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## **Dinosaur Tanks**

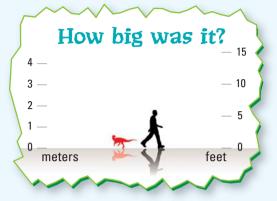
Many meat-eating **dinosaurs** roamed the earth more than 65 million years ago. They used their sharp claws and teeth to hunt and kill.

How did other dinosaurs stay safe from them? Some were small and hid. Others ran away. Still others were too huge to hunt.

Many dinosaurs, however, were not small or fast or huge. How did they stay safe? Their bodies were covered in armor—like a tank.

In this book you'll meet eight armored dinosaurs. They couldn't outrun a meat-eater, but most knew how to fight back.

All armored dinosaurs ate plants instead of meat.



How do you say it? What does it mean? skoo-*tel*-oh-SOR-uhss small-shield reptile

Scutellosaurus

*Scutellosaurus* was one of the first armored dinosaurs. It had tough bony plates, called **scutes**, under its skin.

How did the scutes stop a hungry enemy from killing *Scutellosaurus*?

The scutes formed a kind of armor along the dinosaur's back, sides, and tail. They were so hard that some meat-eaters probably broke their teeth when they tried to bite through them.



Unlike most other armored dinosaurs, *Scutellosaurus* was small and light enough to run on two legs instead of four. scutes



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