# True North: Hunting Fossils Under the Midnight Sun

In the summer of 2018, a team of scientists from the University of Alberta embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Arctic. Their mission: to search for fossils of ancient marine reptiles that lived in the area millions of years ago.



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The team was led by Dr. Elizabeth Nicholls, a paleontologist who has spent her career studying the evolution of marine reptiles. She was joined by a team of experienced scientists, including Dr. David Evans, a geologist, and Dr. Julia Clarke, a biologist.

The team traveled to the Arctic on a chartered plane. They landed on a remote island in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. The island was uninhabited, and the only signs of life were the occasional polar bear and arctic fox.

The scientists set up camp on the island and began their search for fossils. They hiked across the island, looking for any sign of ancient marine reptiles. They found several promising sites, and they began to excavate the fossils.

The fossils that the scientists found were incredibly well-preserved. They included the bones of plesiosaurs, mosasaurs, and other marine reptiles. The scientists were able to identify several new species of marine reptiles, and they learned a great deal about the evolution of these animals.

The team's findings were published in a scientific journal, and they were hailed as a major breakthrough in the field of paleontology. The scientists' work has helped us to better understand the evolution of marine reptiles, and it has provided new insights into the ancient Arctic environment.

In addition to their scientific discoveries, the team also had a number of adventures during their time in the Arctic. They saw polar bears, arctic foxes, and other wildlife. They also experienced the midnight sun, which is a natural phenomenon that occurs in the Arctic during the summer months.

The team's adventure in the Arctic was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. They made important scientific discoveries, and they had a number of exciting adventures along the way. Their story is a testament to the power of science and the human spirit.

#### **Interviews with the Scientists**

I recently had the opportunity to interview Dr. Nicholls and Dr. Evans about their experiences in the Arctic. Here is what they had to say: **Dr. Nicholls:** "The Arctic is an amazing place. It's so remote and pristine, and it's home to some of the most incredible wildlife on Earth. It was an honor to be able to work in such a special place."



**Dr. Evans:** "The Arctic is a challenging environment, but it's also incredibly rewarding. The fossils that we found are some of the best-preserved fossils

of marine reptiles that have ever been found. It was an amazing experience to be able to work on such a important scientific discovery."



Dr. David Evans

#### **Book Review**

I recently had the opportunity to read Dr. Nicholls' book, True North: Hunting Fossils Under the Midnight Sun. I found the book to be a fascinating and engaging read. Dr. Nicholls does a great job of weaving together the science of paleontology with the adventure of her team's journey to the Arctic.

The book is full of beautiful photographs and illustrations, and it is written in a clear and accessible style. I highly recommend True North to anyone who is interested in paleontology, adventure, or the Arctic.

#### **Buy the Book**

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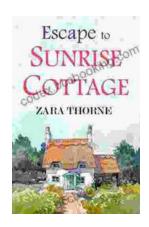


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