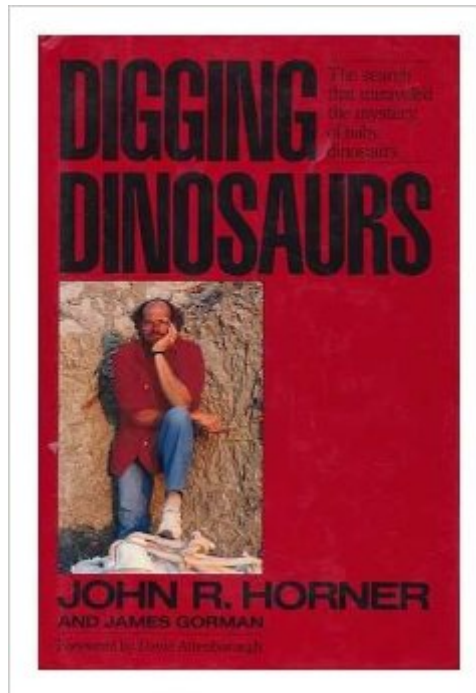


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Digging Dinosaurs: The Search That Unraveled The Mystery Of Baby Dinosaurs



Synopsis

Recounts the author's search for evidence of baby dinosaurs in the badlands of Montana and his discovery of dinosaur nests and of two new species.

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Digging Dinosaurs, by John Horner, is a firsthand account of the discovery of fossilized Dinosaur eggs that led to extensive discoveries of nesting sites in Montana. The book describes the geology of the area, the discovery of the nesting sites, their excavation, and the changes in paleontology that ensued. The book was made all the more fascinating by the fact that you can visit the actual site, called egg mountain. The Museum of the Rockies, in Choteau, Montana sponsors tours. On a recent trip to Montana, my wife and I took the tour and met John Horner, digging up more dinosaurs.

I read this book as I was going through something of a mid-life crisis. I originally bought the book as a child but never read it. However, I have always pondered whether I made the right choice in not going into paleontology. Unfortunately for me, this book made paleontology so exciting I think I did make the wrong choice! One of the best things about this book is that it is appropriate for dinosaur lovers of all ages. Horner and Gorman write clearly and simply enough that young adults would find the book understandable. However, the book and the discoveries described wherein are fascinating for adult readers as well. Horner frames the book as a mystery CSI-style investigation, explaining his thought process as he deduces the true significance behind his find. Even 20 years later, the book is fresh, not because of the state of the science (which may be outdated) but rather because

of its description of the intellectual and practical aspects of paleontology. Unlike a lot of other books in this genre, Horner does not focus undue attention on his own life (even though it is fascinating - he had dyslexia and became a paleontologist without a PhD). Rather, he keeps his focus where it belongs - on the dinosaur fossils and his analysis of their significance. Is it too late to change careers?

"Digging Dinosaurs" is far more than the continuing search for traces of these vanished beasts. It is a glimpse into the mind and lives of the people who have dedicated their lives to understanding this fascinating topic. Co-authored by Jack Horner, probably the most influential paleontologist alive today, the book reads at times more like a novel than a scholarly research. Fast paced, often humorous, this is a great read for anyone interested in our world's far ancient past.

A little bit of a young read, but fascinating. It explains a lot of the changes in the theories about dinosaurs since I was a kid: the idea that they're warm blooded, social creatures who cared for their young is explained quite well here. Enjoyed it very much.

Excellent book! This was actually purchased for a budding paleontologist/child who is devouring it. It wasn't until seeing Mr. Horner's TED Talks, that we actually paused to wonder where the baby dinosaurs were. The fact that he stepped outside of the box and put the pieces together, is phenomenal. I would recommend this book to anyone even remotely interested in dinosaurs or paleontology. Even just your average Joe or Jane. This is an engaging book.

My 14 year old had to buy this book for high school class and she didn't want to read it but after she started she was like mom this is pretty good.

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