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*The First Dog* - Jan Brett 2015-01-22

An exciting tale of adventure in prehistoric times, set against a spectacular Ice Age landscape. Kip the cave boy bounds along the trail home with a sack of warm and tasty Woolly Rhino ribs. If he could only get rid of pesky Paleowolf, who follows him, hoping for a taste of those delicious ribs! But Paleowolf's presence turns out to be useful: His warnings save Kip from the Cave Bear, the Mighty Mammoth, and the frightening Saber-Toothed Cat. So Kip offers to share his food—if Paleowolf will use his keen nose, fine ears, and sharp eyes to keep Kip from being eaten up. With a bark and a wag of his tail, Paleowolf agrees to this bargain, and Kip christens his new friend "Dog." In this exciting tale of adventure in prehistoric times, Jan Brett creates a spectacular Ice Age landscape populated with the massive animals of the time and bordered with images inspired by cave paintings and Ice Age artifacts. She convincingly portrays the growth of the warm bond between man and animal that must, long, long ago, have resulted in the first domesticated dog.

*Little Paleontologist* - Kathryn Clay 2019-02

**End of the Megafauna: The Fate of the World's Hugest, Fiercest, and Strangest Animals** - Ross D E MacPhee 2018-11-13

The fascinating lives and puzzling demise of some of the largest animals on earth. Until a few thousand years ago, creatures that could have been from a sci-fi thriller—including gorilla-sized lemurs, 500-pound birds, and crocodiles that weighed a ton or more—roamed the earth. These great beasts, or "megafauna," lived on every habitable continent and on many islands. With a handful of exceptions, all are now gone. What caused the disappearance of these prehistoric behemoths? No one event can be pinpointed as a specific cause, but several factors may have played a role. Paleomammalogist Ross D. E. MacPhee explores them all, examining the leading extinction theories, weighing the evidence, and presenting his own conclusions. He shows how theories of human overhunting and catastrophic climate change fail to account for critical features of these extinctions, and how new thinking is needed to elucidate these mysterious losses. Along the way, we learn how time is determined in earth history; how DNA is used to explain the genomics and phylogenetic history of megafauna—and how synthetic biology and genetic engineering may be able to reintroduce these giants of the past. Until then, gorgeous four-color illustrations by Peter Schouten re-create these megabeasts here in vivid detail.

**Vanished Giants** - Anthony J. Stuart 2021-01-28

Featuring numerous illustrations, this book explores the many lessons to be learned from Pleistocene megafauna, including the role of humans in their extinction, their disappearance at the start of the Sixth Extinction, and what they might teach us about contemporary conservation crises. Long after the extinction of dinosaurs, when humans were still in the Stone Age, woolly rhinos, mammoths, mastodons, sabertooth cats, giant ground sloths, and many other spectacular large animals that are no longer with us roamed the Earth. These animals are regarded as "Pleistocene megafauna," named for the geological era in which they lived—also known as the Ice Age. In *Vanished Giants: The Lost World of the Ice Age*, paleontologist Anthony J. Stuart explores the lives and environments of these animals, moving between six continents and several key islands. Stuart examines the animals themselves via what we've learned from fossil remains, and he describes the landscapes, climates, vegetation, ecological interactions, and other aspects of the animals' existence. Illustrated throughout, *Vanished Giants* also offers a picture of the world as it was tens of thousands of years ago when these giants still existed. Unlike the case of the dinosaurs, there was no asteroid strike to blame for the end of their world. Instead, it appears that the giants of the Ice Age were driven to extinction by climate change, human activities—especially hunting—or both. Drawing on the

latest evidence provided by radiocarbon dating, Stuart discusses these possibilities. The extinction of Ice Age megafauna can be seen as the beginning of the so-called Sixth Extinction, which is happening right now. This has important implications for understanding the likely fate of present-day animals in the face of contemporary climate change and vastly increasing human populations.

**On the Prowl** - Mark Hallett 2020-06-02

Big cats such as lions, tigers, leopards, and jaguars fascinate us like few other creatures. They are enduring symbols of natural majesty and power. Yet despite the magnetic appeal of the big cats, their origins and evolutionary history remain poorly understood—and human activity threatens to put an end to the big cats' glory. *On the Prowl* is a fully illustrated and approachable guide to the evolution of the big cats and what it portends for their conservation today. Mark Hallett and John M. Harris trace the origins of these iconic carnivores, venturing down the evolutionary pathways that produced the diversity of big cat species that have walked the earth. They place the evolution and paleobiology of these species in the context of ancient ecosystems and climates, explaining what made big cats such efficient predators and analyzing their competition with other animals. Hallett and Harris pay close attention to human impact, from the evidence of cave paintings and analysis of ancient extinctions up to present-day crises. Their engaging and carefully documented account is brought to life through Hallett's detailed, vivid illustrations, based on the most recent research by leading paleontologists. Offering a fresh look at the rise of these majestic animals, *On the Prowl* also makes a powerful case for renewed efforts to protect big cats and their habitats before it is too late.

**Ice Age Sabertooth : the Best Ferocious Cat that Ever Lived** -

Barbara Hehner 2002

A pack of adult sabertooth cats could attack and kill a huge bison in minutes. The cats most formidable feature was its terrifying saber-like teeth a pair of curving, seventeen centimetre long upper teeth with serrated inner edges like steak knives. They were as long and as sharp as the teeth of Tyrannosaurus Rex! The sabertooth has intrigued scientists for more than a century. Here is its story in vivid detail what the sabertooth looked and sounded like, how it used its deadly jaws and teeth and what may have caused their extinction!

**Twilight of the Mammoths** - Paul S. Martin 2007-05-08

"Paul S. Martin's innovative ideas on late quaternary extinctions and wildlife restoration have fueled one of science's most stimulating recent debates. He expounds them vividly here, and defends them eloquently. A must-read."—David Rains Wallace, author of *Beasts of Eden* "This is a marvelous read, by a giant in American prehistory, about one of the greatest mysteries in the earth sciences."—Tim Flannery, author of *The Eternal Frontier* "Whether or not you agree with Paul Martin, he has shaped how we think about our Pleistocene ancestors and their role in transforming this planet."—Ross D. E. MacPhee, Curator of Mammalogy, American Museum of Natural History

**Woolly Mammoth** - Harold T. Rober 2017-01-01

What if elephants were covered with thick hair? Such a creature existed until about 4,000 years ago! Learn more about the giant, tusked woolly mammoth, which coexisted with humans until it went extinct. Full-color photographs, diagrams, and other resources make this title interesting and accessible to young readers.

**Saber-Toothed Cats** - Susan E. Goodman 2005-09-01

Discusses the physical structure, eating habits, and habitat of saber-toothed tigers.

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**Megafauna** - Richard A. Fariña 2013-05-22

"An enjoyable read that provides a substantial amount of detail on the

biology, ecology, and distribution of these fantastic animals . . . Highly recommended.” —Choice More than 10,000 years ago spectacularly large mammals roamed the pampas and jungles of South America. This book tells the story of these great beasts during and just after the Pleistocene, the geological epoch marked by the great ice ages. Megafauna describes the history and way of life of these animals, their comings and goings, and what befell them at the beginning of the modern era and the arrival of humans. It places these giants within the context of the other mammals then alive, describing their paleobiology—how they walked; how much they weighed; their diets, behavior, biomechanics; and the interactions among them and with their environment. It also tells the stories of the scientists who contributed to our discovery and knowledge of these transcendent creatures and the environment they inhabited. The episode known as the Great American Biotic Interchange, perhaps the most important of all natural history “experiments,” is also an important theme of the book, tracing the biotic events of both North and South America that led to the fauna and the ecosystems discussed in this book. “Collectively, this book brings attention to the discovery and natural history of ancient beasts in South America while providing a broader temporal and geographic background that allows readers to understand their evolution and potential immigration to South America.” —Quarterly Review of Biology “An excellent volume . . . This book is likely to facilitate progress in the understanding of fossil mammals from the Americas.” —Priscum *Sabertooth* - Mauricio Antón 2013-11-22

“A unique review of the many unusual and nearly worldwide occurrences of sabertooths and their relatives over more than 50 million years.” —Choice With their spectacularly enlarged canines, sabertooth cats are among the most popular of prehistoric animals, yet it is surprising how little information about them is available for the curious layperson. What’s more, there were other sabertooths that were not cats, animals with exotic names like nimravids, barbourfelids, and thylacosmilids. Some were no taller than a domestic cat, others were larger than a lion, and some were as weird as their names suggest. Sabertooths continue to pose questions even for specialists. What did they look like? How did they use their spectacular canine teeth? And why did they finally go extinct? In this visual and intellectual treat of a book, Mauricio Antón tells their story in words and pictures, all scrupulously based on the latest scientific research. The book is a glorious wedding of science and art that celebrates the remarkable diversity of the life of the not-so-distant past. “The best paleomammal artist working today [and] his knowledge of sabertooths and their evolution is second to none.” —Lars Werdelin, Swedish Museum of Natural History “Mauricio Antón is one of the best paleoartists. What sets him apart is the fact that he is a great paleontologist in his own right. Probably no one else has thought more about sabertooth than he has. As a result, his illustrations often demonstrate a particular behavior of the extinct mammal that he has personally researched or display a unique point of view.” —Xiaoming Wang, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles

**Ground Sloths** - Joy Janet Frisch-Schmoll 2019-05-01

Ground sloths were enormous, ice age plant eaters with giant claws. Awesome illustrations accompany carefully leveled text about food, habitat, life cycle, and extinction, bringing ground sloths to life like never before.

**Frozen in Time** - Michael Oard 2004-11-01

Earth's past is littered with the mysterious and unexplained: the pyramids, Easter Island, Stonehenge, dinosaurs, and the list goes on and on as science looks for clues to decipher these puzzles. One such mystery surrounds the now-extinct creature called the woolly mammoth. Author and meteorologist Michael Oard has studied the mammoth and its equally mysterious time period, the Ice Age, for many years and has come to some fascinating conclusions to help lift the fog engulfing the facts. Some of the questions he addresses include: What would cause the summer temperatures of the northern United States and European to plummet more than 50 degrees Fahrenheit? Why did mammoths become extinct across the entire earth at the same time as many other large mammals? Why are the mammoth carcasses found generally in standing positions? How could large lakes exist in what are today very dry, desert-like places? What was the source of the abnormal of moisture necessary for heavy snow? What caused the cold summer temperatures and heavy snowfall to persist for hundreds of years? In logical progression many other Ice Age topics are explained including super Ice Age floods, ice cores, man in the Ice Age, and the number of ice ages. This is one of the most difficult eras in geological history for a uniformitarian scientist (one who believes the earth evolved by slow processes over millions of years)

to explain, simply because long ages of evolution cannot explain it. Provided here are plausible explanations of the seemingly unsolvable mysterious about the Ice Age and the woolly mammoths - Frozen in Time. *Buddy Davis' Cool Critters of the Ice Age* - Buddy Davis 2015-03-01 An exciting Ice Age animal exploration led by popular adventurer Buddy Davis! Discover elk with antlers over 12 feet long, rhino-like animals that ate plants, “monster birds” that called North & South America home, and more! Learn about glaciers, land bridges, how much of the world was covered in ice! Read about how and why the Ice Age happened, and what the Bible reveals!

**If I Skated with Saber-Toothed Cats** - Jenna Lee Gleisner 2022-12-15 "A young girl imagines what it would be like to go back in time and play hockey against saber-toothed cats during the last Ice Age, before they went extinct"--

**Giant Sloths and Sabertooth Cats** - Donald K. Grayson 2016

A fascinating study of the extinct Ice Age animals found in North America's Great Basin

**Extinct Animals: An Encyclopedia of Species that Have Disappeared during Human History** - Ross Piper 2009-03-20

Everyone is familiar with the dodo and the woolly mammoth, but how many people have heard of the scimitar cat and the Falkland Island fox? Extinct Animals portrays over 60 remarkable animals that have been lost forever during the relatively recent geological past. Each entry provides a concise discussion of the history of the animal—how and where it lived, and how it became extinct—as well as the scientific discovery and analysis of the creature. In addition, this work examines what led to extinction—from the role of cyclical swings in the Earth's climate to the spread of humans and their activities. Many scientists believe that we are in the middle of a mass extinction right now, caused by the human undermining of the earth's complex systems that support life.

Understanding what caused the extinction of animals in the past may help us understand and prevent the extinction of species in the future. Extinct Animals examines the biology and history of some of the most interesting creatures that have ever lived, including: The American Terror Bird, which probably became extinct over 1 million years ago, who were massive predators, some of which were almost 10 feet tall; the Rocky Mountain Locust, last seen in 1902, formed the most immense animal aggregations ever known, with swarms estimated to include over 10 trillion insects; the Giant Ground Sloth, which was as large as an elephant; and the Neandertals, the first Europeans, which co-existed with prehistoric Homo sapiens. Extinct Animals includes illustrations—many created for the work—that help the reader visualize the extinct creature, and each entry concludes with a list of resources for those who wish to do further research.

**Ice Age Mammals of North America** - Ian M. Lange 2017

This popular nontechnical introduction to the strange and marvelous beasts of the Pleistocene ice ages is now even better. Since Ice Age Mammals of North America was first published in 2002, new information from the rapidly evolving sciences of genetics and radiometric dating, coupled with new fossil discoveries, has revolutionized our understanding of these mostly extinct animals. Lange untangles the complex evolutionary lineages of mammal families, including the gomphotheres, elephant-like creatures that coexisted with humans at the end of the Pleistocene. You'll learn about the geologic events that led to the ice ages, along with possible causes for the mass extinctions of so many species. Fun sidebars explore such topics as the enormous size of some Ice Age animals, what teeth tell us about diets, how fossils and Ice Age mummies are preserved, and how scientists obtain DNA from fossilized dung. A state-by-state list of fossil and museum sites will guide you to the closest places to learn about Ice Age mammals.

**Vanished Giants** - Anthony J. Stuart 2022-07-06

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[Sabertooths and the Ice Age](#) - Mary Pope Osborne 2005-02-22

The #1 bestselling chapter book series of all time celebrates 25 years with new covers and a new, easy-to-use numbering system! Getting the facts behind the fiction has never looked better. Track the facts with Jack and Annie!! When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in *Magic Tree House #7: Sunset of the Sabertooth*, they had lots of questions. What was it like to live in the Ice Age? How did early humans stay warm enough to survive? Who made the first cave paintings? What happened to saber-toothed cats and woolly mammoths? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts. Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie, the *Magic Tree House Fact Trackers* are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discovered in their favorite *Magic Tree House* adventures. And teachers can use *Fact Trackers* alongside their *Magic Tree House* fiction companions to meet common core text pairing needs. Did you know that there's a *Magic Tree House* book for every kid? *Magic Tree House: Adventures with Jack and Annie*, perfect for readers who are just beginning chapter books *Merlin Missions: More challenging adventures for the experienced reader Super Edition: A longer and more dangerous adventure Fact Trackers: Nonfiction companions to your favorite Magic Tree House adventures* Have more fun with Jack and Annie at [MagicTreeHouse.com!](#)

**Pleistocene Mammals of North America** - Björn Kurtén 1980-01

"No area of the world has been viewed by Americans with greater moral disapproval and yet less attention than southern Africa," writes Anthony Lake in the introduction to *The "Tar Baby" Option*. Feeling that there is much to be learned from an examination of the American response to the Rhodesian problem, he offers a detailed account of America's Southern Rhodesia policy since the Smith government's unilateral declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1965. The book provides information essential to an understanding of the American approach to the current crisis in the region. The author's use of previously undisclosed materials and interviews with U.S. foreign policymakers gives the reader an inside look not only at the Rhodesian question but also at the politics of American foreign policy.

[Sabre-Tooth Tiger](#) - Gerry Bailey 2011-01

Realistic illustrations highlight this story about a day in the life of the powerfully built sabre-tooth tiger. Created in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, information sections give all the vital statistics about the sabre-tooth tiger.

*Prehistoric Mammals* - Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld 2017-10-02

*National Geographic Primary Readers* is a high-interest series of beginning reading books that have been developed in consultation with education experts. The books pair magnificent *National Geographic* photographs with lively text by skilled children's book authors across four reading levels. Level 3: *Becoming independent* Best suited to kids who are ready for complex sentences and more challenging vocabulary, but still draw on occasional support from adults. They are ideal for readers of *Purple and Gold* books. From woolly mammoths to saber-toothed cats, prehistoric mammals once roamed Earth. With beautiful and engaging illustrations, authentic photos, and accessible text, kids will learn all about these mighty mammals in this level 3 reader.

*Sabertooth Cats* - Melissa Higgins 2015

"Describes the characteristics, food, habitat, behavior, and extinction of sabertooth cats"--

**Ice Age** - Stewart Ross 2009

An introduction to life during the last ice age describes the spread of the ice, the animals that flourished at the time, including both extinct creatures and those that survive, and early humans, and discusses paleontological discoveries.

[Saber-Toothed Cat](#) - Kathryn Clay 2018

The fierce and deadly sabertooth cat pounced on its prey during the Ice

Age. Readers learn about this prehistoric predator from engaging, carefully leveled text and bold illustrations reviewed by Smithsonian experts.

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**Prehistoric Mammals Coloring Book** - Jan Sovak 1991-04-01

Forty-one highly detailed, accurately rendered illustrations of ancient animals include the Megistoterium, one of the largest flesh-eating mammals that ever lived; the Smilodon, largest of saber-toothed tigers; the giraffe-like Indricotherium that browsed on treetops, and many more — all royalty-free. Captions.

[Smilodon](#) - Lars Werdelin 2018-05-15

The consummate guide to the ultimate sabertooth. Few animals spark the imagination as much as the sabertooth cat *Smilodon*. With their incredibly long canines, which hung like fangs past their jaws, these ferocious predators were first encountered by humans when our species entered the Americas. We can only imagine what ice age humans felt when they were confronted by a wild cat larger than a Siberian tiger. Because *Smilodon* skeletons are perennial favorites with museum visitors, researchers have devoted themselves to learning as much as possible about the lives of these massive cats. This volume, edited by celebrated academics, brings together a team of experts to provide a comprehensive and contemporary view of all that is known about *Smilodon*. The result is a detailed scientific work that will be invaluable to paleontologists, mammalogists, and serious amateur sabertooth devotees. The book • covers all major aspects of the animal's natural history, evolution, phylogenetic relationships, anatomy, biomechanics, and ecology • traces all three *Smilodon* species across both North and South America • brings together original, unpublished research with historical accounts of *Smilodon*'s discovery in nineteenth-century Brazil The definitive reference on these iconic Pleistocene mammals, *Smilodon* will be cited by researchers for decades to come. Contributors: John P. Babiarczyk, Wendy J. Binder, Charles S. Churcher, Larisa R. G. DeSantis, Robert S. Feranec, Therese Flink, James L. Knight, Margaret E. Lewis, Larry D. Martin, H. Gregory McDonald, Julie A. Meachen, William C. H. Parr, Ashley R. Reynolds, Kevin L. Seymour, Christopher A. Shaw, C. S. Ware, Lars Werdelin, H. Todd Wheeler, Stephen Wroe, M. Aleksander Wysocki

[Once upon a Mastodon](#) - Bonnie Worth 2019-12-10

How cool! The Cat and Co. time-travel to the Great Ice Age! The Cat in the Hat visits with Ice Age mammals on a whirlwind tour of the Pleistocene! From ground sloths as big as elephants to bears as heavy as Volkswagens, the Cat introduces young readers to mastodons, mammoths, woolly rhinos, saber-toothed cats, giant horses, and lots more—including humans! In addition, young readers will learn basic facts about the Great Ice Age and early human life, the characteristics of mammals, and the study of fossils. Ideal for supporting the Common Core State Standards and a natural for fans of the hit PBS Kids show *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!*, this is a great way to introduce beginning readers to science!

[Felines of the World](#) - Giovanni G. Bellani 2019-09-19

*Felines of the World: Discoveries in Taxonomic Classification and History* provides the most recent taxonomic, paleontological, phylogenetic and DNA advances of wild felid and domestic cat species following guidelines dictated by the IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group. It highlights the

importance of felines and their role as predators in maintaining the ecological biome balance in which they have evolved. The book delves into the anatomical, evolutionary and zoogeographic features of fossil and current felid species. Each species is described in detail, detailing its classification, habitat and biological habits. This book also presents the most updated threat and conservation status of each species. This book is an ideal resource for zoologists and paleontologists, primarily those interested in the evolution and features of extinct and extant felines. Details the lineage, features and habits of over 40 felid species Covers all species within the Felidae family, including lions, lynxes, pumas and domestic cats Features detailed and colorful illustrations, diagrams and species location maps Informs readers on endangered species, current threats and conservation efforts

[Animal Behaviour: A Very Short Introduction](#) - Tristram D. Wyatt  
2017-02-10

How animals behave is crucial to their survival and reproduction. The application of new molecular tools such as DNA fingerprinting and genomics is causing a revolution in the study of animal behaviour, while developments in computing and image analysis allow us to investigate behaviour in ways never previously possible. By combining these with the traditional methods of observation and experiments, we are now learning more about animal behaviour than ever before. In this Very Short Introduction Tristram D. Wyatt discusses how animal behaviour has evolved, how behaviours develop in each individual (considering the interplay of genes, epigenetics, and experience), how we can understand animal societies, and how we can explain collective behaviour such as swirling flocks of starlings. Using lab and field studies from across the whole animal kingdom, he looks at mammals, butterflies, honeybees, fish, and birds, analysing what drives behaviour, and exploring instinct, learning, and culture. Looking more widely at behavioural ecology, he also considers some aspects of human behaviour. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

[Once and Future Giants](#) - Sharon Levy 2011-03-22

Until about 13,000 years ago, North America was home to a menagerie of massive mammals. Mammoths, camels, and lions walked the ground that has become Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and foraged on the marsh land now buried beneath Chicago's streets. Then, just as the first humans reached the Americas, these Ice Age giants vanished forever. In *Once and Future Giants*, science writer Sharon Levy digs through the evidence surrounding Pleistocene large animal ("megafauna") extinction events worldwide, showing that understanding this history--and our part

in it--is crucial for protecting the elephants, polar bears, and other great creatures at risk today. These surviving relatives of the Ice Age beasts now face the threat of another great die-off, as our species usurps the planet's last wild places while driving a warming trend more extreme than any in mammalian history. Deftly navigating competing theories and emerging evidence, *Once and Future Giants* examines the extent of human influence on megafauna extinctions past and present, and explores innovative conservation efforts around the globe. The key to modern-day conservation, Levy suggests, may lie fossilized right under our feet.

**Dodos** - Melissa Higgins 2015

"Describes the characteristics, food, habitat, behavior, and extinction of dodos"--

[Mammoth Book of Dinosaurs, Featuring Ice Age Creatures](#) - 1989

Compilation of illustrated stories about the pre-historic creatures that once roamed the Earth.

**The Other Saber-tooths** - Virginia L. Naples 2011-09

Richly illustrated and featuring the latest information on scimitar-tooth cats of the New World, *The Other Saber-tooths* is an engaging and comprehensive collection of information about these fascinating felines that will appeal to paleontologists and anyone else interested in the prehistoric world.

[The Great Basin](#) - Donald Grayson 2011-04-18

"The Great Basin, centering on Nevada and including substantial parts of California, Oregon, and Utah, gets its name from the fact that none of its rivers or streams flow to the sea. This book synthesizes the past 25,000 years of the natural history of this vast region. It explores the extinct animals that lived in the Great Basin during the Ice Age and recounts the rise and fall of the massive Ice Age lakes that existed here. It explains why trees once grew 13' beneath what is now the surface of Lake Tahoe, explores the nearly two dozen Great Basin mountain ranges that once held substantial glaciers, and tells the remarkable story of how pinyon pine came to cover some 17,000,000 acres of the Great Basin in the relatively recent past. These discussions culminate with the impressive history of the prehistoric people of the Great Basin, a history that shows how human societies dealt with nearly 13,000 years of climate change on this often-challenging landscape"--Provided by publisher.

[Woolly Mammoths](#) - Melissa Higgins 2019-05-01

Tusks over 10 feet long made woolly mammoths intimidating ice age animals. Awesome illustrations accompany carefully leveled text about food, habitat, behavior, and extinction, bringing woolly mammoths to life like never before.

[Saber-Toothed Cat](#) - Harold T. Rober 2017

Learn more about the saber-toothed cat with diagrams, critical thinking questions, and more.