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How do you find a missing dinosaur who's large and green and likes to roar? When a little boy's dinosaur decides to play hide-and-seek, he is surprisingly difficult to track down. Veteran illustrator Joe Mathieu's dinomite illustrations and Jon Surgal's saur-ing verse will have kids roaring with laughter as they romp through this funny rhyming Beginner Book.

## **Have You Seen My Dinosaur? (Beginner Books(R)) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Have You Seen My Dinosaur? (Beginner Books(R)) for online ebook**

### **Libby says**

Cute story of a little boy determined to find his dinosaur, despite the incompetence and disbelief of all the grown-ups around him. The rhyme and rhythm are sometimes not quite flowing, but the story is fun to read even so. My kids loved that they could find the dinosaur when the grown-ups in the story couldn't, and that they got to help the boy at the end.

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### **Jaime Sallis says**

Cute! My 5 year old loved it

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### **Christopher Heeding says**

#### **Good book**

My three year  
Old liked it  
She was able to pay attention the entire length of the book  
Definitely a good night book

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### **Jason Brinley says**

Jon Surgal's Have You Seen My Dinosaur is a structured, predictable picture book with repetitive text about a young boy who is struggling to find his green dinosaur that likes to roar. The author tells this story in verse, in a similar rhyming pattern of most Doctor Seuss books; e.g., "He sometimes likes a little drink. So have you seen him in the sink?" The illustrations done by Joe Mathieu contain brilliant, bright colors and are quite humorous; as is seen in the aforementioned scene with the child's dinosaur hiding under the kitchen sink cabinet and sneaking a drink of water, while the little boy and his mother's backs are turned. Joe Mathieu's illustrations add so much dimension and enjoyment to the author's clever, funny, and adorable story. This children's book is more contemporary than other Doctor Seuss books, as it takes the little boy to a zoo where he learns about zoo animals and far off places, such as Bhutan and East Timor. The comedy in the story's plot is seen throughout the story; e.g., when this little child decides to approach a college professor to get his input as to where a dinosaur might go, and Professor Pew suggests a big museum; to which the naive little guy replies: "Is this the place where, people say, a dinosaur is on display?" After searching high and low, the author draws the reader into the story by having the boy ask the viewer if he/she has seen his dinosaur. Have You Seen My Dinosaur? allows the reader to understand the importance of the author's narrative and the illustrator's artistry to work in unison, complementing one another; as this is essential for them to present a book that is fascinating, appealing, and considered worth reading.

Teachers can use Have You Seen My Dinosaur as a teaching tool to help expand students' literacy skills.

This is an excellent book selection for young readers as its composition and style of writing will help to instill confidence in students as they recite repetitive words. Reading rhyming text, such as this, also makes reading more enjoyable for children and helps them to develop a love for literature. This style of book also helps students to increase their vocabulary skills, because children tend to retain what interests and humors them. Students will greatly enjoy participating in different class projects based on this story, such as performing a play or doing an art project depicting their favorite scenes.

Using E-books in the classroom is a wonderful tool for reaching students in various ways. E-books allow teachers opportunities to teach the entire class with everyone being able to view a particular book. E-readers can enable teachers to “mix it up,” making reading more fun through the use of technology. E-books better hold students' attention, which helps them to develop a love for reading; and they may better reach students with attention difficulties and English language learners.

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### **Ashleigh says**

Have you Seen My Dinosaur? He's Large. He's green. He likes to roar. Come tag along and help a young boy find his dinosaur. His journey begins at the house and takes him throughout town. He asks mom, the Fisherman, and Professor Pew. He even makes a visit to a local museum. But no luck there. His only person left to ask is you, Have You seen my Dinosaur?

Have you seen my dinosaur by Jon Surgal will make the readers giggle! This Fun-filled mystery of the missing dinosaur is an easy to read picture book. The rhymes create a flow of words from page-to-page, Partnered up with bright colored cartoon-like illustrations depicting the young boys journey.

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### **Kelsi Watts says**

This is a good beginner book for kids that are learning new words and how to rhyme. It's funny, so it will keep the children laughing and interested but also is teaching them as well. I think that it would be a good read aloud for kindergartners. It isn't a super long book so I think it would keep their attention good too!

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### **Helen says**

Clever art to support the easy-reading story.

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### **Anunn3 says**

My 3yr old boys really loved this book. It was a fun Hide-and-Seek book. They laughed throughout the entire book.

## Alexandria says

There really isn't a lesson to be learned from this book. But with kids in the target age range of this book, lessons aren't always necessary. Cute art and an adorably silly story line can be just as important. This book promises both with the title and cover art, and it delivers on its promises.

## Diana Graham says

very cute!

**Jennifer says**

My 3 year kid loves the story and finding the dinosaur. I think it would be good for early readers as there is good rhyming with words that have different endings.

**Dona says**

Great rhyming and fun pictures make this a great book to read aloud. Perfect for practicing early reading skills pre chapter books. And you cannot go wrong when there is a dinosaur at the core.

**Elise says**

I like the connection between the story and the pictures, it is very exciting for young children as they can find the missing dinosaur when the grown up can't. It is capturing and the different setting spots makes it even more interesting.

**ramezan says**

Alice says

**3.25 stars** Any children's picture book that uses places like Culloden (yep been there) East Timor, Bhutan and Baden-Baden (where is Baden-Baden?) you have a fun hunt for a dinosaur. Also, while stretching our

mind while looking for the dinosaur we see, ocelot, gnu, kinkajou (google search activated). More Google searches for me..even though it is an early kids reader. We are lead from the pictures that there is a true, real dinosaur, but all the other people point out facts like dinosaurs aren't alive any more. Good for a smile!

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