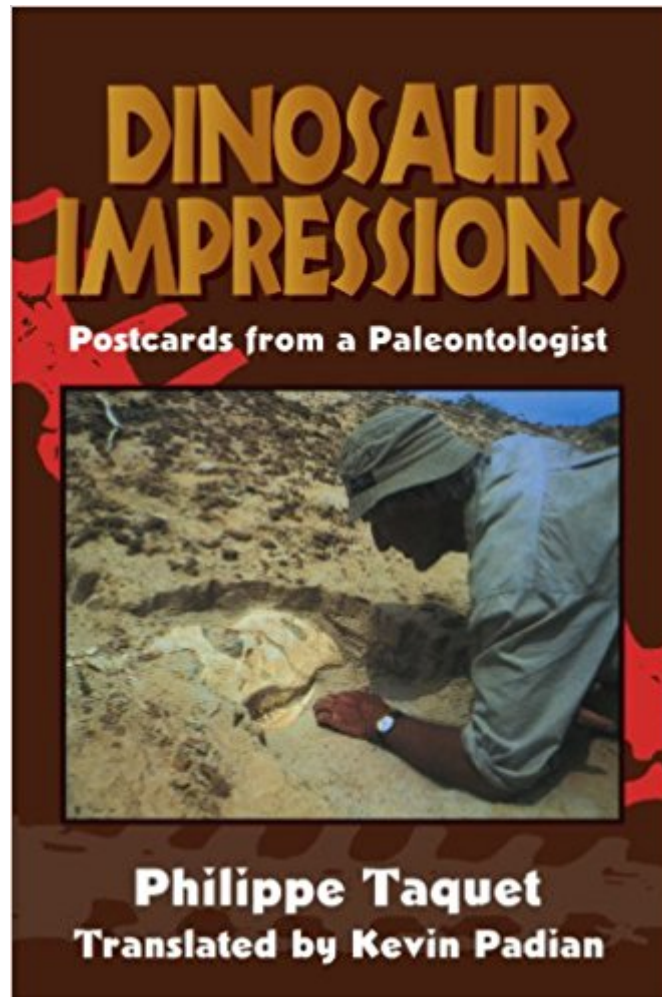


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Synopsis

Perhaps you are a paleontologist or have always wondered what it is like to be one. Or you are fascinated by fossils and like to read about the origins and natural history of dinosaurs. Or maybe you are an avid traveler and reader of travelogues. If you are any of these things, then this book is for you. Originally published in 1994 in French, *Dinosaur Impressions* is the engaging account of thirty years of travel and paleontological exploration by Philippe Taquet, one of the world's most noted paleontologists. Dr. Taquet takes the reader on a surprisingly far-flung tour ranging from the Provence countryside to the Niger desert, from the Brazilian bush to the Mongolian Steppes, and from the Laos jungle to the Moroccan mountains in search of dinosaur bones and what they have to tell us about a vanished world. With wry humor and lively anecdotes, Dr. Taquet retraces the history of paleontological research, along the way discussing the latest theories of dinosaur existence and extinction. Elegantly translated by Kevin Padian, *Dinosaur Impressions* provides a unique, thoughtful perspective not often encountered in American- and English-language works. This insightful, first-hand account of an exceptional career is also a travelogue par excellence that will enthrall enthusiasts and general readers alike. Philippe Taquet is the Director of the National Museum of Natural History in Paris and is a member of the French Academy of Sciences. Kevin Padian is a professor in the Department of Integrative Biology and Curator of the Museum of Paleontology at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also the editor of *The Beginning of the Age of Dinosaurs* (Cambridge, 1986) and *The Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs* (1997).

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As most of us dinosaur fans in North America are familiar only with the great U.S./Canadian/Mongolian expeditions, I noted with delight that a book had finally arrived about French expeditions. For diversity alone, this one belongs on any dinophile's bookshelf. As Taquet is the discoverer and describer of Ouranosaurus (a likely missing link between the iguanadonts and duckbills), it's of particular interest to ornithopod lovers. Those familiar with the American Museum of Natural History will get a kick out of the cameo by the Mongolian expedition.

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