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**Thomas the T. Rex: The Journey of a Young Dinosaur to Los Angeles**

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A dig site in Montana reveals a great adventure for a group of schoolchildren from Los Angeles, when a nine year old finds the buried skull of a teenaged Tyrannosaurus Rex. The remainder of the fictionalized story of a real event features experts unearthing the sixty-six-million-year-old, eight-foot-long fossil to prepare it for its voyage to the Museum of Natural History in L.A., where, this July, it will become the centerpiece of the new Dinosaur Hall. The book's design and its watercolor paintings are not special, but its story—including photographs of the actual dig—captivates. Ages seven to ten.