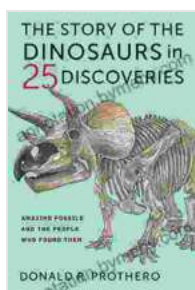


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The study of fossils is an important part of our understanding of the history of life on Earth. Fossils provide us with a window into the past, and they help us to learn about the evolution of life and the changes that have occurred in our planet's environment over time.

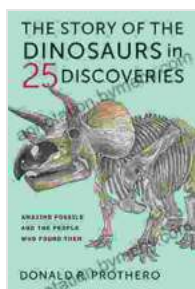
The People Who Found Them

The discovery of fossils has been made by a wide variety of people, from scientists to explorers to amateur fossil collectors. Some of the most famous fossil discoveries have been made by scientists, such as Mary Anning, who discovered the first complete ichthyosaur fossil in 1821. Other famous fossil discoveries have been made by explorers, such as Ferdinand Magellan, who discovered the giant ground sloth in 1520. And still other famous fossil discoveries have been made by amateur fossil collectors,

such as George Sternberg, who discovered the first complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus rex in 1908.

The people who find fossils often face a variety of challenges. These challenges can include finding a fossil-bearing site, excavating the fossils, and preparing them for study. However, the rewards of finding fossils can be great. Fossils provide us with a window into the past, and they help us to learn about the evolution of life and the changes that have occurred in our planet's environment over time.

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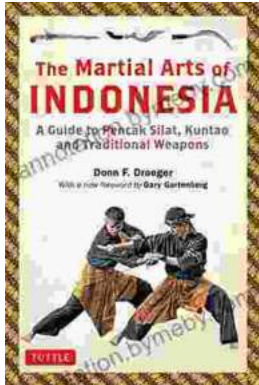
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