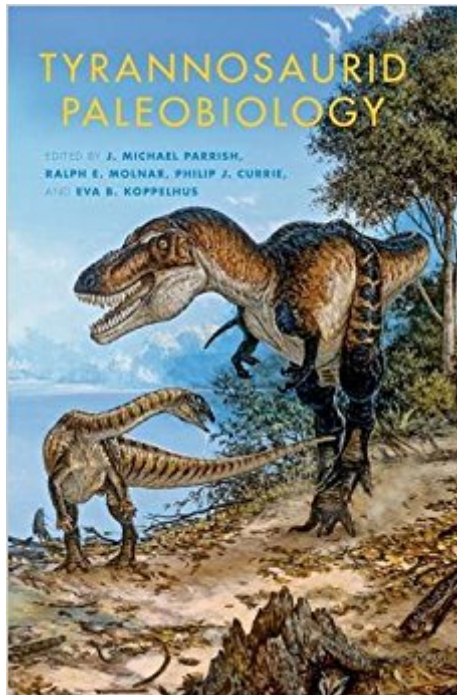




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# Tyrannosaurid Paleobiology (Life Of The Past)



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The opening of an exhibit focused on "Jane," a beautifully preserved tyrannosaur collected by the Burpee Museum of Natural History, was the occasion for an international symposium on tyrannosaur paleobiology. This volume, drawn from the symposium, includes studies of the tyrannosaurids *Chingkankousaurus fragilis* and "Sir William" and the generic status of *Nanotyrannus*; theropod teeth, pedal proportions, brain size, and craniocervical function; soft tissue reconstruction, including that of "Jane"; paleopathology and tyrannosaurid claws; dating the "Jane" site; and tyrannosaur feeding and hunting strategies. *Tyrannosaurid Paleobiology* highlights the far ranging and vital state of current tyrannosaurid dinosaur research and discovery.

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