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Cordelia is celebrating her favorite winter holiday with her Cretaceous buddies. Will Santa Rex bring her everything she asked for? The Caldecott Honor-winning author-illustrator of "Flora and the Flamingo" comes an ideal stocking stuffer for young fans. Full color.

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Jj says

Sweet. This would be a good one for the kids as they are helping with holiday preparations. Some of the dinosaur mishaps are quite familiar to humans, esp. human children. The seasonal merriment is definitely present in this one.

I know the author worked in animation for awhile, for DreamWorks. The animation background is definitely evident in her work, but her books often seem to embody a sort of throwback Walt Disney feel to them, in a good way--emphasizing joy and wonder, whimsy and a little nod to mischief. This book is no exception.

Thanks to the publisher for the review copy.

Abigail says

The children and dinosaurs whose story began in Tea Rex, and then continued in Camp Rex and Sea Rex, return in this fourth picture-book romp, this time celebrating Christmas. Presented in guide-book format, just like its predecessors, this tongue-in-cheek holiday title gives advice on how to prepare for Christmas day, while the artwork depicts the children's dinosaur guests running a bit amok...

As with its predecessors, I enjoyed the humorous contrast here between the calm, almost anodyne text and the rather more expressive illustrations. As is always the case with Molly Idle, the artwork in Santa Rex manages to be both cute and beautiful (not always the same thing!), capturing the humorous hi-jinks of the dinosaurs (and the little boy) to perfection. My favorite scene involved T-Rex using the curtains to make cut-out snowflakes! Recommended to Molly Idle fans, and to anyone who read and enjoyed the previous picture-books in the *Tea Rex* series.

Whatmykidsandiread Juli says

Well, I've found the perfect Christmas book for the dinosaur lover. "Santa Rex" is a how-to guide for holiday entertaining with dinosaur guests. ?? After all, its always good to be prepared...

Molly Idle, the author and obvious dinosaur holiday expert, takes the reader through cookie baking (keep one eye on the stegosaurus at all times), tree decorating (maybe pick someone other than the T-Rex to put the star on the tree), and keeping watch for Santa (please note that dinos don't fit in the fireplace). A must-read for every dino-obsessed reader, from toddler to adult.

Miss Ryoko says

I just adore Molly Idle's artwork so much!! Everything is so cute - the dinos, the kids, the teddy <3 I love everything about her artwork! I could look at it all day!

Cute story! The T-Rex trying to put the star on the tree was dang cute!

Andréa says

I wish I could live in a Molly Idle illustration.

Candace says

This book is simply adorable. The mishaps elicited real laugh out loud chuckles. The message is sweet, and the illustrations are gorgeous.

Brittany says

Beautiful Christmas story! It is an easy read and will draw in any reader (male or female). The dinosaurs are too funny and cute. Molly Idle is amazing! Artwork is simply beautiful and it has a timeless feel to it.

Fiction State Of Mind says

Coyer Winter Switch

Dinosaurs make everything better right? Even Christmas ! This book follows two young kids who invite dinosaurs to join them in their fun! From tree trimming to baking and hanging stockings. Very cute

Missy says

A simple and sweet tale with a surprise at the end. The illustrations are especially delightful. Author/Illustrator Molly Idle has a background in animation with Dreamworks. The pictures in the book harken back to the old days of Disney animation, but with a modern and slightly surreal twist. Adults and children will enjoy this Christmas tale.

Becky B says

The characters from *Tea with Rex* prepare for Christmas together. They make decorations, decorate the house, bake Christmas cookies, and go to sleep early on Christmas night anticipating the surprises in store on Christmas day, but also just enjoying their time together.

If you just read the text of this without the pictures it could sound like a sweet and simple preparation for Christmas. But in the illustrations you have several dinosaurs eager to "help" the young boy and girl, which

often results in comedic occurrences. I like that all of the activities are things young readers could really do to help prepare for Christmas, from making paper chains to helping bake Christmas cookies and decorate a tree. Idle's illustrations are soft and charming, adding to the cozy and lightly humorous feel of the book. A very fun holiday read for kids excited about preparing for Christmas.

A Allen says

Ugh. I was hoping for a cute dinosaur story that would stray from the typical "Santa" Christmas book. Unfortunately, this book is just about dinosaurs waiting for Santa. If you are looking for a dinosaur book with a very similar message, I personally like "Rory the Dinosaur Needs a Christmas Tree" better.

Jana says

Getting ready for Christmas is one of the best times of the year, and young readers usually love the fun colorful books that celebrate that. This fun picture book by the author of *Flora and the Flamingo* shows the silly complications that can occur when T. Rex and his friends come to help you get ready for the holidays. Festive illustrations in warm, cheerful colors show the mayhem of big dinosaurs helping to make decorations, bake cookies, and hang stockings. The story kind of reminds me of the crazy mishaps in the *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series by Norman Bridwell.

Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

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T-rex and his friends are back again: this time to help you get ready for the holidays. Chock full of all kinds of good advice and wry illustrations, you will have so much fun not only reading, but exploring each illustration for the humor contained within. The stegosaurus is my personal favorite, though watching T-rex try to cut out snowflakes and hang the tree topper is a very close second!

Pre- K, EL (K-3) – ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher
<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

Lindsey says

Simple with wonderful illustrations.

Elizabeth says

Adorable as always.

