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The Peking Man is Missing

By Taschdjian, Claire.

Felony & Mayhem. 1 Paperback(s), 2008. soft. Book Condition: New. In the 1920s, on a hill near Beijing, scientists discovered a cache of human bones some of them half-a-million years old. Collectively dubbed "Peking Man," the bones were one of the greatest finds in the history of paleontology, but in 1941, in the chaos of World War II, they disappeared. Were they stolen by the Japanese? Swiped by a U.S. Marine? Were they ground into medical powders, drowned in the Yangtze River, buried, burned, or spirited away to Taiwan by the Nationalist Army? No one knows. But there are plenty of theories, many with political implications. Originally published in 1977, this is Claire Taschdjian's speculation, in the form of a novel, as to what might have become of the priceless fossils made all the more intriguing because Taschdjian was, in fact, one of the last people in the world known to have seen Peking Man. This edition includes archival photographs and newly commissioned material on the true and bizarre story. "Taking a genuine real-life mystery and creating around it a believable, provocative and totally unpredictable fictional explanation is a neat feat. It has been done before, but not more expertly than here, or..."



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