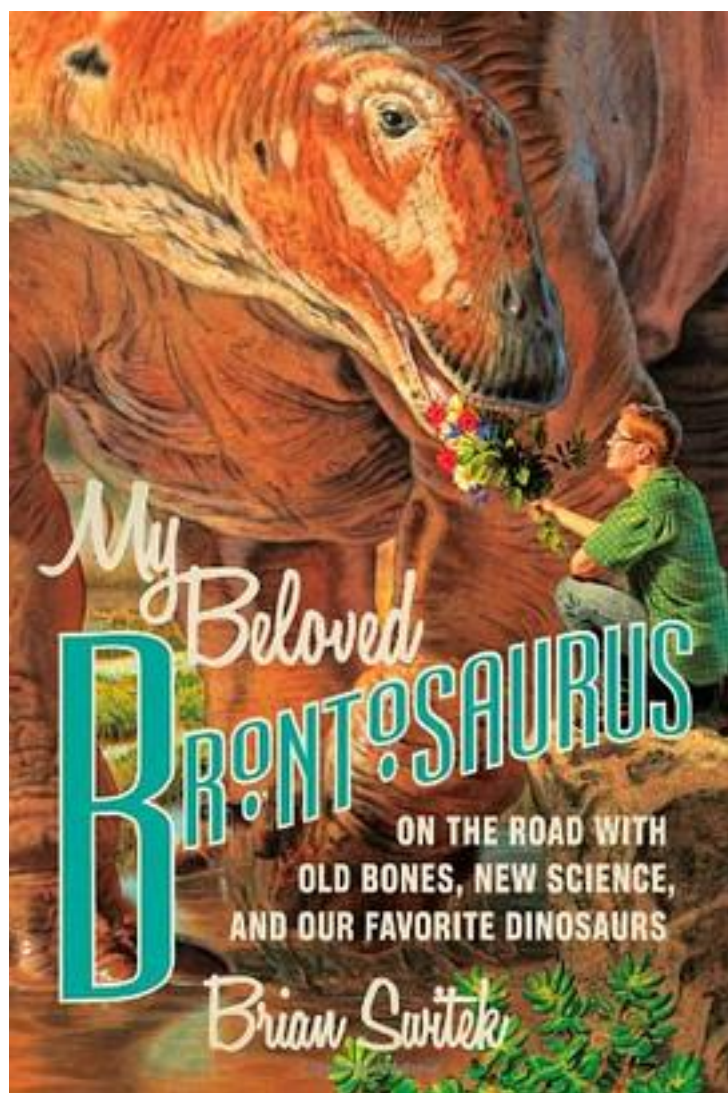


# My Beloved Brontosaurus



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Dinosaurs haunt museum halls, stomp across movie screens, and adorn just about any product you can name. Despite groundbreaking discoveries, the dinosaurs of our childhood are entrenched in our minds, and new science struggles to overcome the inaccurate monsters of Jurassic Park. In *My Beloved Brontosaurus*, the brilliant dinosaur fanatic Brian Switek investigates the tension between dinosaurs as scientific objects and pop-culture icons as he introduces us to the latest theories in palaeontology, from how dinosaurs had sex to what colours they were and just how they got so big. To understand why they died-after 150 million years of success - we need to know how they lived. With infectious enthusiasm, Switek explains that these giant beasts left behind a wealth of information in their bones - and it's only by piecing together these clues that we can begin to understand ourselves. After all, our furry little ancestors lived in the shadow of the dinosaurs. Switek visits excavation sites, museums, and high-tech labs to question what we've long held true about these creatures, weaving in stories from his obsession with dinosaurs that started when he was knee-high to a Stegosaurus. Endearing, surprising, and essential to our understanding of our place on Earth, *My Beloved Brontosaurus* is a book that science buffs and dinosaur fans will cherish for years to come.

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Brian Switek is an online columnist for National Geographic and is the author of *Written in Stone*. He has written for Smithsonian, Wired, Slate, The Wall Street Journal, Nature, Scientific American, and other publications. His examinations of fossil discoveries have been featured by the BBC and NPR. He lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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我爱过很多种恐龙，最后在年岁渐长的过程中，将爱意掩埋在鲜少泛起波澜的时光里。时光带走了童话中恐龙的鲜活，呈现出一具具没有旁白解读的化石尸骨。我最爱的大抵是腕龙，梁龙科的龙我大都喜爱，副栉龙也挺好，但是形体不够高大优美，总归目光鲜少放在它们身上。窃蛋龙...

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