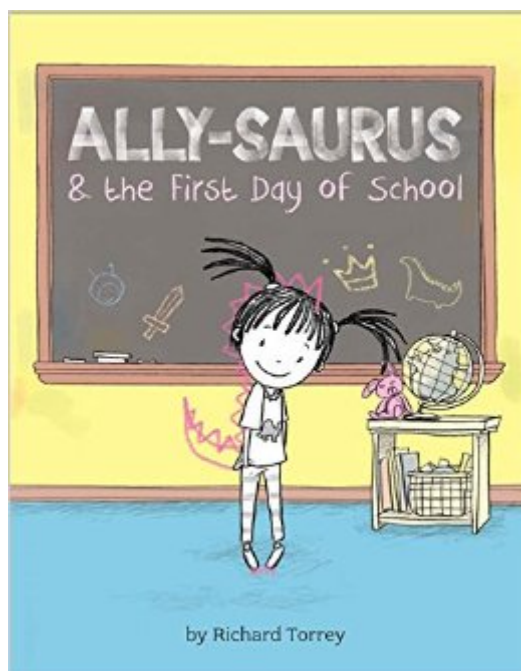


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# Ally-saurus & The First Day Of School



## Synopsis

You can call her Ally-SAURUS! When Ally roars off to her first day at school, she hopes she'll meet lots of other dinosaur-mad kids in class. Instead, she's the only one chomping her food with fierce dino teeth and drawing dinosaurs on her nameplate. Even worse, a group of would-be "princesses" snubs her! Will Ally ever make new friends? With its humorous art, appealing heroine, and surprise ending, this fun picture book celebrates children's boundless imagination.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Not only are all of Ally's best friends dinosaurs, she's pretty certain that she's a dinosaur as well. Why else would she have ridges and scales and a dinosaur tail? Even if she is the only one who can see them? It turns out she's not alone in seeing her dinosaur parts, though. We readers also can see the child-like crayon drawings of Ally's tail and scales, along with the make-believe worlds of the new best friends she's about to make. It's a wonderfully subtle move by Richard Torrey, author and artist of *Ally-Saurus & the First Day of School*, that shows readers both the reality of the first day of school coexisting with the fantasy life of young children. Written for children ages 3 to 6, *Ally-Saurus* follows young Ally as she wakes up for her first day of school ever. She wears dinosaur pajamas, has stuffed dinosaurs for friends and wears dinosaur clothing and a

dinosaur backpack. She likes dinosaurs. Ally even thinks she is a dinosaur. She makes sure to wear her pants in just the right way so there's room for her dinosaur tail to stick out. When Ally gets to school, she quickly finds out that not everyone is as aware as she is of the sheer awesomeness of dinosaurs. There are -- gasp -- even people who like princesses more than dinosaurs. Or lions even! Or dragons! Or . . . lunchboxes. (Walter is a bit of an odd duck.) As Ally meets each new classmate, she finds out what they love most of all. As she does, a new crayon drawing springs into existence around them. As noted, it's a cute way Torrey shows readers that fantasy and reality can coexist in the minds of young children with no drama at all. As the day wears on, Ally finds herself at odds with the princesses.

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