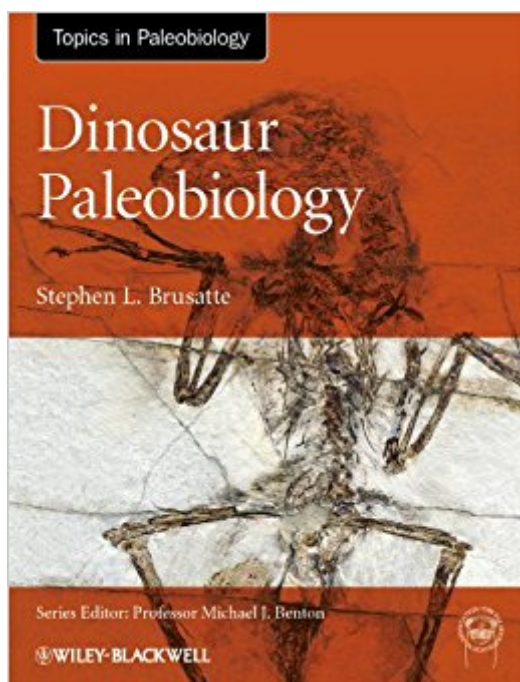


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Synopsis

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This book is unique in the annals of dinosaur literature;covering in detail the "inner workings"-muscles,metabolism,organic function etc...of the dinosaur in tremendous detail unlike any book I have ever encountered. If you are interested in dinosaurs this text is a must buy. Be warned though,much of the material is a bit technical.

Great book, but very technical. It assumes you have a background in biology (which I don't) but you can look up terms on the internet when needed. I understand dinosaurs and their related cousins much better. Two thumbs up.

Excellent textbook - on the recommended reading list for my course, didn't use it for everything but an awesome reference. Would have liked some colour to help with some of the skeletal diagrams but otherwise worth the spend

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