Mary Anning collect in her basket, and why does she enjoy looking for them?
- What surprising discovery did Mary and her brother make in the cliffs, and how did it change what people thought about the past?
- Why does the author say, 'around the world, scientists were talking about Mary's incredible discoveries. But they weren't talking about Mary'?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Why do people remember Mary Anning as the first paleontologist, and how did her discoveries change the way we understand the natural world?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.