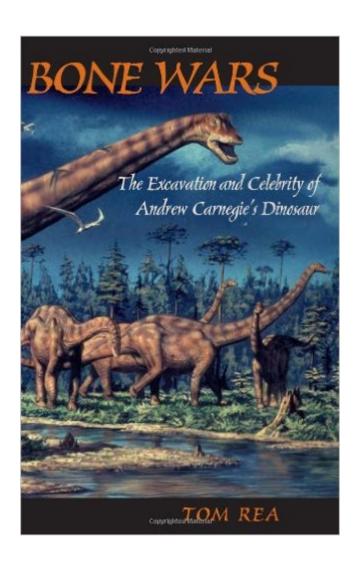
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Bone Wars: The Excavation Of Andrew Carnegie's Dinosaur





Synopsis

Tom Rea traces the evolution of scientific thought regarding dinosaurs and reveals the deception, hostility, and sometimes outright aggression present in the early years of fossil hunting. This book details one of the most famousâ "and notoriousâ "dinosaur skeletons ever discovered: Diplodocus carnegii, named after Andrew Carnegie.

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dinosaurat the Carnegie Museum. After graduating from WilliamsCollege in Massachusetts in the early 1970s, Rea spent a fewsummers visiting his uncle's ranch.

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