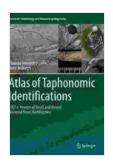
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The study of bone modification has a long history, dating back to the early days of paleontology. In the early 19th century, scientists began to recognize that bones could be used to identify different species of animals and to track their evolutionary history. As the field of paleontology developed, scientists began to pay more attention to the details of bone

modification, and they realized that it could provide valuable insights into the lives of extinct animals.

Today, the study of bone modification is a major field of research in paleontology. Scientists use bone modification to study a wide range of topics, including the evolution of mammals, the behavior of extinct animals, and the impact of environmental change on animal populations.

Types Of Bone Modification

There are many different types of bone modification, but they can be broadly classified into two categories:

* Plastic deformation is a type of bone modification that occurs when bone is bent or twisted. This type of modification is typically caused by mechanical stress, such as the forces that are applied to bones during locomotion. * Remodeling is a type of bone modification that occurs when bone is deposited or resorbed. This type of modification is typically caused by changes in the body's hormonal environment, such as those that occur during growth and development.

Bone modification can occur in any part of the skeleton, but it is most common in the limbs and the skull. The type of bone modification that occurs in a particular region of the skeleton is often related to the function of that region. For example, the bones of the limbs are often modified to increase their strength and flexibility, while the bones of the skull are often modified to protect the brain.

Significance Of Bone Modification

Bone modification is a significant feature of mammals because it can provide valuable insights into the evolution of mammals, the behavior of extinct animals, and the impact of environmental change on animal populations.

* **Evolution of mammals:** Bone modification can help scientists to track the evolution of mammals by providing evidence for the changes that have occurred in the mammalian skeleton over time. For example, the bones of early mammals were much more primitive than the bones of modern mammals, and this difference in bone structure can be used to track the evolution of mammals from their early ancestors. * **Behavior of extinct** animals: Bone modification can also help scientists to understand the behavior of extinct animals. For example, the bones of saber-toothed cats show that these animals had large canine teeth that were used for killing prey. This evidence suggests that saber-toothed cats were ambush predators that relied on their sharp teeth to kill their prey. * Impact of environmental change on animal populations: Bone modification can also help scientists to understand the impact of environmental change on animal populations. For example, the bones of animals that lived in cold climates during the Ice Age show that these animals had thicker bones than animals that lived in warmer climates. This evidence suggests that animals that lived in cold climates had to adapt to the colder temperatures by developing thicker bones that could withstand the cold.

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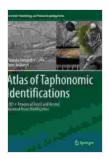
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Image Gallery

The following image gallery contains over 1000 images of fossil and recent mammal bones. These images are provided as a valuable resource for researchers and students alike.

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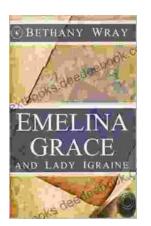
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