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The Bernissart coal mine in Belgium is one of the most important fossil sites in the world. It has yielded a wealth of exceptionally preserved fossils from the Early Cretaceous period, including some of the best-preserved dinosaur fossils ever found.

The Bernissart dinosaurs are a diverse group of animals that includes iguanodonts, hadrosaurs, ornithomimids, and theropods. These dinosaurs lived in a variety of habitats, including forests, swamps, and river deltas. The Bernissart fossils provide a unique window into the life of these animals and the ecosystems in which they lived.

In this book, we will explore the Bernissart dinosaurs and the Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems in which they lived. We will examine the anatomy and behavior of these dinosaurs, and we will reconstruct the environments in which they lived. We will also discuss the implications of

the Bernissart fossils for our understanding of dinosaur evolution and the history of life on Earth.

The Bernissart Dinosaurs

The Bernissart dinosaurs are a diverse group of animals that includes iguanodonts, hadrosaurs, ornithomimids, and theropods.

- **Iguanodonts** were large, herbivorous dinosaurs that walked on two legs. They had a distinctive thumb spike that they used for defense.
- **Hadrosaurs** were also large, herbivorous dinosaurs that walked on two legs. They had a distinctive duck-billed snout that they used for feeding.
- **Ornithomimids** were small, ostrich-like dinosaurs that ran on two legs. They had long necks and tails, and they were probably fast runners.
- **Theropods** were a group of carnivorous dinosaurs that included the fearsome *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The Bernissart theropods were relatively small, but they were still formidable predators.

The Bernissart dinosaurs lived in a variety of habitats, including forests, swamps, and river deltas. They were part of a complex ecosystem that also included other animals, such as turtles, crocodiles, and mammals.

The Early Cretaceous Terrestrial Ecosystems

The Early Cretaceous period was a time of great change on Earth. The climate was warm and humid, and the continents were covered in lush forests. The dinosaurs were the dominant animals on land, and they were beginning to diversify into a wide range of forms.

The Bernissart coal mine provides a unique window into the Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems. The fossils from this site show that the dinosaurs lived in a variety of habitats, including forests, swamps, and river deltas.

The forests were home to a variety of dinosaurs, including iguanodonts, hadrosaurs, and ornithomimids. These dinosaurs ate a variety of plants, including leaves, fruits, and seeds.

The swamps were home to a variety of dinosaurs, including theropods and crocodiles. These dinosaurs ate a variety of animals, including fish, amphibians, and reptiles.

The river deltas were home to a variety of dinosaurs, including iguanodonts, hadrosaurs, and ornithomimids. These dinosaurs ate a variety of plants and animals, including fish, amphibians, and reptiles.

The Implications of the Bernissart Fossils

The Bernissart fossils have had a profound impact on our understanding of dinosaur evolution and the history of life on Earth.

The Bernissart fossils have shown that the dinosaurs were a much more diverse group of animals than previously thought. They have also shown that the dinosaurs lived in a variety of habitats, and that they were part of complex ecosystems.

The Bernissart fossils have also helped us to understand the evolution of dinosaurs. The fossils from this site show that the dinosaurs evolved from a group of small, bipedal animals that lived in the late Triassic period. These

early dinosaurs gradually evolved into the larger, more diverse group of animals that we know today.

The Bernissart fossils are a valuable resource for scientists who are studying the evolution of dinosaurs and the history of life on Earth. These fossils have helped us to understand the diversity of dinosaurs, the habitats in which they lived, and the evolution of these amazing animals.

The Bernissart dinosaurs and the Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems are a fascinating subject of study. The fossils from this site have helped us to understand the diversity of dinosaurs, the habitats in which they lived, and the evolution of these amazing animals.

This book is a comprehensive guide to the Bernissart dinosaurs and the Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems. It is written by a team of experts, and it is illustrated with hundreds of beautiful photographs and illustrations.

If you are interested in dinosaurs, or if you are simply interested in the history of life on Earth, then this book is for you.

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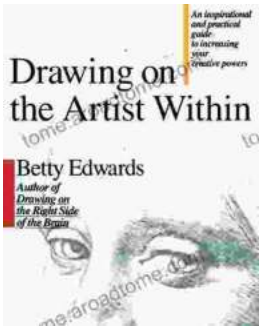

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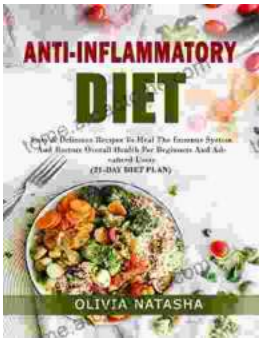

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