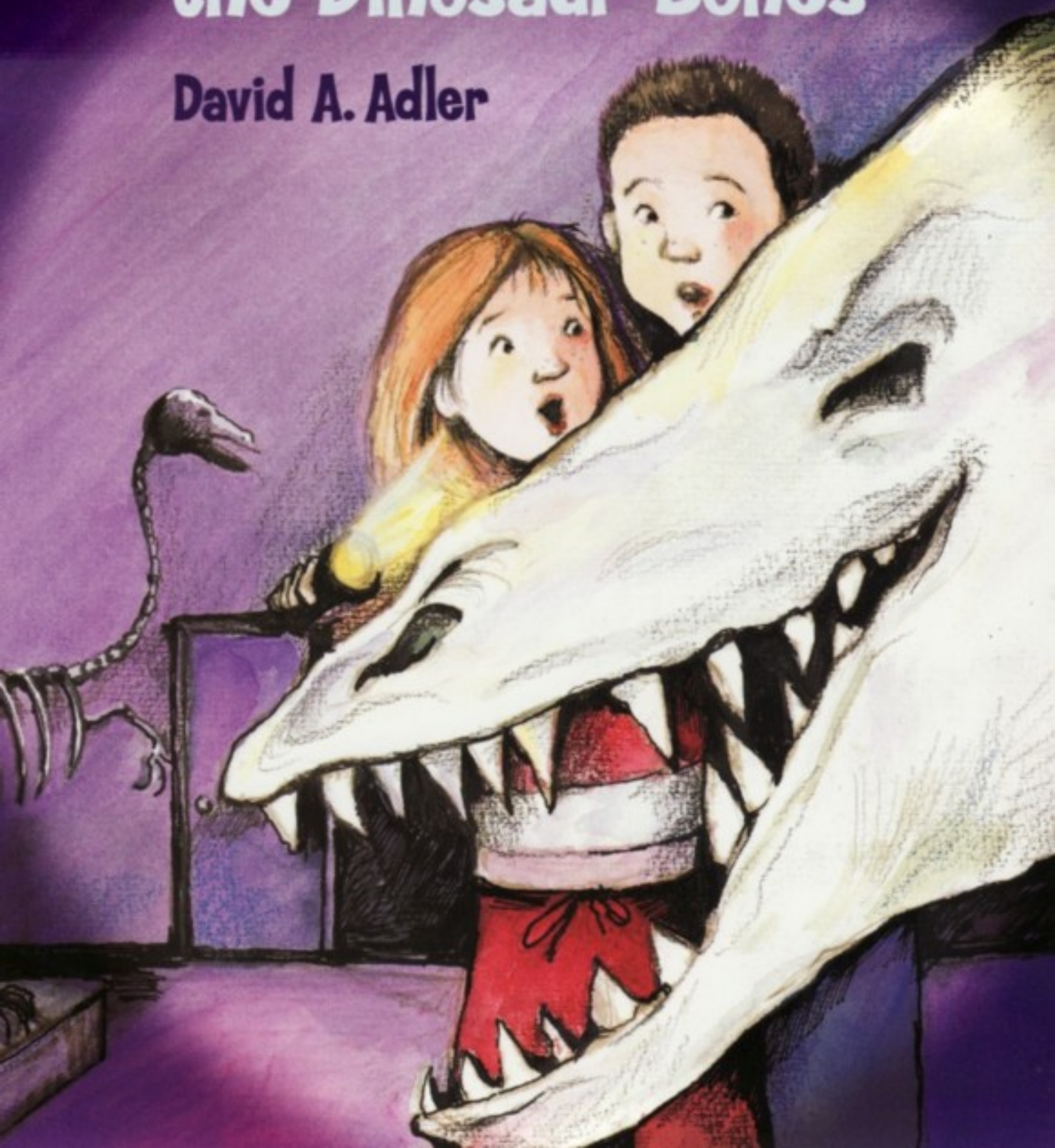




Cam Jansen

The Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones

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Chapter One

“*Slurp.*”

Cam Jansen was drinking milk through a straw. She tilted the container to get the last few drops.

Cam was eating lunch in the cafeteria of the Kurt Daub Museum. She was there with her fifth-grade class. Her friend Eric Shelton was sitting next to her.

Cam pointed to the teacher. The teacher was standing on a chair with a finger over her mouth.

“Look,” Cam said to Eric. “Ms. Benson is waiting for us to be quiet.”

“Our tour will begin in twenty minutes,” Ms. Benson said. “But first I must ask those of you who brought cameras along to keep your cameras in their cases. The



taking of photographs in the museum is not allowed.”

Ms. Benson got down from the chair.

“See,” Cam said to Eric, “I told you not to bring your camera. Last time I was here someone was told to leave the museum because he was taking pictures.”

“Well,” Eric said, “maybe I can’t take pictures, but you can. Take a picture of me now with your mental camera.”

Cam’s mental camera is her memory. She can take one look at a page in a book, close her eyes, and remember every word on the page. “It’s easy for me,” Cam often explained. “I have a photograph of the page stored in my brain. When I want to remember what I saw, I just look at the photograph.”

When people found out about Cam’s amazing photographic memory, they stopped using her real name, Jennifer. They started calling her “The Camera.”



Can Cam use her
photographic memory
to crack the **case?**

Can Cam's memory dig up the missing bones?

Something is very wrong at the museum. When Cam and Eric go on a field trip with their class, Cam discovers that some bones are missing from the skeleton of the **Coelophysis** dinosaur. Will Cam be able to use her photographic memory to remember who sneaked the bones past the museum guards—and then catch the thief?

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