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### Editorial Review

#### From School Library Journal

PreSchool-K-A wordless picture book that takes readers on a wild adventure of the imagination. A boy and his toy dinosaur are in the tub when a larger dinosaur appears, and then another, and as the beasts loom larger, the boy and his surroundings become smaller. The culmination is a three-page spread revealing a full-color herd of dinosaurs racing across the page, and if children look very closely, they'll see a tiny boy in his tub. Then, magically, the oversized creatures disappear, and all that are left are the boy and his bath toy and his mother, who appears with a towel. This imaginative story with wonderful endpapers naming the creatures should appeal to all young dinosaur lovers. S's's barely fleshed-out, cookie-cutter cartoons tell the story. He masterfully plays with white space and perspective, conveys action, and captures a full range of emotions with the absolute minimum of line and detail. As in *Fire Trucks* (1998) and *Trucks, Trucks, Trucks* (1999, both Greenwillow), the author's bold artwork and simple plot are right on the mark for this audience.

*JoAnn Jonas, Carlsbad City Library, San Diego, CA*

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#### From [Booklist](#)

As in last year's *Trucks Trucks Trucks*, Sis once again paints everyday adventures that are turned fantastic by a boy's imagination. In simple line drawings, the wordless story begins when a boy hops into the tub with his toy dinosaur. An ominous, blue snout slowly emerges from the bath water and mayhem breaks loose--one dinosaur turns into two, three, and more; the bathtub melts into a prehistoric pond; and the boy is suddenly in an ancient desert, with a crowd of beautifully detailed dinos thundering across a foldout spread. Detail gives way to line drawing again, and the boy stands happily in the tub, the last dino tail nearly off the left page, as an anxious mother runs with a towel to the scene. As in his earlier titles, Sis shows a pitch-perfect understanding of the blur between the real and the imagined in children's play. Endpapers printed with a guide to dinosaur species will entertain fans. *Gillian Engberg*

### About the Author

Peter Sís is an internationally acclaimed author, artist, and filmmaker. He was born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, and graduated from the Academy of Applied Arts in Prague. He also studied at the Royal College of Art in London. His picture books for children include *The Train of States*; the Caldecott Honor books *Tibet: Through the Red Box* and *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei*; the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book *Tree of Life: Charles Darwin*; and several popular books inspired by his own children, such as *Madlenka* and *Fire Truck*. He has also illustrated best-selling books written by Jack Prelutsky, among them *Scranimals* and *The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*. Peter Sís is the first children's book artist to be named a MacArthur Fellow. He lives with his family in New York State.

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#### Gregory Stclair:

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