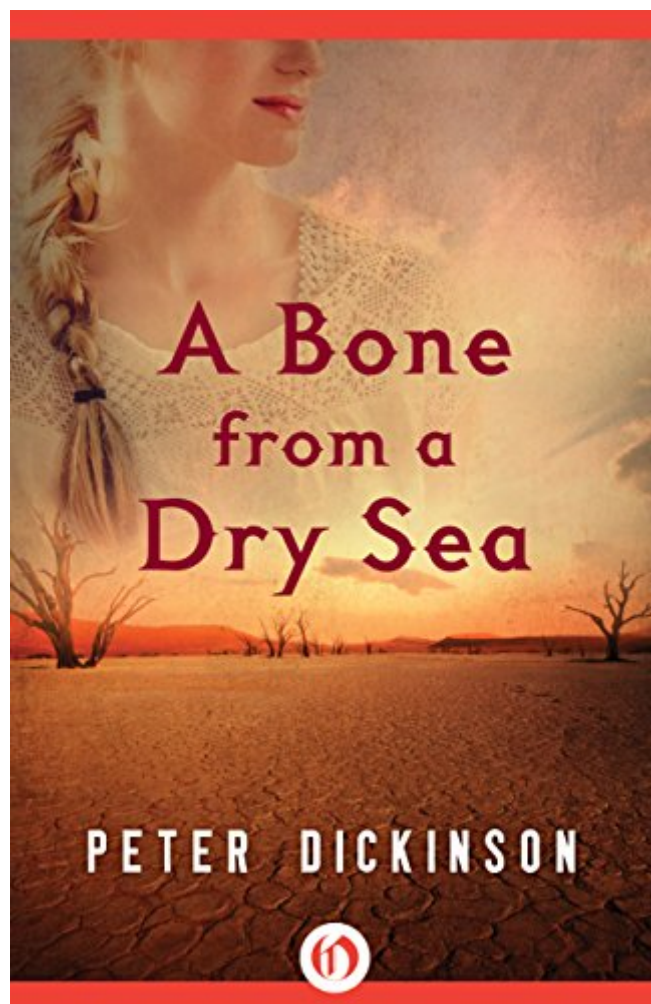


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# A Bone From A Dry Sea



## Synopsis

On a prehistoric shore, a young girl fights to help her tribe survive. She is at home in the ocean, as comfortable in the water as she is on dry land. The child's people have made their homes by the bay for as long as anyone can remember, diving for mussels and any other food the ocean will serve to them. They have no language; they have no names. Although they know love and jealousy and pride, they are not quite human—not yet. This child of the sea will show them the way. Two million years later, Vinny is visiting her father at an archaeological site in Africa when they discover the remains of that forgotten tribe of cliff dwellers. Across the ocean of time, these two young women will find a connection, an inexplicable bond that builds slowly but arrives with all the power of a tidal wave. This ebook features an illustrated personal history of Peter Dickinson including rare images from the author's collection.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was intended for children? A conceptual "what if" scenario or not, I wouldn't expect most children to know enough evolutionary science to separate pure conjecture from theory supported by evidence. (This book is, basically, asking readers to imagine for a moment that the

sea-ape theory is true, regardless of current scientific thought, and presents a possible scenario based on the evidence. I'd stay away from this book, and find others that present scientific concepts more competently and more engagingly. \*THERE MIGHT BE SPOILERS BELOW, IF THAT MATTERS TO YOU\* This book champions subpar science through a young girl named Vinny, visiting her scientist father in Africa at a digsite. She doesn't understand evolution or aspects of paleontology. I wouldn't expect her to, except that she learns nothing from the actual scientists in the book, parrots theories she found in a library book, demands that others disprove said theories, and in the end this book validates her ignorance with the story of Li, a sea-ape child and early human ancestor who lived 4 million years ago. The scientists tell her that the sea-ape theory is not supported by evidence and is, essentially, crackpot. I get what Vinny did. She tried to get a very conservative field to see something from another angle and give it some fair study. There's nothing wrong with that, but how she does it sets a bad example and spawns some bad consequences for her and her dad. The dialogue is choppy and vague. I was often confused about what characters were talking about, as they would jump between subjects and speak as if readers shared the father-daughter bond that sometimes leaves things unsaid, but implicitly understood.

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