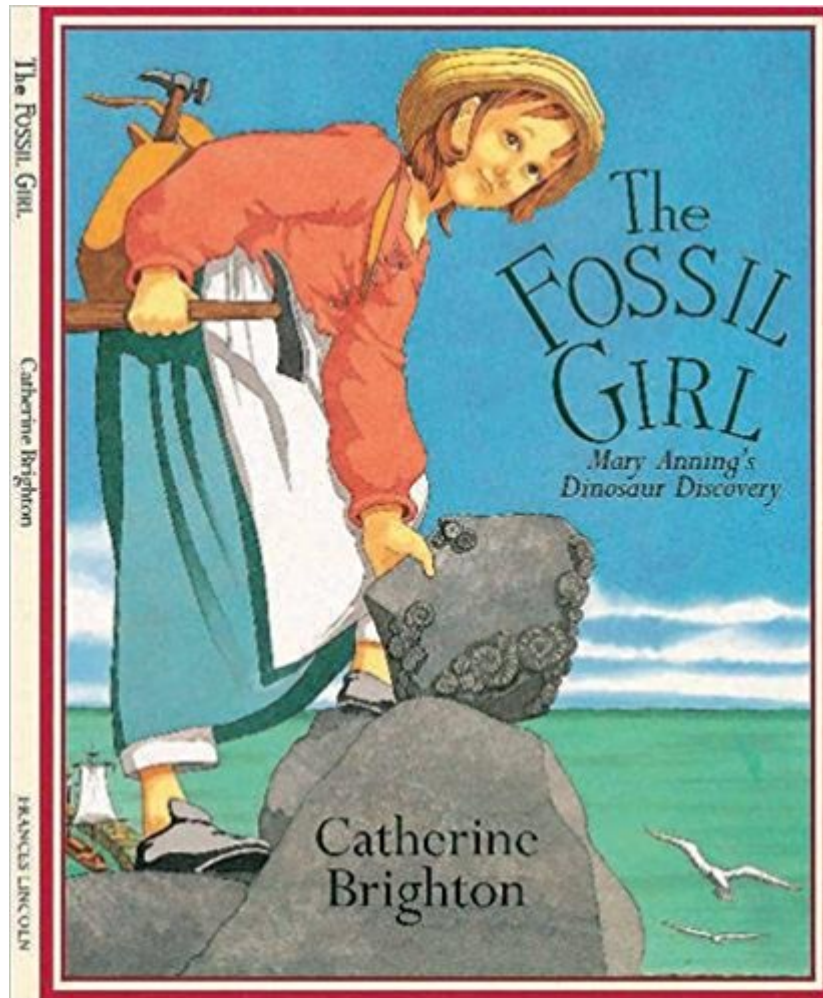




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# The Fossil Girl



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## Synopsis

The true story of 10-year-old Mary Anning who, nearly 200 years ago, discovered the first complete fossil of an Ichthyosaurus, or fish lizard, now in the Natural History Museum. Single-minded Mary wants to find a really special fossil for her father's shop, and when she sees a huge eye staring out of the cliff face she resolves to bring the creature down, whatever the risk.

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Brighton breathes life into a wonderful story.

Catherine Brighton trained at St Martin's College of Art and the Royal College of Art. She has held exhibitions of her work in the Barbican, London, at the Bath Festival, and at a Southern Arts travelling exhibition. She is now a successful full-time author/illustrator of children's books. She lives in London.

My daughter has to read this book to my granddaughter every night. She skipped the bio one night she told her mother you didn't read it all and when my daughter said yes she had my four year old princess said "no you didn't, you didn't read where she was born". Even better she woke up one morning and told her mother to refer to her as "fossil girl" from now on. :)

My third grade class loved this read aloud and we did a follow up activity I found on teachers pay teachers that included "uncovering dinosaur bones" and trying to put them together to create a dinosaur. Wonderful book to learn about a real life "fossil girl" and the illustrations were lovely!

Good elementary intro to Mary Anning.

Bought it for granddaughter. She enjoyed it. Now need to send one in college

Wonderful story for budding science girls (and boys).

Gift for 6 year old granddaughter. Haven't read it yet. She loves dinosaurs and everything about them though.

This picture book about Mary Anning is written in large comic book format. It opens when Mary is twelve and her father has already passed away. It lets the reader in on some information that they might not have gotten from other books on the same topic, for example, Mary searched for fossils with her brother Joe and he was the one who originally found the ichthyosaur in the cliff. I had one thing about the book that bothered me and that was an illustration showing Mary lowering a large part of the fossil she was excavating from a tower she was standing on. Even my pre-school aged children thought that this was a bit of a stretch as the piece shown must have been quite heavy. While this book provides interesting details omitted from other books, it is still my second pick on the the subject of Mary Anning with my first choice being Stone Girl, Bone Girl.

Not all students are able to change a narrative into a script for Reader's Theater. This graphic depiction of the true story of this amazing girl is already written in dialogue. ELLs also find it is comprehensible because it is presented as a graphic novel. Students and teachers will immediately recognize it as perfect for developing successful Reader's Theater.

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