How to Take Your Grandmother to the Museum by Molly Rose Goldman

Written by Lois Wyse, the author of Funny, You Don't Look Like a Grandmother, with her 10 year-old granddaughter, Molly Rose Goldman, this is a charming story of an adventurous little girl and her willing and eager grandmother, and the things they discover during a museum outing together. It mixes color photos with whimsical full-color illustrations for a realistic view of the museum, and includes two pages of additional information about the exhibits.

My Personal Review:
I only checked this book out from the library because the cover illustration included some dinosaur fossils (my son is always looking for new dino books), but I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed this story of a girl taking her grandmother on a visit to the Museum of Natural History.

Molly is accustomed to going to "Interesting Places" with her grandmother, but after a school field trip to the Museum of Natural History, she is delighted to realize that at last, she has found an Interesting Place her grandmother has never visited. She offers to take Grandma to the Museum and takes charge, right down to reminding Grandma of the importance of comfortable shoes and using the bathroom before leaving the house.

The illustrations are drawings incorporating photos of items on exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History (NY), which I thought was a nice touch. Molly and her grandmother visit many exhibits--dinosaurs, Africa, the Arctic, ocean life, rocks, bugs, human biology, the Ice Age--and their conversation about what they see presents many interesting facts without sounding too didactic.

This might have a bit too much text for younger readers/listeners, but there are plenty of interesting pictures to look at. A fun read for both me and my 4 1/2 year old son.

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