

# The People of Peking Man: Unlocking the Secrets of Our Ancestors



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The Peking Man is one of the most famous and important hominid fossils ever discovered. Found in China in the 1920s, the Peking Man fossils have helped to shed light on the origins of humanity. In this book, the author presents a comprehensive overview of the Peking Man, from their discovery to their significance in human evolution.

## **Discovery and Excavation**

The Peking Man fossils were first discovered in 1923 by a team of Chinese paleontologists. The fossils were found in a cave near the village of Zhoukoudian, just outside of Beijing. Over the next few decades, hundreds of Peking Man fossils were excavated, including skulls, teeth, bones, and tools. The fossils were carefully studied and analyzed, and they provided a wealth of information about the Peking Man's anatomy, behavior, and way of life.

## **Anatomy and Behavior**

The Peking Man was a small-brained hominid, with a brain size of about 1,000 cubic centimeters. They were bipedal, meaning that they walked upright on two legs. The Peking Man was also a skilled toolmaker, and they used a variety of stone tools for hunting, gathering, and other activities. The

Peking Man's diet consisted mostly of plants, but they also ate meat, including deer, rabbits, and other small animals.

## Significance

The Peking Man is a key species in the study of human evolution. The fossils have helped to provide a more complete picture of the human family tree, and they have also shed light on the origins of our own species, Homo sapiens. The Peking Man fossils are a reminder of our shared ancestry and the long and complex journey that has led to the evolution of modern humans.

The Peking Man is a fascinating and important hominid species that has played a key role in our understanding of human evolution. In this book, the author has provided a comprehensive and engaging account of the Peking Man, from their discovery to their significance in human evolution. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the origins of humanity.



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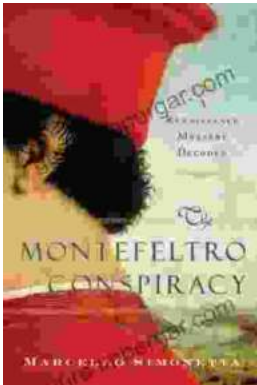
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