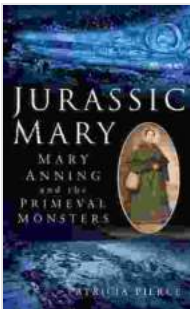


# Jurassic Mary: Mary Anning and the Primeval Monsters

Mary Anning was a pioneering fossil hunter who lived in Lyme Regis, England, in the early 19th century. She was born into poverty, but she had a passion for fossils that led her to make some of the most important discoveries in paleontology.



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Anning's first major discovery was the ichthyosaur, a marine reptile that lived during the Jurassic period. She found the fossil in 1811, when she was just 12 years old. The ichthyosaur was a revolutionary discovery, because it was the first complete skeleton of a marine reptile ever found.

Anning went on to make many other important discoveries, including the plesiosaur, the pterosaur, and the mosasaur. Her discoveries helped to change the way scientists thought about the history of life on Earth.

Anning was a self-taught paleontologist, and she never received any formal training. However, she was a brilliant scientist, and her discoveries have had a profound impact on our understanding of the past.

Anning's story is an inspiring one, and it shows that anyone can achieve great things, no matter their background.

## **The Early Life of Mary Anning**

Mary Anning was born on May 21, 1799, in Lyme Regis, England. Her father, Richard Anning, was a carpenter, and her mother, Mary Moore, was a lace maker. The family was poor, and Mary was often forced to help her mother with her work.

Despite her poverty, Mary had a passion for fossils. She would often spend her free time searching for fossils on the beach. In 1811, when she was just 12 years old, she made her first major discovery: the ichthyosaur.

The ichthyosaur was a marine reptile that lived during the Jurassic period. It was a revolutionary discovery, because it was the first complete skeleton of a marine reptile ever found.

Anning's discovery of the ichthyosaur brought her to the attention of the scientific community. She was invited to give lectures on her findings, and she even met with King George IV.

Anning continued to make important discoveries throughout her life. In 1823, she found the plesiosaur, a marine reptile that had a long neck and a small head. In 1828, she found the pterosaur, a flying reptile. And in 1830,

she found the mosasaur, a marine reptile that was one of the largest predators of the Jurassic period.

Anning's discoveries helped to change the way scientists thought about the history of life on Earth. She showed that the Earth was much older than previously believed, and that it had been inhabited by a wide variety of creatures.

### **The Legacy of Mary Anning**

Mary Anning died on March 9, 1847, at the age of 47. She was buried in the churchyard of St. Michael the Archangel in Lyme Regis.

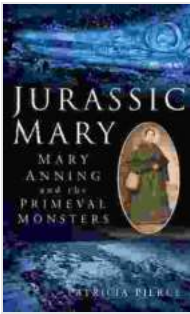
Anning's legacy is immense. She was one of the most important paleontologists of the 19th century, and her discoveries helped to change the way scientists thought about the history of life on Earth.

Anning's story is an inspiring one, and it shows that anyone can achieve great things, no matter their background. She is a role model for all young people, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

### **The Book: Jurassic Mary**

The book Jurassic Mary is a biography of Mary Anning. It tells the story of her life and her groundbreaking discoveries. The book is written by Patricia Vickers-Rich, a paleontologist and author.

Jurassic Mary is a fascinating and inspiring book. It is a must-read for anyone interested in paleontology or the history of science.



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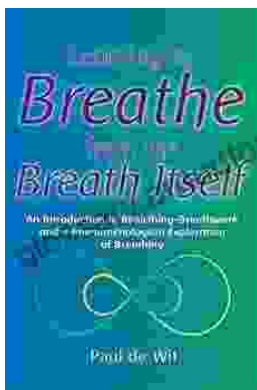
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