

*Breakout Dinosaurs, with Hugh Brewster*

**Hugh Brewster**

**Author, *Breakout Dinosaurs: Canada's Coolest and Scariest Ancient Creatures – Return!***

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*[Cover of Breakout Dinosaurs, a children's book by Hugh Brewster, illustrated by Alan Barnard]* Hugh Brewster: Alright, so we're here today to talk about a new children's book, produced, uhh, with the Royal Ontario Museum, called *Breakout Dinosaurs*.

*[View of Hugh Brewster, holding a copy of Breakout Dinosaurs, standing in front of mounted Hadrosaur, in the Southeast Atrium of the Royal Ontario Museum. A poster of the book is displayed on an easel to Hugh's left]* So the reason we call it, "*Breakout Dinosaurs*," is because, of course, everyone, but particularly, kids, when they come to a museum like the ROM, and see those big skeletons, *[Hugh opens the book and points to an illustration of a skull, the muscles, and a complete head of a carnivorous dinosaur]* imagines what it would be like if those skeletons got clothed with flesh and then skin, *[Hugh points to the illustration in the book]* which we depict here, skeleton, flesh, and then, coloured skin, ahhh, coming to life. *[Panning image of Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton installed in the James and Louise Temerty Gallery of the Age of Dinosaurs, zooms in to show T. rex skull]* what kids imagine, if that big, scary beast were to come to life and charge through the halls—wouldn't that be exciting?

*[View of Hugh Brewster standing in the Southeast Atrium, holding book open to an illustration]* So this book is about Canadian dinosaurs, because we have a wonderful selection of Canadian dinosaurs to choose from...and of course, the Room's fantastic new dinosaur gallery...galleries I should say shows, uhh, a fantastic selection *[Series of panning shots of Albertosaurus, Allosaurus, Plesiosaur, and giant fish and giant sea turtle skeletons installed in the Temerty Galleries]* of Canadian dinosaur bones, which we feature throughout this book.

*[View of Hugh holding the book open to show a coloured map]* Two hundred million years ago, in what is now Nova Scotia, lived what are today, Canada's oldest dinosaurs. And in those days, what is now the Bay of Fundy, was actually a dry desert, with giant sand dunes...and there lived elephant-sized, plant-eating, long-necked creatures, called *prosauropods* *[panning view of still panoramic image of the Barosaurus skeleton installed in the Temerty Galleries, cuts to panning*

*view of Barosaurus illustration in the book]...And many millions of years later, these prosauropods would evolve into the giant sauropods, the largest creatures ever to live on land.*

*[Close-up of book in Hugh's hands, open to a page about Triceratops] Then, of course, we move on to the Centrosaurs. Now everybody's heard of Triceratops, with its big horn, [Series of panning shots of the horned dinosaurs display in the Temerty Galleries] and again, upstairs in the Temerty galleries, they will find a huge selection of Ceratopsians, as they were called.*

*[Close-up of an illustration of feathered dinosaurs in the book] Then we go on to talk about dinosaurs and birds. Now, as everyone knows, the latest theory as to what happened to the dinosaurs is that they are with us, still. [Series of panning shots of avian dinosaurs, a coloured model of a flying, bird-like dinosaur, and associated dinosaur fossils on display in the Temerty Galleries] Dinosaurs, or at least one small group of dinosaurs, eventually evolved into birds, [close-up of an illustration in the book] the birds we know today. [Series of panning shots of giant fish skeleton and giant sea turtle skeleton installed in the Temerty Galleries] So that when we look at these creatures...in the museum, we can imagine them breaking out, but we can also go outside and look at birds, [Close-up of Hugh holding the book] because the dinosaurs are with us still, today. [Close-up of the cover of Breakout Dinosaurs]. Breakout Dinosaurs is published by Whitfield Editions, and can be found, of course, in the Royal Ontario Museum Shop on Bloor Street, and it's also available in bookstores all across Canada.*

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