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## **Dazzle the Dinosaur** Marcus Pfister

The bestselling author of *The Rainbow Fish* and *The Christmas Star* returns with a new picture about Dazzle, a dinosaur with a beautiful glittering spine.

When Dazzle and his friend, Maia the Maiasaurus, set out on an adventure, they meet a terrible Dragonsaurus! Will Dazzle's shining spines save the day?

## **Dazzle the Dinosaur Details**

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# **From Reader Review Dazzle the Dinosaur for online ebook**

## **Lauren says**

The girls loved this one because they are into all things dinosaur, but I got so sick of reading it.

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## **McKenzie Richardson says**

A beautiful and stunning book, reminiscent of The Rainbow Fish in design, but without the slightly horrifying lesson on friendship.

This is a great book filled with adventure and dinosaurs. Cool story and amazing illustrations.

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## **Matt says**

Dazzle emerges from a glimmering egg that none of the other dinosaurs can trace back to themselves. His back shimmers whenever the sun hits and he must be careful when out with other young dinos to ensure predators cannot locate them. One day, after a clash with a T. Rex, Dazzle begins an adventure to find a new and safer place to live. A few twists and turns along the way lead to the perfect spot, but only after using the shimmering back to his advantage. Neo asked why we do not see dinosaurs any longer and if it was that dazzling back on some of them that forced them to hide forever. Extinction is still a little beyond him, but we will get there.

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## **Stephanie says**

From the day his egg mysteriously, to the time he saves Maia, Dazzle is always one outgoing and unique little dinosaur. Go with Dazzle and Maia on their adventure to get back their family's old cave. This story is a great way to show students, or anyone for that matter, that no matter how small or different you are, you can accomplish great things if you have the courage and determination.

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## **Andrea Riffle says**

Though this book's artwork was lovely, the wording appeared to be a little difficult for a child to comprehend. Full dinosaur names were used in the book in place of regular names for the dinosaurs. The story line was cute and featured colorful and fun-loving characters, though it wasn't anything out of the ordinary. Dazzle solved a problem with the help of a friend and saved the day. I would've enjoyed seeing more variation in the story! Overall, I would recommend this story.

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## **Mitch says**

This is my favorite book of all time. I used to read it all the time, and I love it. This is a story about a dinosaur that is a little different because of his sparkly scales. Dazzle overcomes his differences and goes on an adventure to find resources. Dazzle blinds the dinosaur that has been terrorizing his friends with his shiny scales and saves his friends. Yay!

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## **Dolly says**

This is an interesting story about dinosaurs, in the same vein as "The Land Before Time" movies. Danger lurks everywhere, but the little dinosaurs are cute and brave. The descriptions in the front of the book are helpful to show which dinosaurs were real and which were imaginary and the information provided about the dinosaurs lends a bit of educational cred to the book.

It's a longer and more complicated story than The Rainbow Fish, but children who liked one will likely enjoy listening to the other as well. I thought the overall plot was a bit weak, but we enjoyed the hide and seek parts in the middle of the story.

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## **Rachel says**

(SPOILERS) This book was cute, but these little baby dinosaurs disobeyed their mom and put themselves in serious danger. I am all for standing up for yourself and your family, but as baby dinosaurs they should have never gone into that cave alone. They had a whole pack of dinosaurs watching their every move earlier, why don't all those dinosaurs go into the cave?

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## **Eva Leger says**

For some reason the ISBN on Julia's copy of this book leads me to Lila's Little Dinosaur on all the sites I looked. Strange and I hate when publishers share ISBN's between totally different books.

Anyway, this has a bit of a different spin than your average toddler/young child dinosaur book. Julia loved the gleaming spines on the baby dinosaurs back. We both enjoyed reading about Dazzle and Maia on their adventure. Julia's favorite parts were when she saw something in an illustration other than what the book was telling her at that moment. That was different, and quite refreshing, than anything I've seen in other books so far.

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## **Mason, Natalie & Oliver says**

Cute book about a little dinosaur that is different from all the Maiasauruses it lives with...and in the end is a hero. I would have probably given it 5 stars, but it was a bit far-fetched (I know, I know...it's a kids book, lol). They talked about real types of dinosaurs, and then threw in a "dragonsaurus" that was afraid of light, which Dazzle was able to defeat by reflecting the light of his spines and into the dragonsaurus' eyes. Huh?

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## **Cara says**

My first book ever reading something by Marcus Pfister that wasn't about Rainbow Fish. I loved it and so did my son.

This book is a bit wordier than his usual books and should be geared strictly towards either reading to children or waiting until they have a good grasp as reading for them to read aloud as it had lots of dinosaur names.

The story was great. Dazzle is a dinosaur who is essentially adopted, his egg wound up in another nest, but the nest owner decided to care for him like her own. He's different, not like any dinosaur they've ever seen before. He has a sail on his back that is reflective, literally dazzling the other dinosaurs, thus how he gets his name.

The family lives in a herd in a dangerous area, so the kids have to remain under constant vigilance to stay safe. They find out the herd lost its protective cave to a Dragonsaurus (fictional dinosaur created for book) and they're determined to get the cave back for the herd. Other dinosaurs help them on the way as they evade the dangerous T. Rex. They find out the Dragonsaurus is scared of sunlight. When Maia, Dazzle's adopted sister, is trapped by the Dragonsaurus, Dazzle rushes inside, catching the light in his sail and scares the Dragonsaurus away.

They return to the herd and then the whole herd moves back to the cave where they live in peace and happiness, where Dazzle doesn't have to hide from predators anymore.

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## **Alex says**

Dazzle The Dinosaur is a cute story about two young dinosaurs who become great friends. A Maiasauruses mother dinosaur finds an egg next to her own baby egg. It looks odd but she decides to keep it anyway and mother is as her own. A sweet baby girl named Maia hatched out of the mom's egg and a shiny baby dinosaur named Dazzle with sparkles on its spines came out of the other. Maia and Dazzle became best friends. They decide to go on an adventure to get their old home that is safe and in a cave back from the frightening Dragonsaurus who took it. They meet several other types of dinosaurs along the way and eventually make it to the cave. Dazzle's shiny spines come in handy and the two conquer the terrible dragon and get their home back!

Kids will love this book with Dazzle's shiny spines that have texture shown on every page similar to the book Rainbow Fish also written by Marcus Pfister. Read this book at home.

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## **Sarah Adamson says**

This is a sweet little book, a favourite with my daughter and apparently many of the kids at school as the school nurse reads it to them whilst taking their temperature or giving inhalers!

It's sweet and interesting to have a glittery shiny dinosaur as the star. It's a bit Land Before Time adventure style with danger and adventure. I wish the dinosaur names used were real dinosaurs to make it more scientific, a chance to learn and have fun.

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## Shelley says

### My Rating:

3 stars

### Summary:

Dazzle the dinosaur is a little different than the other dinosaur children. Dazzle was named for his sparkling spines on his back. Dazzle doesn't understand why Maia and her family stay in the valley where food and water are scarce. Dazzle wants to go beyond the edge of the trees but was never allowed because of predators. When Dazzle learns that Maia's family used to live in a cave where they were protected but that it was stolen from them by the dragonasaurus, Dazzle takes it upon himself to reclaim the cave, but Dazzle's sparkly spines seem to keep attracting predators. Will Dazzle and Maia be able to take back the cave.

### Rationale

Marcus Pfister has done it again, only this time instead of a fish, there is a dinosaur. The story is rather cute and sends a good message about being unique and that our uniqueness should be celebrated and not ostracized just like in *Rainbow Fish*. However, I found this story a little too much like *Rainbow Fish* in that the characters may be unique, but the story is not.

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## Kelly says

It's the story of a dinosaur named Dazzle because of his shiny spines on his back. The story is okay, as are the illustrations. I can see how it would appeal to children.

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