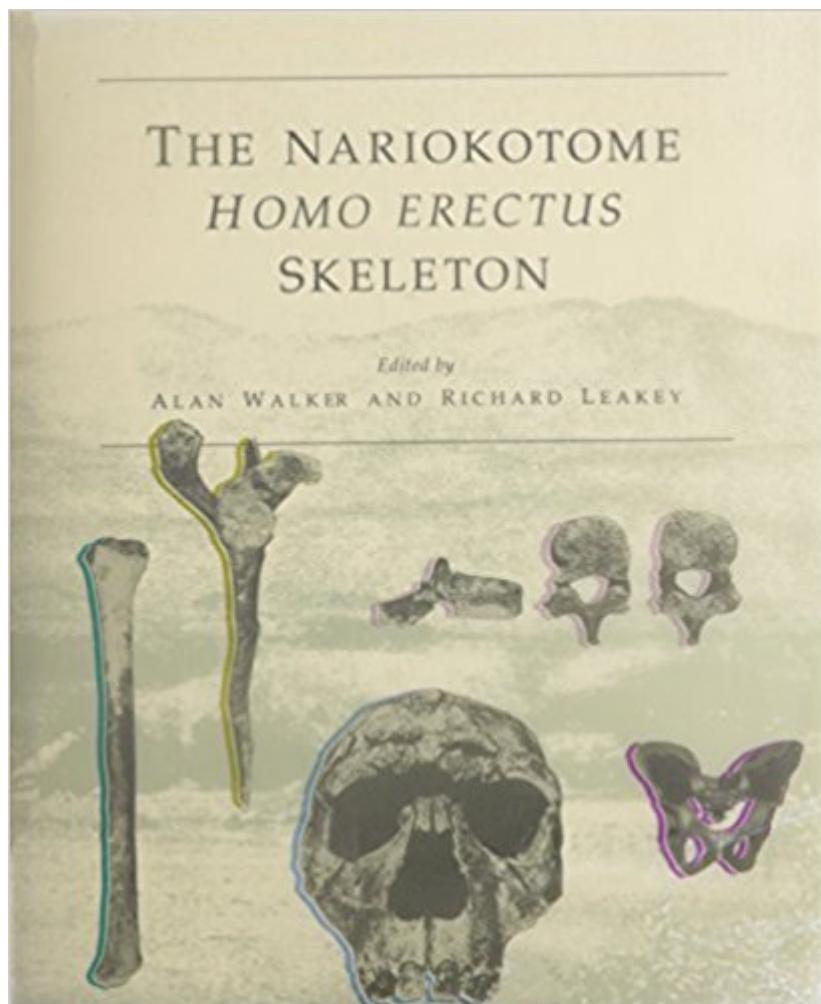


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# Nariokotome Homo Erectus Skeleton



## Synopsis

On the slopes of the Nariokotome sand river in Kenya, sifting through sediments more than a million years old, Kamoya Kimeu uncovered a small piece of a skull. Piece followed piece--facial bones, teeth, vertebrae--and little by little paleontologists put together the most complete early hominid ever discovered, a *Homo erectus* skeleton christened the Nariokotome boy. This phenomenal find, a milestone in the history of paleoanthropology, is fully documented in this remarkable book.

Beautifully illustrated and richly descriptive, *The Nariokotome Homo Erectus Skeleton* takes us into the field and the laboratory, and into the far reaches of prehistory, to show us what the fossilized remains of a young boy can tell us about our beginnings.

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Walker and Leakey's book brings together contributions by experts in paleobiology, geology, anatomy, anthropology and ecology. It is a stunning detective story, and a satisfying demonstration of the power of the scientific method to give flesh to the past. (Chet Raymo Boston Globe) The information provided by the various studies reported in this volume is of immense value to our knowledge of human evolutionary history. The authors and editors have provided a model for descriptive and comparative analyses against which all subsequent endeavors will be measured. In my opinion, this work will stand as one of the classics of paleoanthropology. (Fred H. Smith Science) What impressed me most about the volume is that, apart from the basic description of the fossil, which itself is of great importance, the editors have sought out leading experts to tackle problems relating to specific issues in the evolutionary biology of *Homo erectus*. Many of these

chapters would stand alone as major contributions. Together, they make a remarkable volume. (R. A. Foley, University of Cambridge)

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This book on *Homo erectus* specimen KNM-WT 15000 is nicely done. Dozens of pictures make for easy comparison to other primates. The pictures are scaled at 90 percent, and are in black and white (which was a let down for [the price]). Some great info and pictures on the dentition of the Turkana specimen are included, including the unusually large roots. This book is not an easy read, but will appeal to those who are familiar with human and primate anatomy.

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