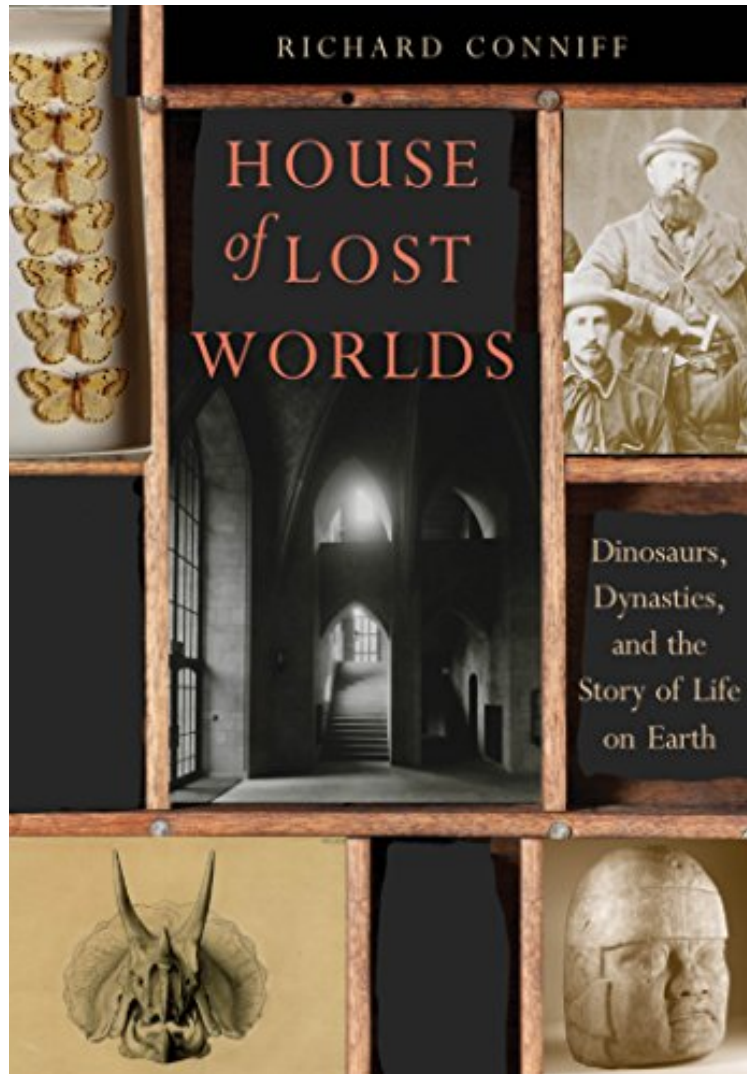


# House of Lost Worlds: Dinosaurs, Dynasties, and the Story of Life on Earth

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review helpful. Highly recommend, well done book makes the adventure real  
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Superb and vivid writing about a subject that is far more of an adventure story than one might anticipate. I visited the Peabody Museum just before I bought the book and feel I understand the place much more than before. I have recommended the book to friends, one of whom turned out to be a distant relative of O.C. Marsh! Fine book.  
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I was disappointed by this book. The issue was NOT the quality of the writing, which was good enough, but rather the subject matter. I was expecting something to do with dinosaurs, but the book is about the people who hunted the fossils. If you are interested in a people history, then this book is probably for you, but if you are interested in a dinosaur history, forget it.

This fascinating book tells the story of how one museum changed ideas about dinosaurs, dynasties, and even the story of life on earth. The Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, now celebrating its 150th anniversary, has remade the way we see the world. Delving into the museum's storied and colorful past, award-winning author Richard Conniff introduces a cast of bold explorers, roughneck bone hunters, and visionary scientists. Some became famous for wresting Brontosaurus, Triceratops, and other dinosaurs from the earth, others pioneered the introduction of science education in North America, and still others rediscovered the long-buried glory of Machu Picchu. In this lively tale of events, achievements, and scandals from throughout the museum's history. Readers will encounter renowned paleontologist O. C. Marsh who engaged in ferocious combat with his "Bone Wars" rival Edward Drinker Cope, as well as dozens of other intriguing characters. Nearly 100 color images portray important figures in the Peabody's history and special objects from the museum's 13-million-item collections. For anyone with an interest in exploring, understanding, and protecting the natural world, this book will deliver abundant delights.

"A rich and enthusiastic history. . . . This book sparkles with delightful stories and anecdotes."  
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