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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 [Barnum Brown](#). Found in [Montana](#), *T. rex* was named in 1905 by [Henry F. Osborn](#) 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 [Hell Creek](#), Montana location) for the American Museum of Natural History. When viewed together, both specimen provided scientists with a good picture of this [enormous](#) 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 [power](#) to efficiently annihilate its prey. (Scientists have determined that *T. rex* [ate Triceratops](#), among other things.)

[Digging for Dinosaurs](#) has [resulted](#) in other amazing discoveries. New "finds" have [shown](#) 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 [complete](#) *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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## Montana - Location of Hell Creek Formation

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Henry Fairfield Osborn

## Henry F. Osborn - Named T. rex

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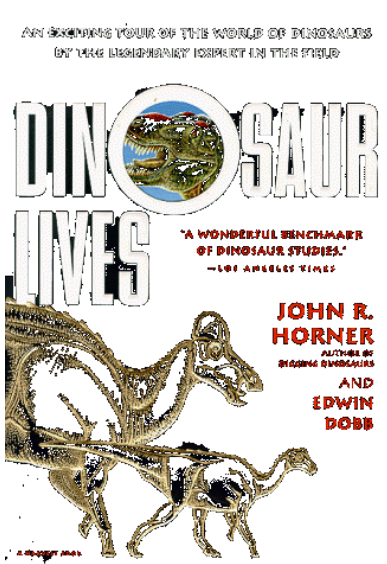


## T. rex Jaws

Image online, courtesy American Museum of Natural History (AMNH). AMNH 5027 (complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* skull) from 1912.

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