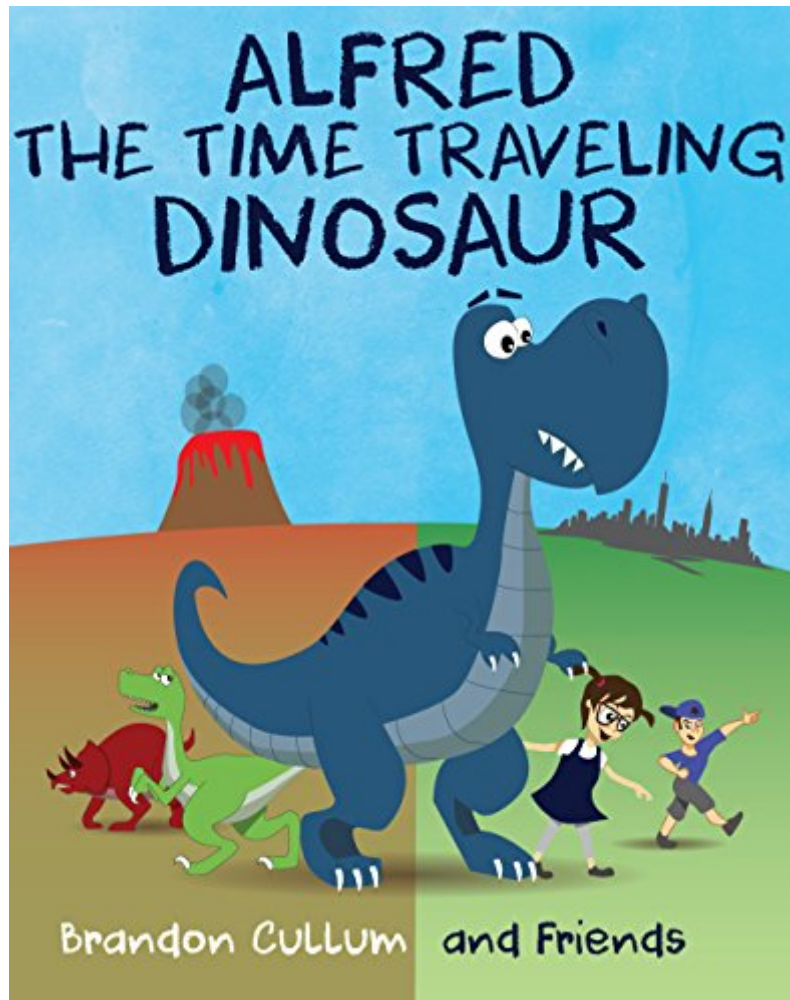




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Alfred The Time Traveling Dinosaur (Alfred The Dinosaur)



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Sometimes you have to travel through time to find a friend.** From the Best-Selling Series** Alfred is a dinosaur. He is big and blue and a little mean as he rules the Jurassic. But he finds himself alone, not getting to play with the other dinosaurs. Alfred has no friends and sets off a crazy time traveling adventure to find someone who will play with him. Will Alfred find the friend he is looking for? Will he find the person that can see past his bully tendencies and teach him what it is like to be a real friend? Find out in Book One of the Alfred the Dinosaur Series! This book is perfect for bedtime and any young reader! Book 1: Alfred the Time Traveling Dinosaur Book 2: Vinny the Soccer Playing Velocriaptor Scroll up and grab a copy today.

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Customer Reviews

Handsome young Brandon Cullum writes children's books and if this debut offering is the standard he is setting for his series, he is headed for success. Apparently as youngster his dream was to become an astronaut "a key to discovering fantastic adventures. Now that he is writing he invites us along on his fantasies. Brandon is also the excellent artist illustrator for his own

books. Alfred is a dinosaur who is scary and mean and love to frighten other dinosaurs such as Tri the Triceratops and Vinny the Velociraptor, but an attempt to scare Vinny, Alfred's tail catches in a tree and Vinny walks away from the impaired Alfred, telling him that no one likes Alfred because he likes to scare them. Without help Alfred finally falls from the tree that hampers him, sees a black hole and enters it, and is transported in time to a contemporary Natural History Museum that houses skeletons of ancient dinosaurs. A boy appears (human of course) and is unafraid of Alfred. Alfred leaves the museum and enters the New York City Zoo where he encounters strange things such as dogs (that frighten him, making him encounter another tree), sorbet stands, and ultimately meets a little girl named Chloe who helps him out of his dilemma, treats him like a friend, teaches him to write and how to play ping pong and invites him to her home in New York City. Now Alfred must decide whether to stay or return but his important lesson is the value of making friends! Brandon has a style that is unique fine rhymes, fun and funny situations, interesting learning session about historic topics, and lessons of meaning for children. He also happens to be a very fine illustrator! Highly Recommended. Grady Harp, September 15

Alfred the Time Traveling Dinosaur is a cute little book that teaches the age old lesson to treat others how you would want to be treated. I really enjoyed this book. As someone who's worked extensively with children, I've read dozens of children's books that are terrible. This is one of the better books that I've come across. Alfred, the main character, is an adorable dinosaur who likes to go around scaring people. Similar to the fable of the mouse and the lion, Alfred finds himself in trouble and no one is willing to help him because he's been mean to everyone. Alfred meets other dinosaurs, visits a museum, and meets children in the story. The story is very cute and clever, fun to read, fast moving, and held the interest of the 5-7 year old's that I read this book to. I would give this book five stars, but there are some changes that I would LOVE to see made to this book that could make it a five star book. Some of the pages have white text which is extremely hard to read. I cannot imagine a beginning reader trying to read the white text themselves, it is just painful on the eyes, even for myself, a reading lover. The beginning promises coloring pages that you can download, but it leads to the author's website and you have to provide an e-mail address to download the coloring pages. I'm not keen on passing out an e-mail address just for some coloring pages when there are thousands of coloring pages available on the Internet for free that don't require personal information. The author's phone number appears in the sign on little sorbet place that Alfred is by as well, talk about self promotion! Some of the rhyming in this book needs some work. Not all of the sentences rhyme like they should, so the book does not flow as smoothly as it

could. The improper capitalization of every sentence, even when it's a continuing sentence, makes it even more difficult to read this book. Example: He would roam around the land, Looking for someone to play (new line) A very special game he was playing that very day". When a child tries to read it, they are used to pausing for commas and periods, but the sentences feel more like run on sentences rather than well written rhymes. The only other thing that stood out at me was when Alfred meets two boys in the museum, it mentions the boys are 5'2" tall. I don't know too many kids that tall. It seemed like they should have been adults, or had a different height. In the end, the book has a happy ending, and Alfred (and readers) are taught that when you treat others fairly and nicely, they will be friends with you and treat you nicely in return. A great lesson, adorable illustrations, and fun characters make this a book that I would definitely recommend!

Alfred the Time Traveling Dinosaur is a book where the author has taken time to format it to take up the entire Kindle screen, it displays in landscape mode like an open book with two pages together on the screen. If you've ever downloaded self published kindle picture books where you'll have text on one screen and the picture that's supposed to accompany it on the next, you'll know why this is good. The illustrations are very well done. The story itself doesn't always flow as nicely or smoothly as it should but still it's a decent story about a dinosaur who acts like a bit of jerk and therefore has no friends. It could have sort of ended a few times when he gets his tail caught up in a tree for example and a dinosaur he has tormented refuses to help him. When he goes back in time and learns these new small dinosaurs think he's a bit of joke but finally makes one of them his friend. But the problem is the story doesn't actually end, you've obviously got to buy the next book to find out if Alfred is successful when he journey's to the city? You could always stop reading to your kids when he makes the human friend though I guess and pretend that's the end of the story. The story also needs you to explain why Alfred in the future can't tell the difference between dead dinosaurs (skeletons) that you'd imagine he would have encountered when he eats other dinosaurs or just lying on the ground in his lifetime in the past, perhaps with a bit more flesh on them as they rot or whatever, and alive dinosaurs.

Brandon Cullum is a talented illustrator and innovative story writer. But his ability to teach kids, and remind adults, the valuable lessons that "games are more fun for two than one" is a lasting story. I hope you read this story and are reminded that to live with community- sharing- and working together is better than being a mean dinosaur.

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