

THE LOST WORLD

You have probably seen the Steven Spielberg's movies about dinosaurs called "Jurassic Park", this films are based in the Michael Crichton's books of the same name. When I picked it up from the library I was expecting for the same story that I had watched in the movie but I was grateful surprised.

The "Lost World" is the second part of "Jurassic Park", a science fiction book that mix dinosaurs and genetic engineering. The plot in the book is quite different from the film, even the characters change. We only have Ian Malcolm, the mathematician from the first book, the rest of the characters change completely.

The general plot is the same in both, the film and the novel. We have a second island in which the dinosaurs were "made" and brought up for the zoo in the main island. After the failure of the zoo this island was abandoned. From here the story change, in the book the dinosaurs manage to survive and try to reach the continent. Several corpses are found in remote beaches. This attracts the attention of some people that knew about the original project, one of them is the paleontologist Richard Levine that goes alone to the island to study the animals. When he disappears some friends find out where he is and organize a rescue party. Other people are the same that tried to steal the research in the first book.

In the film the plot is very different. The company which had developed the technology tries to recover from the zoo failure selling the dinosaurs. The former owner of the company tries to protect the animals sending a scientist to the island, a woman, alone. Like in the book a rescue party is sending to look for this woman.

If you have enjoyed the film you will probably enjoy the book. It is worth reading the original book; it is like a new story, a new version.

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