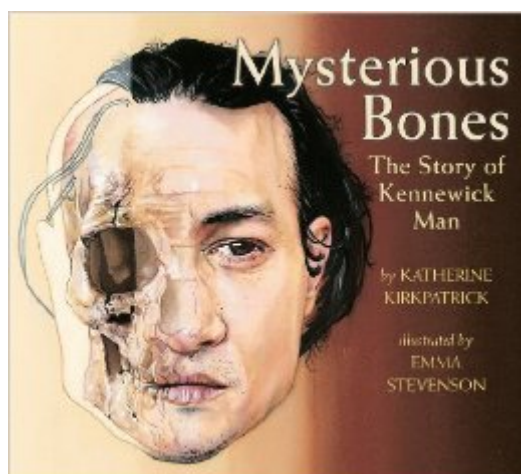


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Mysterious Bones: The Story Of Kennewick Man



Synopsis

This stunningly illustrated nonfiction account explores the 1996 discovery of the skeletal remains of Kennewick Man. When two young men who were sneaking into a boat race accidentally uncovered a skeleton along a bank of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, in 1996, they had no idea of the impact their discovery would have. The bones were those of one of the oldest and most complete skeletons ever recovered in this country and led to one of the most important archaeological controversies of modern times. Kennewick Man transformed long-held theories about the colonization of the Americas and sparked a nine-year battle pitting scientists against Native American tribes for control of the remains. Beautifully illustrated with drawings, diagrams, and maps, the book offers a fascinating look at forensic anthropology at its most exciting, describing the scientific methods used, the surprises revealed, and the unsolved mysteries that resulted from these discoveries. Time line, glossary, chapter notes, bibliography are included.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book that explains what would eventually be called the discovery of the Kennewick Man. It would fascinate anyone interested in anthropology or even archeology. It is aimed at ages 9-12, but even those older would learn much from this book. It is told in almost a

storyline form with informational inserts and some maps. Pictures in a water colour style illustrate the text. The skeleton was discovered in 1996 by some young men trying to see the annual Water Follies in Kennewick, Washington. The book covers the discovery, the controversy, the court battles, the scientific studies, theories and what will supposedly happen in the future. There is a glossary, time line and index. There are inserts dealing with subjects such as; why study skeletons? what is race?, and facial reconstruction. Maps included show: Native Americans and migration patterns. This would be an instructive and interesting book for anyone 9 years and older.

I purchased this book after reading another book about the Kennewick Man... *No Bone Unturned: The Adventures of a Top Smithsonian Forensic Scientist ...* by Jeff Benedict. I was interested in the *No Bone Unturned* book because although I was raised in Washington State; I had never heard about the Kennewick Man. The *No Bone Unturned* book is a better book because: 1. I learned a lot about alternative perspectives concerning the migration of early people. Science is bringing some interesting things to light on this & I was only taught one perspective in school. 2. Although the *No Bone Unturned* Book doesn't name the Kennewick Man in its title; it explains a lot more about him & trying to find out where he came from than the *Mysterious Bones* book. *Mysterious Bones* was written more to teaching children. It was a little too politically correct for my liking & slanted things one way. I would like to see books for children that give them a chance to take in the different perspectives on a subject so they can decide for themselves. The book itself has very nice artistic work & is well put together. I would advise anyone who gets this to follow up with other resources on this subject in addition to this book.

My just 11 year old grandson and his grandfather (a physician) have delved into this fascinating book where interest is sparked, and they are truly enjoying the journey together. It is important to not overload, but the ensuing conversations are animated, and Sam eagerly looks forward to the next discovery.

Should have used a better illustrator, the illustrations let the book down I'm afraid. Very poorly illustrated. Otherwise a well written book

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