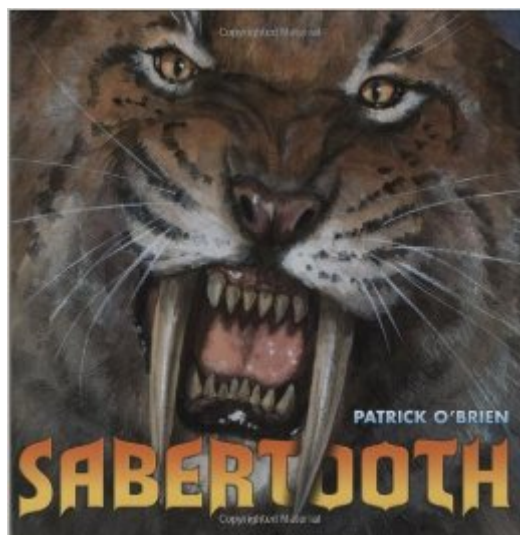


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# Sabertooth



## Synopsis

Long ago there lived big cats whose giant teeth make today's cats look tame: sabertooth! Those teeth helped it compete with other predators for a meal of mammoth or even a tasty human.

Then, ten thousand years ago, every last sabertooth disappeared. With only ancient bones to guide them, scientists are learning amazing facts about these enormous prehistoric cats. Patrick O'Brien's captivating illustrations, exciting facts, and kidfriendly, comics-inspired design will thrill young adventurers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

This 32-page picture book is one of the best paleontology books for young children that I've ever seen. Author/illustrator Patrick O'Brien hits all the right marks: \* Putting sabertooths in phylogenetic context by surveying the living cats \* Comparing the anatomical adaptations of sabertooths to other big cats \* Comparing life-size pictures of sabertooth-, living tiger-, and human canines \* Discussing how sabertooths killed their prey \* Showing a reconstruction of the family tree of sabertooths \* Putting sabertooths in ecological context as predators by offering galleries of (1) the creatures they probably hunted (e.g., mammoths, giant capybaras, humans) and (2) the creatures they probably competed with (e.g., bear-dogs, cave lions, humans, the 7-foot tall carnivorous bird known as Diatryma) If it stopped there, Sabertooth would be an outstanding book. But O'Brien goes even farther. He invites

kids to think about the missing pieces of the puzzle, noting that we don't know what color the cats' coats were. In a wonderful two-page sequence, O'Brien considers several alternative patterns (based on the coats of living cats). O'Brien even touches on parallel evolution, noting that other (now extinct) mammals have evolved cat-like traits and saber-shaped teeth. He describes how sabertooth fossils have been preserved, and puts in a plug for protecting the big cats that are still alive today. In short, this is a terrifically well-conceived book and a model of how paleontology should be presented to kids. It's the sort of book that inspires kids to ask questions and get involved in the study of evolutionary biology. I highly recommend it.- Parenting Science

High quality art. A wide variety of sabertooth species are shown. Text is informative without being dull or over technical for children. Perfect gift for the aspiring paleontologist or nature lover you might know.

Very informative book for younger kids, recommended by a palaeontologist. Ex library in good used condition.

My son absolutely loves this book.

My nephew loves anything about Saber Tooth Tigers, so I was happy to get him this book...

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