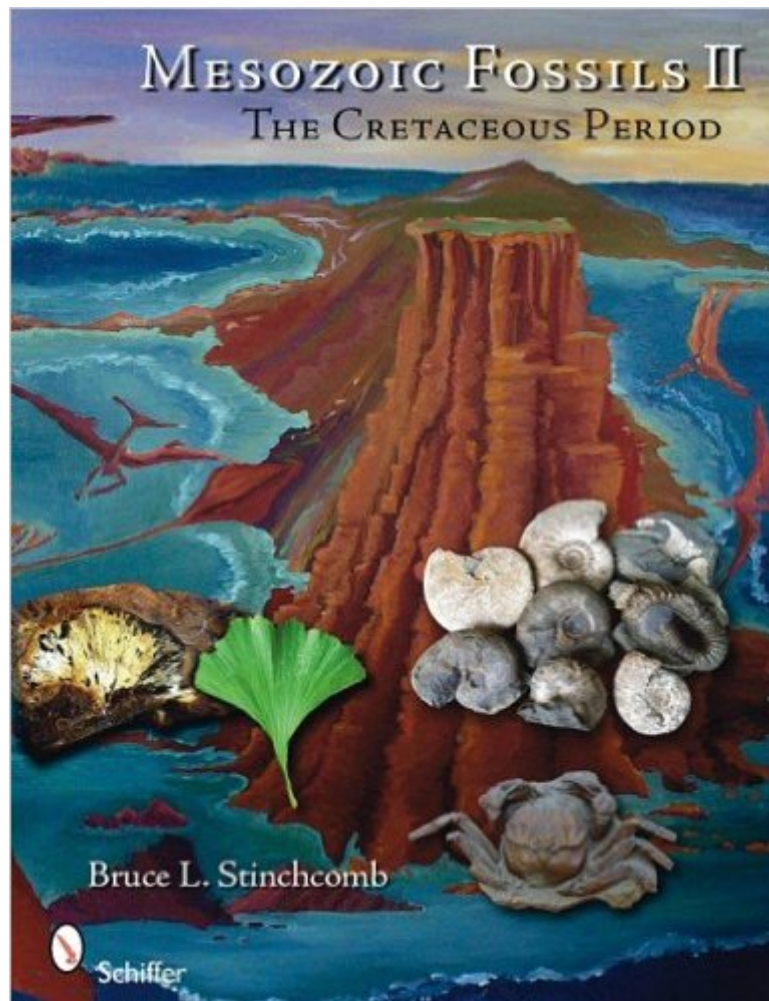


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Over 500 photos and engaging text reveal the fossils of the Cretaceous Period, the last period of the Mesozoic Era, the Age of Reptiles, dating from 120 to 67 million years ago. Included are typical Mesozoic fossils, such as the ammonites, belemnites, and other collectible fossil mollusks characteristic of the Cretaceous, a variety of plants, well-preserved arthropods such as crabs and insects, turtles, crocodiles, and dinosaurs. Fossils recovered range from the Early Cretaceous to the Upper Cretaceous III, ending at the KT boundary representing the events that swept dinosaurs off the face of the planet. Each fossil displayed is carefully identified, along with the region from which it was recovered. The book aids fossil collectors and all who are intrigued about the fascinating artifacts of this early age.

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I bought this book for the 20 pages of text and pictures near the end on the Chronister Site, a Cretaceous location in southern Missouri of shale and mud from which *Hypsibema missouriensis*, the Missouri state dinosaur, (a hadrosaur) was extracted. I wasn't disappointed, because Dr. Stinchcomb is one of the foremost experts on this particular creature. I also bought it because my geology field camp was held in Lander, Wyoming, near where many types of Mesozoic creatures thrived and were preserved. Although Cretaceous dinosaurs are amongst the most popular to the general public, and this book does have a few photos of Triceratops, otherwise Stinchcomb concentrates on sea creatures, such as the ammonites and turitella species, the bony fish and the concept of the Cretaceous (chalk-bearing) as largely sea deposit ecosystems of on the large land

animals. Knowing this up prepares the reader for the slant of this book. It does what it does well, it is not a kids' dinosaur book.

This well-illustrated book should make a little science quite palatable to the general reader. I hoped for some solid information, but found none. It is, however not incredibly dull like my Paleontology text in college.

This book is filled with a lot of information that even the novice can understand. It has tons of accompanying photos to go with that information.

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