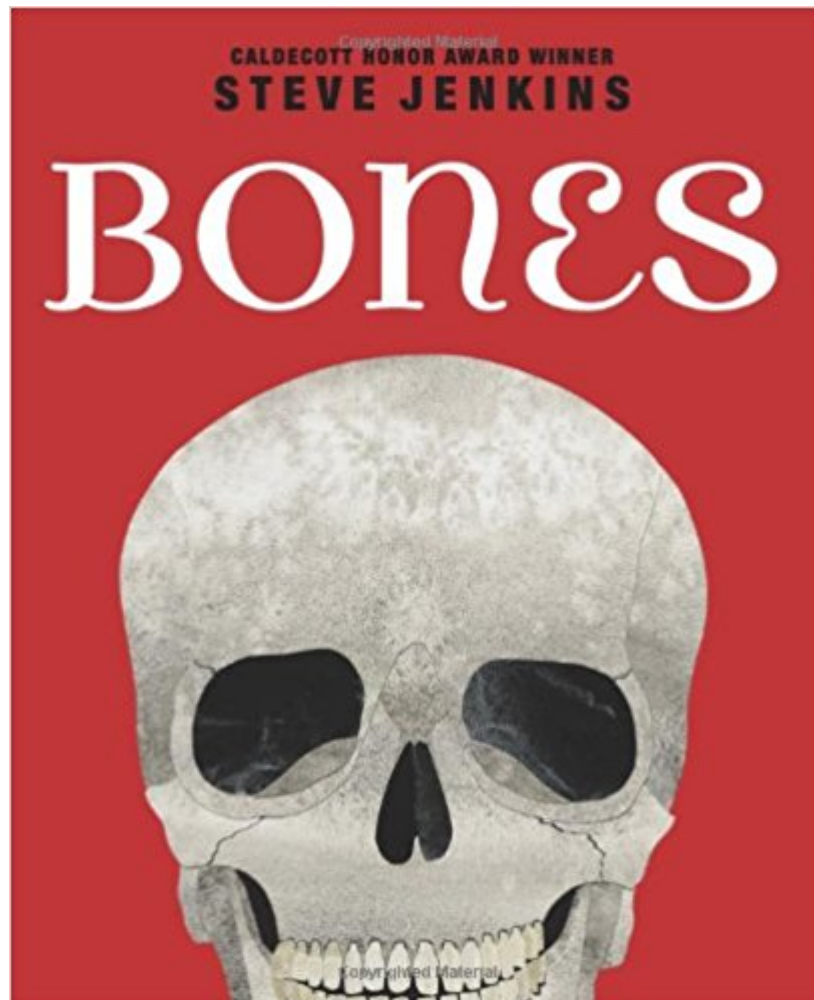




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# Bones: Skeletons And How They Work



## Synopsis

Caldecott Honor winner Steve Jenkins presents a fascinating look at the bones of the human body as compared to the bones of animals, and shows them off! This book is far from skinny -- it's the definitive nonfiction title about human and animal bones, delivered with in-your-face accuracy and intrigue. In this visually driven volume, kids come face-to-face with some head-to-toe boney comparisons, many of them shown at actual size. Here you'll find the differences between a man's hand and that of a spider monkey; the great weight of an elephant's leg, paired with the feather-light femur of a stork; and rib-tickling info about snakes and sloths. How many bones are in the whole human body?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Grade 3-6 From the life-sized human skull grinning out from the brick-red cover to a complete skeleton waving goodbye from a gatefold late in the book, bones are given an entertaining and fresh treatment. Beginning with the opening spread of life-sized animal bones, human bones are quantified and qualified. Hands, feet, femurs, ribs, spine, and skull are shown and compared to other species. Symmetry and joints as well as adaptations for survival are introduced. Humor

abounds in the illustrations as well as in subheadings such as, That's a Handful, Big Foot, and Head Case. Readers will be lured in by interactive touches like What bone is this? and the Some Assembly Required spread with all 206 adult human bones unlabeled and grouped by body area. Displayed against a navy-blue background, the spread opens to the burnt sienna gatefold mentioned above. Two additional gatefolds include a small python (200 ribs) and a collection of skulls. Jenkins's characteristic cut-paper collages in mottled creams and grays are perfectly suited to the topic and contrasted against solid jewel-tone, full-bleed backgrounds. The precise and scaled representations (many life size) are clearly labeled. Text, other than an opening page, is limited and supports the highly visual and sophisticated treatment. A More About Bones spread completes the book with a hodgepodge of fascinating facts. With applications that range from anatomy to evolution and mathematics, this book will find a place in every collection. Carol S. Surges, McKinley Elementary School, Wauwatosa, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

One of the foremost illuminators of the animal kingdom here takes a peek beneath the skin. He begins with a single human finger bone, then shows where it fits in the hand, then attaches the arm bones and sets it aside the forelimbs of a mole, spider monkey, gray whale, turtle, and fruit bat to illustrate how they all share the same basic structure. Similar comparisons take a look at feet, legs, rib cages, necks, and heads, almost always using a consistent scale to display the relative size of elephant and stork legs or a giraffe and human neck. Jenkins provides concise chunks of text alongside his always impressive cut-paper collages, which are a little more understated than in some of his other dynamic books (the color scheme ranges from ashy white to dusty gray, with a few touches of calcified yellow). But the clean design of the intricate skeletons set against solid background colors is striking and provides a wonderful visual introduction to what keeps us all upright. Thoughtful back matter probes deeper into bone-related science concepts. Grades 2-5.

--Ian Chipman

Awesome book! My preschooler was very interested in skeletons, so I bought this for her. She loved it! I love the hard cover version. It has pictures of actual skeletons from different animals (including the human). Plus some of the pages extend out to give you larger pictures. The book shows comparisons of different parts on different animals. Lots of facts! Great book to add to your library!

I purchased for my 2 1/2 year old grandson. He loves skeletons. He takes this book everywhere. It

has nice pictures and is a great opportunity for interaction between adult and child.

This is an excellent book! Its very fun and educational! My five year old enjoys it and so do I. I thought it was such a great book that I purchased it for a book exchange at a birthday party. The following day the parent who's child received it raved about the book they received without knowing we were the ones that had purchased it. I highly recommend this book!

My four, eight and eleven year old really like this book.

This is probably my 3 year olds favorite book. She has been obsessed with bones since.... always. Finding age appropriate, yet informative, books for her is tough, but this is quite good. I wish there was a labeled human skeleton somewhere in the book, since she wants to know the names of the bones, but that is all thats missing. Nice looking illustrations, and simple text.

For my 6 yr old grandson. He asked for a book about bones, couldn't find one at any bookstore (!) and I was thrilled to find this. He and his daddy LOVED it, perfect book for children to learn about all different kinds of bones. Great experience with seller, right at Christmas and still came promptly - one bookstore would have ordered it but it would have cost more than the book + shipping here and wouldn't have arrived as quickly.

This is a wonderfully illustrated book on all kinds of bones. The fold out pages add to the interest. We have read this repeatedly with our Granson who just turned four. He has happily memorized the different skeletons.

I bought this book because I was having back trouble and realized that I knew nearly nothing about my "bones." A children's book was the level I should start. When it first came, I laid it on the coffee table where it would be handy to pick up when there was time. I did learn from it - plus everyone who comes in sees it there and picks it up - and a conversation follows.

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