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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 2—Another addition to the humorous series that began with *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* (Scholastic, 2000). In the first part of the book, dinosaurs burp, belch, and display all kinds of other inappropriate behaviors during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Spinosaurus doesn't eat all his food...[he spits] out his broccoli partially chewed. Quetzalcoatlus fusses, fidgets, and squirms in his chair in a restaurant, while Amargasaurus flips his spaghetti high into the air. But, is this the way that dinosaurs should act? Of course not. So, a very genteel Cryolophosaurus says please and thank you while sitting very still, Lambeosaurus tries everything at least once, and Spinosaurus never drops anything onto the floor. In the last image, a very proper Cryolophosaurus—with pinky in the air—daintily eats his pancakes. The book is great fun, and sure to be popular with dinosaur lovers. Hidden in the illustration on each page is the proper name of the reptile portrayed therein. Teague's gouache-and-ink illustrations contain just the right amount of detail and whimsy, and they are large enough for storytime sharing. Children not yet old enough to read will still enjoy looking at the pictures by themselves.—*Roxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA*  
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PreS-Gr. 2. After a brief foray into board books, the founders of the How Do Dinosaurs . . . dynasty return to the picture-book format of *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good-Night?* (2000) and *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?* (2003) with an entry on another familiar parent-child minefield--mealtime. These terrible lizards have correspondingly terrible table manners; they burp, hurl spaghetti, and gleefully shove green beans up a giant reptilian nostril. Subsequent scenes of dinos "sit[ting] quite still" and beaming with "smiles and goodwill" offer examples of correct behavior; but even the mealtime "don'ts" offer useful information in hand-painted labels identifying each kaleidoscopically patterned creature. Don't miss *queztalcoatus* screeching at a restaurant waitress, or *upersaurus* inspecting his nutritious supper (Teague emphasizes the enormity of the latter beast through clever use of both on- and off-page space). Once again kids will chortle over Teague's clever images of adults dwarfed by toothy miscreants, and both parents and children will recognize the hilarious parallels with occasionally naughty human kids who loom dinosaur-large within their respective households. *Jennifer Mattson*  
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Review

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Jane Yolen *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?*; illus. by Mark Teague  
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(Preschool)

Is going to a restaurant with a hyper three-year-old much different from doing so with a giant pterosaur? According to Yolen and Teague's latest addition to their *How Do Dinosaurs...* series, the Quetzalcoatlus was also prone to embarrassing its parents by tipping over chairs and getting crumbs everywhere. This amusing lesson in table manners depicts various other prehistoric reptiles spitting out broccoli, making bubbles in milk, and sticking beans in their nostrils, much to the dismay of their human moms and dads. As usual, Teague incorporates the scientific name of each expressively drawn beast into his paintings, and Yolen's series of questions about how a dinosaur should act ("Does he fuss, does he fidget, or squirm in his chair? Does he flip his spaghetti high into the air?") has a pleasing rhyme. The contrast between the human-sized

setting and the super-sized main characters is once again strikingly comical, as when the Lambeosaurus, encouraged to take "at least one small bite" of something new, holds a tiny teaspoon of food in front of its massive head. Young dinosaur fans will eat this up and, taking a cue from the polite Spinosaurus, ask for more. C.M.H.

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YOLEN, Jane. *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?* illus. by Mark Teague. unpagged. Scholastic/Blue Sky. Sept. 2005. RTE \$15.99. ISBN 0-439-24102-2. LC 2004020761.

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PW 7/25

Echoing the tone and look of *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* and *How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?*, these collaborators' latest guide to dino etiquette offers a jaunty comedy of errors, er, table manners. In the first half, against spare backdrops with a 1950s feel, dinosaurs behave kid-pleasingly naughtily when their human parents serve them meals. As Yolen's rhyming narrative asks questions ("How does a dinosaur eat all his food? Does he burp, does he belch, or make noises quite rude?"), Teague's illustrations provide affirmative answers, comically capturing the dining dinos' antics: one is covered in spaghetti after throwing his plate into the air, another blows bubbles in his milk glass and a third lies on the floor, happily sticking beans up his nose. The tables turn in the second half, when narrative and pictures offer Miss Manners alternatives while revisiting the same prehistoric heroes. One willingly says "Please" and "Thank you" (while wearing a bib) and another "tries every new thing, at least one small bite. He makes no loud noises--that isn't polite." Young dinosaur fans wi

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