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Poor T-Rex. It's hard to be the Lizard King when you can't even change a light bulb.

Drawn from Hugh Murphy's wildly popular Tumblr feed of the same name, *T-Rex Trying* depicts the stubby-armed tyrant in a range of hilarious—yet pathos-inducing—activities that we humans take for granted. Murphy's 100 drawings include:

*T-Rex Trying to Paint His House*

*T-Rex Trying to Use a Drive-Through ATM*

*T-Rex Trying to Apply Sunscreen*

*T-Rex Trying to Break Into a Vending Machine*

*T-Rex Trying to Ask for a New Roll of Toilet Paper from the Next Stall*

Looks like the ancient beast isn't so tough after all.

## **T-Rex Trying Details**

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## From Reader Review T-Rex Trying for online ebook

### Christian West says

Hahahaha. T-Rex trying to hitchhike HAHAHA. This book was very very amusing.

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### April Thompson says

Cute. But not laugh out loud.

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### Samantha says

[he was play a ukulele (hide spoiler)]

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### Christina (A Reader of Fictions) says

An unsolicited copy of this showed up at my house and, ordinarily, I review unsolicited books when I can and don't give them priority. With my current schedule, had this not been a picture book, it would not have gotten reviewed so soon. However, it is a picture book, and it's about a dinosaur, so there really was no reason not to go ahead and read it.

T-Rex Trying is pretty much exactly what it sounds and looks like. It's a T-Rex trying to do various mundane tasks that humans can accomplish with ease. For the most part, he finds them quite difficult for four reasons: his massive size, his taste for creatures, his intimidating appearance, or his tiny little arms. Basically, if you are endlessly amused by the following gif, you will snort with laughter at T-Rex Trying:

There are various samples of these on the internet, so I'll share a couple of my favorites:

Some of the pictures reference others. On the first page, the T-Rex tries to paint his house, and here, you can still see his attempt in the background. Don't you just feel bad for the poor guy? At least until you see the ones where he's eaten the horse he was trying to ride or the flock of sheep he was watching over...

In his mind, he has the most muscular arms. He can do anything. Very cute.

There may be nothing happier than that T-Rex having finally found a wheeled vehicle he can ride. Just look at him go!

T-Rex Trying is good for a laugh, for children and adults alike.

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### **karen says**

why have i been reviewing so many of these silly little books lately?

i am so glad you asked, imaginary interviewer! this whole week i have been struggling through The Abominable, not because it is bad, but because i have been so busy at/exhausted from work and i miss my daily review-writing regimen, plus goodreads has been so gloomy lately, we need a little fun, plus-plus - holiday season is upon us and who doesn't like giving/getting books like this for holiday? no one! except those poor humorless bastards who turn their nose up at anything that even smells like entertainment over intellectual rigor. to you, i thumb my adorable nose. get over your damn selves and LOOK AT THIS T-REX TRYING TO DO THINGS!

90% of the jokes are "the t rex has short arms that prevent him from doing things we take for granted!" but it never gets old!

look at this t-rex trying to put on a cardigan!

(the paper in this book is absurdly thin, so try not to be peeking ahead!)

look at this t-rex trying to clean his ears with a q-tip!

look at this t-rex trying to paint his house!

look at this t-rex trying to get the prize out of a cereal box!! his face is so sad!

look at this t-rex trying to use water wings!!

look at this t-rex trying to do a trust fall!

look at this t-rex trying to build a ship in a bottle!! cranky!!

look at this t-rex trying to ride a horse!! hahaha his arms have nothing to do with his predicament!

look at this t-rex trying to hang glide!

look at this enthusiastic t-rex trying to play red rover!

look at this t-rex trying to win at an auction!! so sad!!

jason - look at this t-rex trying to hang curtains!

look at this t-rex trying to be king of the world!

look at this t-rex trying to cross his arms in discontent!! this would be the thing i would miss most if i were a t-rex.

look at this t-rex trying to start a lawn mower! and look at that callback!

and, finally, look at this t-rex trying to use sunscreen!! awwwww!

i love this t-rex so much!! he tries to do so many other things! but don't take my word for it!!

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### **Jocelin says**

Funny, the little drawings were cute. I wonder if this book was inspired by "Meet The Robinsons". There was a scene were a T-Rex was helping the villain and he told him he couldn't capture his intended victim because his arms were too short. You see this T-Rex attempting and falling at a lot of things because his area are too small. I will say this, this T-Rex doesn't give up.

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### **Preeti says**

I'm wavering between 2.5-3 stars on this. It's a cute, amusing little book. Some of the images made me laugh out loud but some I passed by without much of a reaction.

I wonder if this is because I'd seen a lot of the images before and was very familiar with the blog (T-Rex Trying started out as a Tumblr blog), so the novelty factor wasn't there for me. I do remember the first time I came across the blog and some of the images, I couldn't stop laughing. The t. rex's tiny arms are a joke for eternity.

[This is despite recent research that shows that the dinosaur probably didn't even need its arms for anything because its neck was powerful enough to do all the work when it came to, you know, ripping ~~you~~ its food to shreds.]

And I will never not crack up over this:

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Okay, so my rating might be a bit unfair to this book. But you have my reasons. I would definitely recommend this book if you haven't heard of the concept before (and I'd probably have rated it higher myself if that had been the case with my reading). And really, if you can't laugh at this, then we can't be friends:

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### **Arnaud says**

LOLed... a lot :D

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### **Sarah says**

Love it! Hugh Murphy's T-Rex is laugh-out-loud funny, great to share with friends, and always puts a smile on my face. Worth picking up and keeping as a coffee table book.

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### **Samantha says**

So funny that I laughed out loud on every page! This series of 1 page comics features T-Rex trying/failing to do something modern such as painting the house or counting to five on his fingers.

Comics are black and white line drawings with highlights of red.

This is one of those books you reach for when you need a good laugh or need a little cheering up. There's nothing here kids couldn't handle, but this title appeals to adults. Great for gift giving.

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### **Vi says**

Pretty funny. And even endearing.

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### **Coenraad says**

It is very dangerous to read this book while invigilating a class test: one could be quite disruptive while the students are trying their best! Murphy's visual jokes are beyond funny. In this amusing, irreverent way he makes me consider the plight of disabled people in our society, although I don't think he intended his jokes to have such a deep social impact. Amidst all the failures (T-Rex trying to pull the rip-cord on his parachute ...) the tiny (literally!) successes are part of the fun.

Murphy se visuele grappies oor die arme enorme T-Rex wat met sy superkort armpies sukkel om in die moderne lewe reg te kom, laat my kliphard lag - en 'n bietjie nadink.

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### **Diz says**

With such short arms, being a T-rex can be hard. This book is filled with illustrations of a T-rex trying to do things that are impossible to do with short arms. The illustrations are really funny. My kids liked the illustration of a T-rex trying to do horseback riding. Basically, the T-rex is just eating the horse. I'm afraid that my kids have a dark sense of humor. The nice thing about this book is that kids and adults can both enjoy it.

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### **Christa says**

this was adorable. especially liked the one about the bicycle, the king of the world one and the one where he tries to paint.

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### **Rachel Holtzclaw says**

read this book at work today, loved it so much because it was everything i could ever want in a book that i'm going to buy it and be able to read it whenever i need to smile. 5 STARS!!!

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