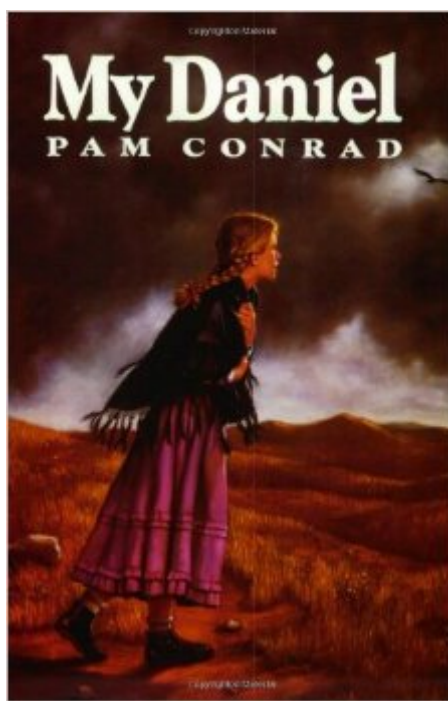


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# My Daniel



## Synopsis

"All I want to find is one dinosaur," Daniel was saying. "And I'll find it right here. Like I do all my fossils." Wandering through the Natural History Museum with her grandchildren, Julia Creath feels the presence of her dead brother, Daniel, she remembers a time when fossil fever hit everyone, old and young -- a time when people would kill for those old bones under the ground. Julia becomes the Nebraska farm girl she once was, as she weaves together the story of the great dinosaur rush -- an adventurous tale of love and treachery, but most of all the story of her own childhood, and of the older brother she loved more than anything. Daniel had a dream that Julia shared -- and the she alone would see come true.

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## Customer Reviews

Prairie girl Julie Creath adores her older brother, Daniel, idolizing him over three generations. These two enjoy a unique and intense bond of love--the only surviving children of a Nebraska farm family, living in a primitive soddy. But the youth has grand dreams: to find his own dinosaur skeleton and sell it for a small fortune, thus saving the family farm. Bones and Bravery are all he needs--plus the devotion and quick wit of his little sister. Noble aspirations truly, but naive Daniel is soon to be initiated into the dirty business of dinosaur hunting, excavating and profiteering. He is unprepared for unscrupulous men who lie, deceive, cheat and even commit murder for gain and fame. Three gutsy kids try to protect their amazing creekside discovery, but beware the snakelike antagonist with deadly dreams of avarice. Mostly flashbacks, the book engages in time-shifting--a literary seesaw

which keeps readers alert as we glide between Present and Past in the same chapter. Young Julie's passionate memories of that fateful summer are intertwined with her long-savored trip to a city museum with her grandchildren, to whom she confides the entire tale. This spunky Grandmother has a private agenda, as she saves Dinosaur Hall for the last. Will she bring a little souvenir of her girlhood, as she seeks to put closure on a painful wound which has haunted her all her life? What emotions and memories will be resurrected as she confronts the reconstructed skeleton? This is an emotionally exciting, dramatic read, pervaded by grim foreboding. Should be of equal interest to boys and girls.

Julis Creath, now Julia Summerwaite, is taking her grandchildren through a history museum when she remembers her young life when her brother was alive. Julia tells the story to her grandchildren of when her brother got dinosaur bone finding fever. I really like this book. It leads you from one page to another, not even realizing you're turning the page. Daniel, Julis's brother, finds dinosaur bones, but has trouble with a greedy paleontologist that is trying to take the bones for himself. During the commotion Daniel gets hit by lightning and is killed. Then Daniel's pa takes over. Julia also has a little something to show her grandchildren in the museum.

I remember loving this book when I was in college as an education major. The characters are well written and I love the way the story transports between the present and the past. I have been saving it to read with my dinosaur fanatic kids. I reread it before sharing it with them and realized there is no way they would enjoy reading it because the science is so wrong. Not only have there never been any dinosaur fossils found in Nebraska (something my kids could have overlooked since there are always discoveries being made) the way the fossils were found and the way they were preserved is not even close to real. If it was a mammoth, the science is possible. But dinosaur bones are not found in mud, they are preserved in rocks. I realize many people wouldn't care about the science being wrong, but for my kids, it was a deal breaker.

This was my favorite childhood book. It inspired me to want to become a paleontologist. I find the study of dinosaurs fascinating. I am now 18 and just re-read it recently. I was just as intrigued with it now as when I was an 8-year-old child. A beautiful book that everyone should read.

I had to read it twice to get it because it switches back and forth from present to past. It's a brilliant story; one that reaches out to you. It's one of those books where you say you will only read 2

chapters and save the rest for tomorrow and you ending reading the rest of the book. I think this would make a great movie.

I wanted to read this to get in touch with what my grandson was studying in school. This is written on about a 4th grade level but introduces the "flashback" method of providing some history with present day experiences.

Already loved this book, but my students checked my only copy out and never returned it. Had to get another. It has a wonderful story, so well written by Pam Conrad. It has so much love, and I already know where the heartbreak is going to be, and I cry anyway! I recommend it to anyone that loves reading, whether a child or not. It is fabulous.

Given that there is no information about the product on , I thought I would add some information: Comes on 4 CDs that run for 4 hours. About the book: Julia Creath Summerwaite is 80 years old and far from her Nebraska prairie home. But when she goes with her two grandchildren to the Natural History Museum, she once again becomes the young tomboy who helped her brother Daniel on his quest to find a dinosaur in the vast grasslands surrounding their sod home. Wandering through the museum, Julia brings Daniel to life as she tells her grandchildren of his irrepressible dinosaur fever and shares with them her fierce dedication to her brother. The old woman's poignant narrative is told through a magical blend of past and present that highlights the grandchildren's growing fascination with her adventure. As they hear her vitality and wisdom, she draws them, step by step, toward Daniel's dream. Pam Conrad, the award-winning author of *Prairie Songs* and over a dozen other beloved children's novels, creates a heartwarming celebration of timeless memories in *My Daniel*. About the narrator: Narrator Barbara Caruso is an accomplished actress and critically acclaimed audiobook narrator. A graduate of London's prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, she was a featured player in the Royal Shakespeare Company. She has played starring roles on Broadway and in theaters across the country. She won the Alexander Scourby Reader of the Year Award for her performances of young adult fiction, and has more than one hundred Recorded Books narrations to her credit. According to Kliatt, "Caruso's warmth and energy, clarity and moderate pace work together to capture the listener."

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