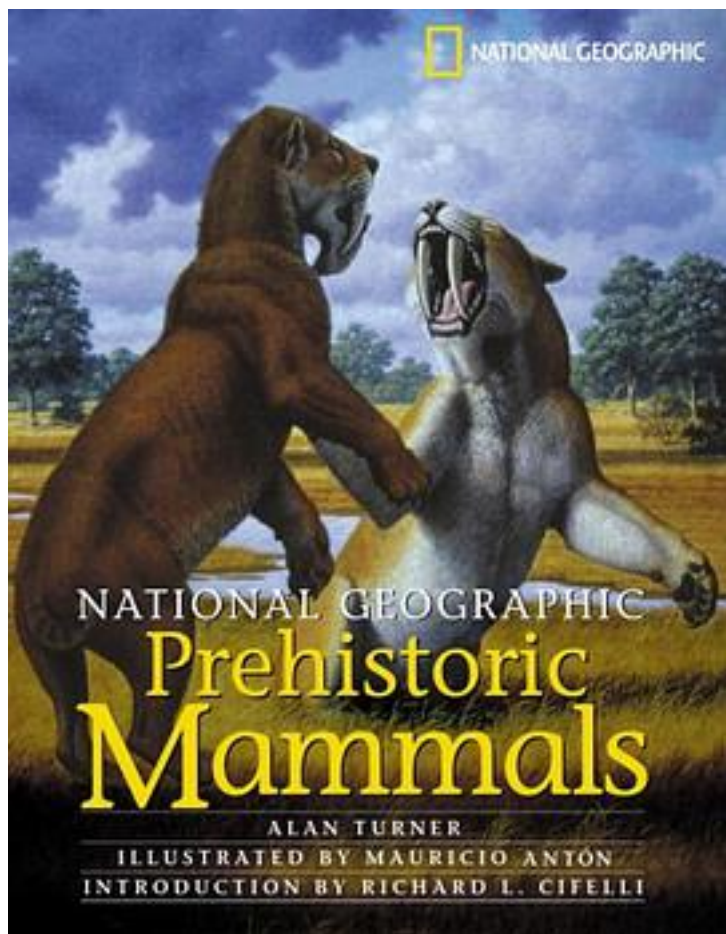


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National Geographic Prehistoric Mammals takes you on a prehistoric journey through time to visit some of the most amazing creatures to ever walk the Earth. See how mammals evolved from the time of the dinosaurs to the days of early humans. Learn

what they ate, where they roamed, and how they took over the world that the dinosaurs left behind. When dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago, another group of animals began to achieve world dominance: the mammals. During the reign of the dinosaurs, mammals kept a low profile. They had evolved at about the same time as the dinosaurs, but were tiny shrew-like animals. Then, at the end of the Mesozoic Era, with the dinosaurs out of the way, mammals began to take over. The Cenozoic Era, which immediately followed the Mesozoic and continues today, is also known as the Age of Mammals. Mammals grew more diverse, many of them becoming larger. And they grew more intelligent, culminating (we like to think) in the evolution of the human race. This book tells the story of prehistoric mammals, including early humans, and features more than 100 profiles. The profiles range from sabre-tooth cats and woolly mammoths to less well-known but no less interesting mammals such as the pig-like entelodonts. Humans are represented by the main species from Australopithecus to Homo sapiens. Each profile features a full reconstruction and other illustrations, describes how the species lived, and provides details of its habitat, fossil finds, when it lived, and much more. The fascinating creatures pop from the pages—from the wolf-like Andrewsarchus, the giant meat-eater whose teeth could crush bone, to the enormous ground sloth called Megatherium. Readers will be fascinated to learn which mammals became fully extinct and which ones evolved into the more familiar creatures we know today. And they'll be fascinated by the world their ancestors lived in, with these strange giant neighbors lurking right around the corner

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