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Get Thee to a Punnery

by Richard Lederer

Wyrick and Company (\$7.95)

Samson died of fallen arches. Stalin is buried in a communist plot. "I'll have the dark bread," said Tom wryly. Such is what makes up a truly wonderful book. One can rarely say (except at a steak house) that here is something no one should be without. Richard Lederer has compiled, invented, and organized delights of language in a book that is a must for every classroom beyond third grade.

The author has included a wide variety of language ploys from knock-knock jokes to Shakespeare. Further, the text is organized in its presentations. For example, one chapter focuses on homographs while another focuses on homophones. Richard Lederer also provides "tests" with answer keys for fulfilled group or individual activities.

Get Thee to a Punnery is available at commercial bookstores everywhere. Be a lederer in promoting language puns and games in your school!

The Age of Dinosaurs (1987)

by David Lambert

Random House (\$2.95)

The Age of Dinosaurs (1987) is a spectacular book about those marvelous pre-historic creatures who roamed the earth 200 million years ago. The 24 page text is beautifully and lavishly illustrated, demonstrating dinosaurs in action. There is a four page center-piece containing detailed drawings of 15 dinosaurs presented in relative size. The size comparison is made easier by side-view silhouette representations with accompanying length designations. The centerpiece is designed for removal and use as a wall poster if desired.

Average readers in the second half of grade three could probably read **The Age of Dinosaurs** independently. Younger children and less able readers would undoubtedly enjoy having this content-oriented text read to them. The interest level is so high and the pictures so dramatic that interest is virtually assured. Upper-elementary and middle-secondary students would also enjoy and learn from the text. **The Age of Dinosaurs** would be a good supplemental text even for high school students studying the era.

This text is part of the **All-About Books** series from Random House. Other titles include **The Planets**,

Knights and Castles, and The Violent Earth, a graphically and beautifully illustrated text demonstrating how volcanoes and tornadoes occur among other violent natural phenomenon. Each individually purchased text is \$2.95, but discounts accompany orders of 10

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