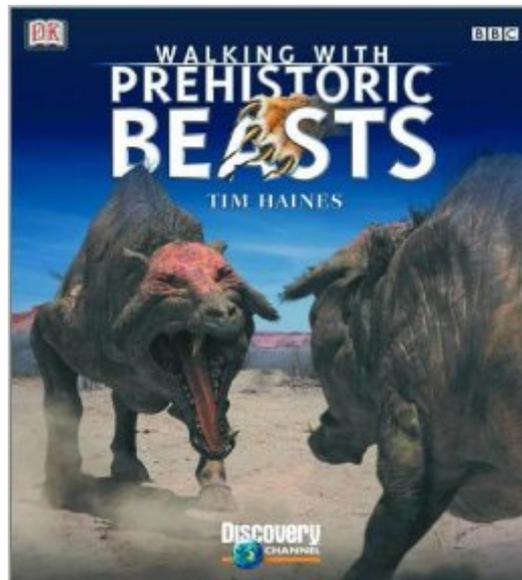


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# Walking With Beasts: A Prehistoric Safari



## Synopsis

Since the dinosaurs died out over 65 million years ago our planet has been dominated by mammals. A succession of bizarre evolutionary specimens have come and gone -- from walking whales to sabre-toothed cats -- yet many of these magnificent creatures have never been visualized before. Now, for the first time, spectacular and unfamiliar animals are recreated and set in the context of their world. *Walking with Prehistoric Beasts* reveals the extraordinary ancestors of modern mammals and the arrival of man, bringing to life the roots of our heritage. Following on from the hugely-acclaimed *Walking with Dinosaurs*, *Walking with Prehistoric Beasts* recreates the creatures and landscapes of post-dinosaur Earth; transporting us to the icy plains of the mammoth, dark forests stalked by giant carnivorous birds, and deserts dominated by 16 ton Indricotheres. From the tiny fruit-eating primate *Apidium*, to the powerful chalicotheres, whose curved claws forced them to walk on their knuckles, the lives of these little known creatures are vividly brought to life. Meet the bizarre hose-nosed *Macrauchenia*, and the *Deodicurus*, a giant armadillo with a spiked club for a tail; run with cat-sized horses and rhino-sized carnivorous pigs, hunt with the skull-crushing *Andrewsarchus*, and walk with the very first humans. Illustrated boxes describe the latest scientific evidence that led to the reconstructions of these creatures, while character boxes provide information on behavior and habitats. The text is illustrated throughout with ground-breaking computer graphic images to offer a unique record of lost worlds never seen before and reveal many of the most spectacular periods in Earth's history. Also available, accompanying the *Walking with Prehistoric Beasts* TV series, are books for children, home videos, a DVD, and a CD of the soundtrack from the series.

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## Customer Reviews

As a writer who specializes in novels about prehistoric life forms continuing to exist into the present, this book is an invaluable reference. For anybody interested in prehistoric life, this beautiful book presents artistic and extremely life-like images of the extinct fauna that came to populate the planet following the dinosaurs. So much so, that you will believe you are seeing them in the flesh. I was especially pleased by the terror birds and the evolution of the prehistoric whales.

Walking with Prehistoric Beasts, like Walking with Dinosaurs, is a well illustrated written companion to a BBC documentary on fossil animals and their environment. In this case the age of early mammals is the subject of the discourse. As the author himself points out, before the discovery of dinosaurs, the remains of the early megafauna of the ice ages were the great attractions in 19th Century museums and exhibits. These were the dream-team animals that inspired little boys to go into careers hunting fossils throughout the world. The beautiful CGI of the book does more to bring these animals alive than any other collection of images that I've seen, and it makes one appreciate the advances that have been made in this type of characterization. While I enjoyed the wildlife presented, as with Walking with Dinosaurs, it is not always made clear to the reader that only some things can be known absolutely about these now extinct animals. Much must be extrapolated from what is known of modern descendants and sheer guesswork. Not everyone who reads the book will realize that, and I think that more of an effort should have been made to explain why the authorities on the subject believe what they do about the period. For one thing it would have provided a better learning experience and a greater appreciation for the inspired detective work done by paleontologists world wide. Worth 4 stars for the illustrations alone!

I have always thought prehistoric mammals and birds got the shaft when compared to dinosaurs, but I have also thought they were every bit as fascinating. I never thought I would see these creatures brought to print and screen as they are portrayed in this book and the accompanying television program. If you were a fan of "Walking with Dinosaurs" (and you should be), you will enjoy this as well. I learned a great deal that I did not previously know, even though I consider myself fairly well-read on the subject. It is a story that has been crying out for years to be told: What happened

AFTER the dinosaurs were wiped out 65 million years ago, in the intervening 64 million + years. The book starts out at 49 million years ago, after the earth had recovered from the asteroid KT event, and ends only a few thousand years ago.

This is the best book on prehistoric animals I've ever spent money on! Even better than walking with dinosaurs! The photos are nearly real, if not completely, the information is wonderful for everyone age 11 and up, and every piece of the book is perfect for all who like cool animals, prehistoric or modern day! My favorite was the chapter with the Smilodons(they are my favorite prehistoric animal of all time, of course!)It was cool, and so were all the other huge chapters! Oh, and the mammoths rocked, as well, I might add. I will tell you this, too-this book is educational and fun. You should give it to any nature lover! It is absolutely superb. I recommend it to anyone with the slightest interest in nature and/or history!

My 6yr old son can be difficult to buy for (as most spectrum kids are) and declared he wanted a 'prehistoric christmas' this year. So along with a few figures and documentaries I found I wanted to get him a book he could leaf through (he loves books). I wanted a book that would entice and excite him, one that would feed his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn yet not overwhelm him--this book is perfect!! It's bright, colorful, and concise--with fantastic pictures. There is one problem the book will undoubtedly create though--he'll now want a toy/replica of every animal featured in it!When he was 3 he taught his 17 year old cousin about the Aurora Borealis, and I have a feeling after going through this book a few times, that my now 20yr old nephew (and the rest of the cousins) will be educated on hyenadons and cave bears!!

Walking with pre-historic beasts is a fascinating journey through the Cenozoic era with beautifully illustrated pictures and photographs of the beasts and animals that roamed and dominated the earth after the death of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. 50 million years ago the earth fully recovered from the global asteroid impact and destruction that killed the dinosaurs and is now changed from dinosaur world into mammal world with tropical rainforests filled with giant birds that eat miniature horses, prehistoric whales that eat sharks, giant pig like creatures, indricotheres that live in the desert, meat eating mammals like hyenodonts and Andrewsarchus , woolly mammoths, big cats like smilodon and the first early humans and primate creatures.

I find those odd "beasts" from the Cenozoic era amazing. And Walking with Beast: A Prehistoric

Safari is an amazing book about them. Written by the series producer of the wonderful Walking with Dinosaurs series, Tim Haines, the 260-page book is full of "photos" of the different beasts. Like its predecessor, Walking with Beasts has six chapters - New Dawn, Whale Killer, Land of the Giants, The Prey's Revenge, Sabre-tooth World and A Mammoth's Journey. Full of nice fact files and side-boxes (what I call), this book is certainly worth getting. If you like Walking with Dinosaurs or the beasts themselves, this book is for you. And even if you are interested in hominids (those odd human-like apes), you'll find something. Get it now along with the film and the other books Sea Monsters, Land of Lost Monsters and Walking with Dinosaurs.

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