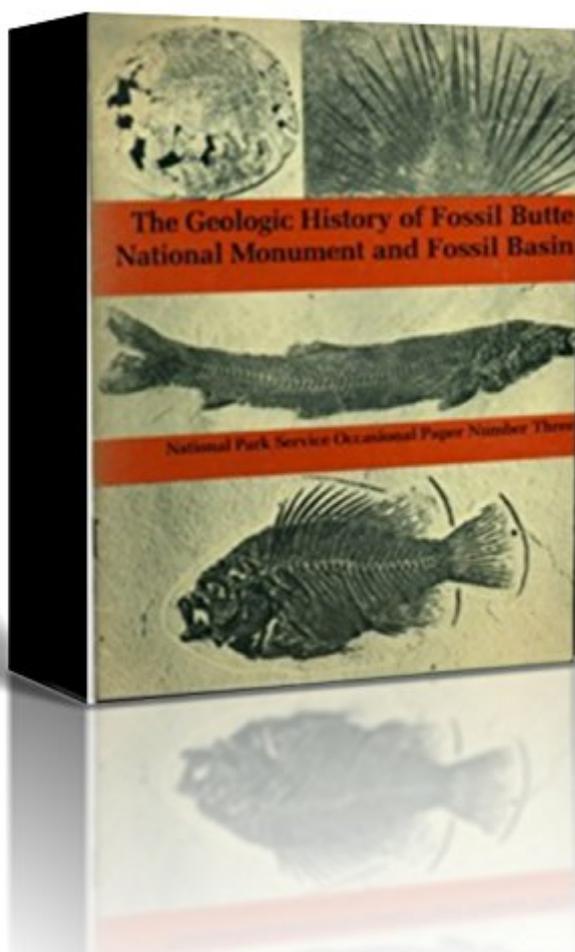


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In the forest and undergrowth lived the ancestors of modern mammal groups. Ancestral rodents and tiny insectivores lived a furtive existence in the brush and mold that carpeted the forest floor, or else they sought a livelihood among the branches of trees. Large, bizarre animals with strange names lumbered through the reed-covered streamsides eating soft, succulent plants. The earliest members of the horse family browsed on the soft vegetation. The trees overhead were alive with the chattering and antics of early primates. Carnivorous mammals preyed on their plant-eating neighbors and so maintained a balanced community. Crocodiles and turtles basked in the sun on the beach. Flamingos concentrated in large nesting grounds. Snakes and lizards crawled about in the undergrowth. Insects, many exceedingly similar to modern types, flew about in the warm air or crept about on the plants.

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