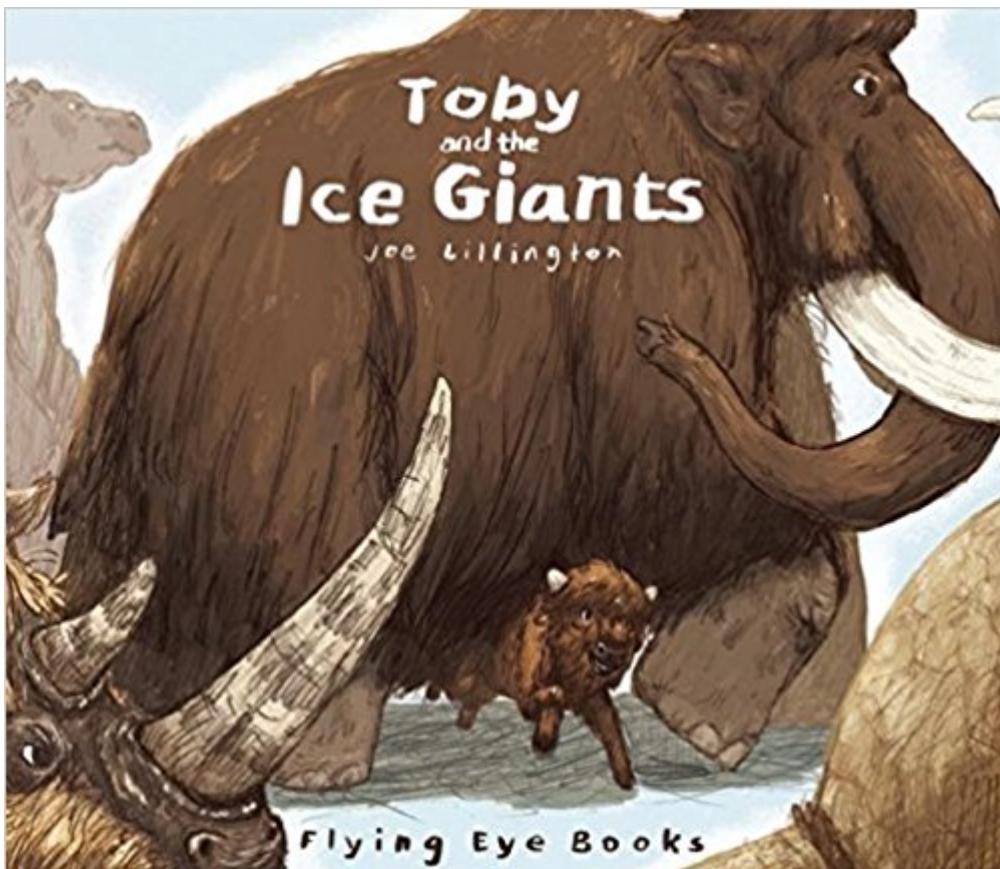


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Toby And The Ice Giants



Synopsis

Join Toby the Bison in this fact-filled adventure as he explores the Ice Age Tundra and meets some of the giants that roamed its icy surface. Ten-thousand years ago, the Earth was in the grips of what Paleontologists call the Last Glacial Period, but what you and I have come to know as the Ice Age. The inhabitants? of this frozen landscape lived in some of the coldest conditions the earth has ever experienced. But before these giants grew to their great size, they were young and, like Toby, very, very inquisitive. *Toby and the Ice Giants* is a wonderfully illustrated story that delivers digestible facts about the Earth's historic inhabitants. Share in Toby's lively curiosity, experience the danger of the polar climes and meet some larger-than-life characters on the way. Joe Lillington was born in London and studied illustration at Falmouth University. He was recently commissioned to illustrate the cover of *Stew Magazine*, illustrated a short story in *AMBIT* magazine, and has exhibited at Light Grey Art Lab shows and the Just Us collective show. Lillington explains, "The type of story I liked when I was younger is similar to the stories I like now. I especially liked *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Asterix*, and *The Hobbit*, which I still find inspiring and fun. I think these stories feed my interest in creating children's books now. I want to make an interesting story set in a fun and engaging world."

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3 •Narrative meets nonfiction in this initial offering by Lillington. Toby, the young bison,

leads readers on a tour of the animal and human inhabitants of the world during the last Ice Age. As Toby meets each new inhabitant, relevant facts about each species are revealed in informative side panels. Lillington's muted illustrations and his consistent comparison of each to the size of a child are the major strengths of this book and the facets that will resonate with young readers.

Unfortunately, the anthropomorphized dialogue is terrible and Toby's adventure is too weak a structure to hold together the profusion of facts presented. In addition, if this text is meant for the American market, the measurements of height, weight, etc., should be expressed in customary measurements as well as in metric in order to avoid reader confusion. VERDICT Despite its strong visual appeal, this hybrid title misses the mark. *—Colleen S. Banick, Westport Public Schools, CT*

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Great for elementary school aged children. This book is currently being used in a 1st grade classroom. This is also great for adults to read to young children and learn fun facts about the ice age.

The illustrations in this book are really something else! I love the informative part of this book, as well as the storyline. My nephews loved learning about the different animals and I enjoyed seeing the size charts so you can compare them to a modern day human!

Very enjoyable!

Fun book. My boy was me read it over and over. The only reason I gave it 4 stars is because it is in metric only.

This book is available at Natural History museum, London now, so pity can't yet review on UK site where I have it on order. High quality, beautifully produced 'heritage' picture book for your child and you to treasure. Buy yourself or would make an excellent gift, I would think particularly for boys 2-8 years. Written at different levels for your child to explore by themselves or read and discuss with an adult. Simple classic tale of Ice Age baby bison goes for an explore as his 'coming of age' quest and meets and escapes big scary animals which could eat him. Family of early hunter gatherers sit round the fire and look no threat and he passes by - and interesting point for discussion as well as the familiar 'friends' like woolly mammoth and sabre toothed tiger. Alongside the simple short dialogue which makes up the story, are nicely designed boxes of hard facts, measurements, what the animals ate, some funny bits and pieces which would appeal to the child - lots of them - who effortlessly remember and like to tell you about this sort of stuff.

Toby was a young bison who lived during the last ice age. One day, he decided to venture out on his own to meet some of the other animals. Joe Lillington tells Toby's story in *Toby and the Ice Giants*. Some of the animals Toby meets will be very familiar to kids who have seen the Ice Age movies: the wooly mammoth, the megatherium (sloth), the glyptodon, and the smilodon, a.k.a. sabre-toothed tiger. He also meets someone familiar to us modern readers: a human. Toby enjoys meeting all of these giants, but finally decides that he's better off staying with his family, "at least until I'm a bit bigger." Lillington tells us a little about each of the animals Toby meets, including their size, weight, diet, habitat, and other facts about them. Kids of all ages will enjoy the illustrations and the informative sidebars. Too bad some of these giants didn't stick around after the end of the ice age. Thanks to Edelweiss and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

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