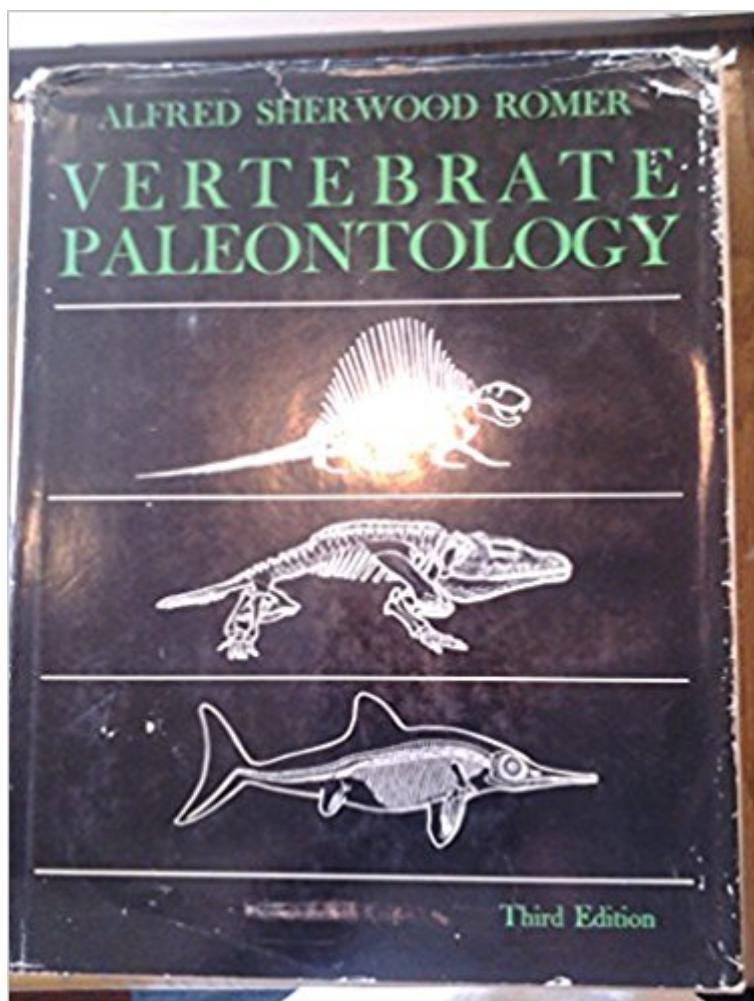


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I'm certainly no expert on this topic, so this review is going to be basic. The illustrations in this, the 3rd Edition of 1966, are numerous and wonderful. There are several charts in this book, but what really impresses are the old school line drawings -- something like 200 of them -- line drawings of incredible complexity and clarity. Sometimes a drawing communicates much better than does a photograph.

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I remember this book from my childhood. I plan to order a copy to send to Sarah Palin, since I understand that she wants to outlaw the teaching of evolution, in favor of creationism. Well, I am now a creationist, but the splendid data in this book cannot be discounted.

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