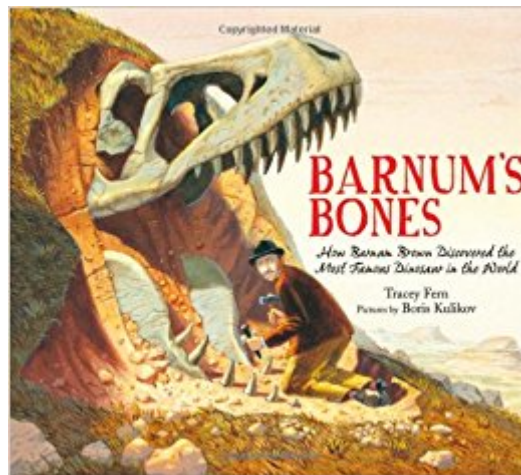


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Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered The Most Famous Dinosaur In The World



Synopsis

Barnum Brown's (1873-1963) parents named him after the circus icon P.T. Barnum, hoping that he would do something extraordinary--and he did! As a paleontologist for the American Museum of Natural History, he discovered the first documented skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus Rex, as well as most of the other dinosaurs on display there today. An appealing and fun picture book biography, with zany and stunning illustrations by Boris Kulikov, BARNUM'S BONES captures the spirit of this remarkable man. Barnum's Bones is one The Washington Post's Best Kids Books of 2012.

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Customer Reviews

â€œ...playful and imaginativeâ€ [Jâ€¢â€¢BCCB](#) â€œT. rex lovers will gobble it up, and seekers of easy biographies will be hot on their heels.â€ [â€¢â€¢School Library Journal](#), starred â€œTracey Fern ("Buffalo Music," "Pippo the Fool") turns a slice of a scientist's biography into an American adventure tale, describing how Brown and his rivals at other museums raced to find the best fossils and to discover new species.â€ [â€¢â€¢New York Times](#) â€œâ€truly breathtaking. This will captivate the masses of kids whose jaws drop in the presence of hulking fossils.â€ [â€¢â€¢Booklist](#), starred â€œIn this engaging picture-book biography, Tracey Fern and illustrator Boris Kulikov supply many distinctive details about Brown, including the spiffy wardrobe he favored and the dancing talents he would

occasionally unleash.â • â •The Washington Postâ œâ [[an] informative, inspirational story of one man's curious, undeniable passion.â • â •Horn Bookâ œFern fills her text with all the salient facts but uses a breezy, humorous, awestruck voice that strikes just the right tone in telling the story of this fascinating, quirky scientist.â • â •Kirkus, starred

Tracey Fern is the author of two other picture books, *Buffalo Music* and *Pippo the Fool*, both Junior Library Guild selections. She lives with her family in West Newton, Massachusetts, where she's always on the lookout for unusual rocks. Boris Kulikov has illustrated many other books for children, including *Max's Words* by Kate Banks. He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York, where he has not yet discovered any dinosaur bones.

The illustrations are beautiful and the text is very readable. I bought this for my very verbal, 3 year old granddaughter who loves dinosaurs and can usually last through a 20 minute read. She hung in through the whole book but it was a bit date-heavy for a three year old. If I were to do it again I'd wait until she was 5. I wish that could display at least one page of text for every book. The amount of text per page is such a good indicator of the appropriateness of a book.

Fascinating story of Barnum Brown. My three year old wanted to hear it over and over, though I would say it's a little wordy for the average three year old. Fern does a great job showing how a fossil is found and ultimately ends up in a museum.

This fine presentation was a star when the kids got to the library this week. The illustrations were winners and the information was so good to know. Kids and dinosaurs seem to get together naturally and this was a fun example that we all enjoyed.

I am a big proponent of science education and it is fun to share stories like this with my children. A fun and interesting book to share with your kids and provide an educational experience.

very good book!

Our 7 year old granddaughter, who wants to be a paleontologist when she grows up, loves this book.

I have read this book to multiple classes in our elementary school. It is an interesting read about and interesting eccentric person.

Grandson (5 years old) loved it.

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