

News Release**For immediate release****November 3, 2023****Long-lost Alberta dinosaur find figures in *Lukas and the Wihtikow Rex***

Edmonton “The coincidences that brought about the *Lukas Encounters* series are a story in themselves,” says author, Stuart Adams. “I had just written a Young Adult novel and a book club friend, Judy Gatto, invited me to read it to her Grade Three class. While I was doing that, I got the idea about a revived T. rex skeleton, and I workshopped it at her school—reading it to a class as I wrote it, which I did for a third book, *Lukas and the Ice Dragon*.”

Nor did he foresee that a Badlands hike 20 years ago, where he stumbled on Dr. Philip Currie and a team uncovering a long-lost dinosaur find, would lead to him inviting the renowned dinosaur researcher and museum curator to speak at his own book launch. “How many provinces have two dinosaur museums and Dr. Currie’s been instrumental in establishing Alberta as a world-class dinosaur research community,” says David Stover, Editor and Publisher of [Rock's Mills Press \(RMP\)](http://Rock's Mills Press (RMP)). “Launching *Lukas and the Ghost Train* using a locomotive was special, but this event will be, as well.”

In *Lukas and the Wihtikow Rex*, his summer visit with his cousin on the family farm takes them to the Royal Tyrrell Museum. The youths have just completed Grade Eight and are ripe for dinosaur lore when they meet Mekwen Calf Robe, a paleontology researcher who tells them about the K-T Boundary that marks the close of the Cretaceous Period—the end of the dinosaurs.

Amused by the youths’ enthusiasm, she offers to find the sediment layer for them when she learns that their farm is close to Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park—a significant Badlands site for dinosaur discoveries. Mekwen shows them the K-T Boundary, but when the cousins return on their own for more exploring, they encounter her again, just after frightening a doe and its fawn to the top of the Dry Island mesa where they serve as the food that revives a buried T. rex.

The creature is not dead, and in its newly-resurrected state is unable to escape the mesa, but it’s only a matter of time before eating more prey will enable it to find a way down from Dry Island where it will decimate the countryside. Dispatching the creature falls to the trio.

Rock’s Mills Press is an independent Canadian publisher with an eclectic list spanning the spectrum from academic nonfiction to children’s books. Authors include poet Gary Geddes, historians Michael Bliss and J. L. Granatstein, sociologists Lorne Tepperman and Robert Brym.

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