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Tyrannosaurus rex, undoubtedly the most famous dinosaur of all, was a North American meat-eating creature first "discovered" in 1902 by <u>Barnum Brown</u>. Found in <u>Montana</u>, *T. rex* was named in 1905 by <u>Henry F. Osborn</u> who used a Latin phrase to aptly describe the "Tyrant Lizard-King."

Brown's 1902 specimen was incomplete. Six years later, he found more fossilized remains (in the same <u>Hell</u> <u>Creek</u>, Montana location) for the American Museum of Natural History. When viewed together, both specimen provided scientists with a good picture of this <u>enormous</u> carnivore.

By 1915, the first *T. rex* mount (consisting of the 1908 skeleton plus casts of missing pieces from the 1902 discovery) revealed a ferocious creature possessing the <u>power</u> to efficiently annihilate its prey. (Scientists have determined that *T. rex* ate <u>Triceratops</u>, among other things.)

<u>Digging for Dinosaurs</u> has <u>resulted</u> in other amazing discoveries. New "finds" have <u>shown</u> that *T. rex* really wasn't the biggest creature to roam the earth. But, thanks to a discovery in South Dakota, everyone can now see a nearly <u>complete</u> *T. rex* skeleton.

It belongs to "Sue," (named for Sue Hendrickson, its finder). It's current home? Chicago's Field Museum.

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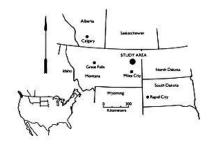
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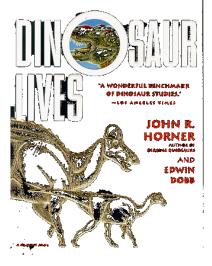
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<u>T. rex Jaws</u>

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