

PALEONTOLOGY IN 100 QUESTIONS



Popular knowledge

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The science that answers to fundamental questions about the origin of life and the origin of the human being. From the first bacteria - 3,800 million years - and the first organisms, plants and vertebrates, until the conquest of the Earth, the age of the dinosaurs, mammals and the emergence of hominids in the Miocene 7 million years ago.

Are whales and cows cousins? what were the earliest forms of life like? how did climate change affect life itself? how could the first cell emerge? what is the cambrian explosion? why did amphibians leave water? is it true that dinosaurs were afraid of mice? how did whales lost their back legs? are we reaching the 6th extinction? who were the first Europeans? when did language appear? are there living fossils?

Synopsis

Who did not ever wonder about the appearance of the first living beings, dinosaurs that inhabited the Earth, or about the origin of the human being?

Paleontology, through the study of fossils offers the reader an exciting journey to learn about the creatures that inhabited the Earth in different geological eras. In this book we invite the reader to dive among the history of life on Earth, and discover its great moments as the appearance of the first bacteria 3,800 million years, passing through the first armoured organisms, the first land plants, the first vertebrates, the conquest of the land, first forests, the age of the dinosaurs, the emergence of mammals, the emergence of flowering plants or the emergence of hominids. Dare to discover how they were?

Biography

Adriana Oliver Pérez was born in Madrid in 1982. She holds a Master's Degree in Geology, and a PhD in Paleontology by the Complutense University of Madrid. From 2007 she collaborates with the Natural Science National Museum –CSIC. In 2015 she worked in a postgraduate investigation in the Natural History Museum of Viena. From mid 2016 she collaborates with Geosfere S.L. teaching divulgation scientific seminars in schools and secondary schools, and manages the Coordination Commission of Paleontological Divulgation of Somosaguas, in Madrid.



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Sales pitch

-This title deals with more than 4000 years of history of life: from the first bacteria to the future of Paleontology.

-It denies and demystifies false beliefs and legends, providing numerous and rigorous data and scientific curiosities.

-Explains the most unknown and controversial items of this science; the extinction of certain species, the emergence of the language. All done in a lively and rigorous tone.

- As in other book from the collection 100 it has an original format, illustrated, clear and very educational, because it raises all the knowledge about a topic in a structure question-answer with a total of 100 items.

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