



## Visions of a Vanished World: The Extraordinary Fossils of the Hunsrück Slate

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Yale. 1 Cloth(s), 2012. hard. Book Condition: New. About 400 million years ago, earthquake activity and other major events caused sudden inundations of muddy sediment along the seafloor. Animal communities were instantly engulfed the inhabitants "frozen" in the last moment of their lives and many of the creatures were near-perfectly preserved, fossilized in a thick series of muds now known as the Hunsrück Slate, west of the Rhine Valley. This book explores a diverse and surpassingly beautiful collection of Devonian marine fossils, with 126 remarkably detailed images of fossilized sponges, brachiopods, clams, starfish, sea lilies, trilobites, worms, sea stars, crustaceans, corals, and many other species. "With this book we may take a kind of mental bathyscaphe down to the depths of the Paleozoic Era," notes palaeontologist Richard Fortey in his foreword, "probing the seafloor like a marine biologist gifted with the chance to transcend time and space. It is a world well worth exploring." The jewels in the crown of paleontology are those deposits that preserve soft-bodied animals. The beautiful fossils of the Hunsrück Slate, illustrated here, provide a remarkably complete picture of life in the Devonian seas 400 million years ago." Derek J. Siveter 128.



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