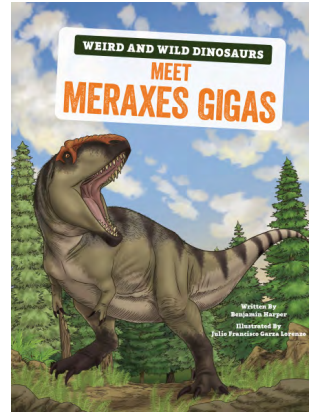


Title:

Meet *Meraxes gigas* – A Graphic Guide

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Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago, but fossils show us what their world was like. New species are being discovered all the time! In this book, readers will meet *Meraxes gigas*, a dangerous dinosaur discovered in the deserts of Argentina. Its huge head, sharp teeth, strong legs, and sharp claws made it a fearsome predator.

Before Reading

- Look at the cover and the title. What do you think *Meraxes gigas* might look like?
- Discuss:
 - What comes to your mind when you hear the word 'dinosaur'?
 - Why do you think fossils are important for learning about the past?

During Reading

- Pause and ask:
 - What details do you notice about *Meraxes gigas*' head, teeth, legs, and claws?
 - How might these features help it survive as a predator?
 - What surprises you most about this dinosaur?

After Reading

Discussion questions

- What makes *Meraxes gigas* interesting or unique?
- What did you learn about how scientists discover new dinosaurs?
- Would you like to see *Meraxes gigas* alive? Why or why not?

Activities

1. Draw Meraxes gigas

- Draw Meraxes gigas based on the description in the book.
- Add labels to show its head, teeth, legs, and claws.

2. My Dino Fact Card

- Make a fact card with information about Meraxes gigas:
 - Where it lived
 - When it lived
 - What features made it dangerous

3. Imagine the Desert

- The book says Meraxes gigas lived in the deserts of Argentina.
- Draw or describe what its home might have looked like millions of years ago.

4. If I Found a Fossil...

- Imagine you discovered a dinosaur fossil yourself.
- Write or draw: What would it look like? What would you name it?