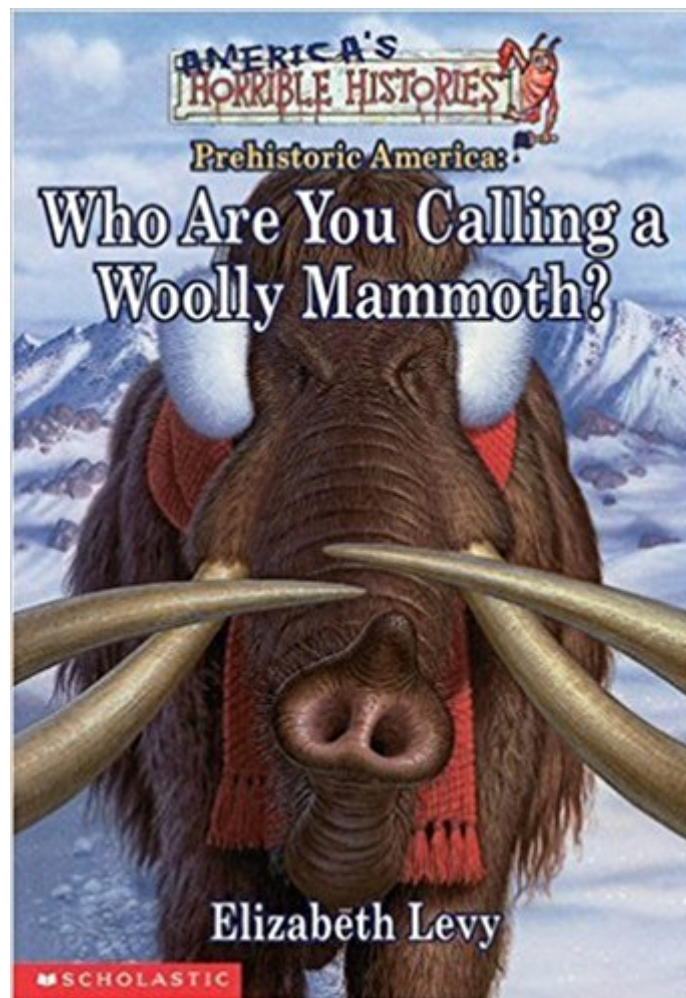




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Who Are You Calling A Woolly Mammoth (America's Funny But True History)



Synopsis

Some people think that North America's history began when Columbus sailed over in 1492. The first volume in the tongue-in-cheek, no-holds-barred history series says that estimate's a bit off, by about 250 million years! With tons of facts, lots of laughs, and plenty of funky illustrations, author Liz Levy takes readers on a roller coaster ride through the age of the dinosaurs, the great ice ages, and, finally, to the appearance of the first humans.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6-A woolly mammoth (with earmuffs and neck warmer on the front cover and a red velvet bow on its tail on the back) sets the tone for this book. Levy surrounds readers with jokes, asides, and lively banter while presenting a chronological and systematic account of the evolution of prehistoric life from 250 million to 6 million years ago. A glib cockroach guides readers through a clear explanation of the split of the continent Pangaea, of the development of dinosaurs from the diminutive size of a chicken to that of a six-story building, and of the extinction of prehistoric creatures. Then, starting 65 million years ago, the author explains how the atmosphere and sun began to influence a change in North America, making it a rain forest. In this environment, mammalian life evolved and the continents continued to move. Levy explains why the rain forests receded and the woolly mammoth and nine other mammals flourished during this cold period, the

ice age. The last section describes evolution of humans to 6000 years ago when the larger ice-age mammals became extinct. Wound around these explanations are slapstick line drawings that are on an even par with continual wisecracks in the text. This overview will satiate the high interest many young people have about prehistoric times and will appeal to reluctant readers. Nancy Call, Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Aptos, CA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Purchased this for a grand-nephew who LOVES anything to do with this subject matter. He absolutely loved this book. (He is five years old.) Have also sent him some of the blow up dinosaurs as well as the cookie cutters. He loves them all. I'm sure I will continue to indulge him!

This books are wonderful. They make learning history fun and cool. It combines jokes, historical facts and funny information in a great easy-to-read package. My 4th grader loves the whole series. Both reluctant readers and history lovers will enjoy the breezy way history is told in these books. Ideal for 3rd-5th graders and even middle school students. Great as gifts or for a classroom. Too bad all history books aren't this fun!

This book is part of Scholastic Books' *Horrible Histories* series. This book uses a cockroach to tell the history of North America from 250 million years ago, when it was part of the Pangaea super-continent, down to the last ice age of 10,000 years ago. Along the way, the reader is treated to a number of silly cartoons, not to mention all of the silly jokes and puns. OK, where do I start? This book is really a comic book history of North America, with the subject treated in a very flippant manner. Some of the subjects addressed are adequately discussed, while others are clearly not. If the humor connects with the young reader, then he or she will no doubt read through the book. But that's a big if. So, for coverage of the subject I give it 3 stars, for readability I also give it 3 stars. It's not a great book, but it is an OK one. You have got to know your young reader if the reader is interested in prehistory *and* has an off-beat humor then he or she will no doubt like this book, and it will hopefully spark enough interest for the reader to go on to better books. If the reader does care about prehistory, or does not go in for such sophomoric humor, then the book will be a bust. Let the buyer beware.

I think that my book was funnier than anything else. I mean it's about history and all but it was even funnier. It makes you not want to stop because you want to see what's next. I think that the autor

wants it so you learn and have fun at the same time. Some other books were all talking and no fun if you know what I mean. There's a little story teller on every page; he tells jokes about the things you've just read. I liked this book and I hope you do to thanks.

This book teaches you about Prehistoric times and how creatures survived. The book also has some humor. There is almost a comic on every page, and most of them are funny. It's a way to learn and have fun at the same time. In conclusion, I write this because it's a great book to learn from and get a few laughs along with it.

Terry Deary writes the original Horrible Histories. They're interesting, witty, and even educational. Kids and adults alike read them for fun! Read them. Elizabeth Levy's "American Horrible Histories", however, are dull, unfunny, and while they are "educational", I can't see anyone reading them for fun. It reads like a text book.

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