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The Power of Ritual in Prehistory

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Addressing one of the most debated revolutions in the history of our species, the change from hunting and gathering to farming, this title takes a global view, and integrates an array of information from archaeology and many other disciplines, including anthropology, botany, climatology, genetics, linguistics, and zoology.

A History of China

Modern research has not only demonstrated that all these accounts are inventions of a much later period but has also shown why such narratives were composed. The older historical sources make no mention of any rulers between 2200 B.C.E. or mention even of their names.

World History, the Human Experience

The Greek Bronze Age, roughly 3000 to 2000 BCE, witnessed the flourishing of the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations, the earliest expansion of trade in the Aegean and wider Mediterranean sea, the development of artistic techniques in a variety of media, and the evolution of early Greek religious practices and mythology. The period also witnessed a violent conflict in Asia Minor between warring peoples in the region, a conflict commonly believed to be the historical basis for Homer's Trojan War stories.

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Encompassing a landmass greater than the rest of the Near East and the Middle East and the Aegean world, tenth to eighth centuries B.C., this handbook begins with Background and Definitions, which contains articles establishing the discipline in its historical, geographical, and chronological settings and in relation to other disciplines. The second section, Chronology and Geography, contains articles examining the Bronze Age by chronological period (Early Bronze Age, Middle Bronze Age, Late Bronze Age). Each of the periods is further subdivided geographically, so that individual articles are concerned with mainland Greece during the Early Bronze Age, Crete during the Early Bronze Age, the Cycladic Islands during the Early Bronze Age, and the Aegean during the Middle and Late Bronze Ages. The third section, Thematic and Specific Topics, includes articles examining thematic topics that cannot be done justice in a strictly chronological/geographical treatment, including religion, society, and the arts, trade, warfare, pottery, writing, and burial customs, as well as specific events, such as the eruption of Santorini and the Trojan War. The fourth section, Specific Sites and Areas, contains articles examining the most important regions and sites in the Bronze Age Aegean, including Mycenae, Tiryns, Pylos, Knossos, Kommos, Akrotiri, the northern Aegean, and the island of Thera, as well as adjacent areas such as the Levant, Egypt, and the western Mediterranean. Containing new work by an international team of experts, The Oxford Handbook of the Bronze Age Aegean represents the most comprehensive, authoritative, and up-to-date single-volume survey of the field. It will be indispensable for scholars and advanced students alike.

A Homeland and a Hinterland

The rediscovery of Babylon and Assyria in the 1840s transformed Western views on the origins of civilization. The excavation of Nineveh proved that even the Greeks, Romans and Egyptians together did not constitute the ancient world. These peoples had nothing to do with the beginnings of civilization on Earth. It was in Mesopotamia that humanity took the first steps on its path towards the society we know today. The Sumerians inaugurated civilization itself, but it was the Babylonians and then the Assyrians who fulfilled its potential. Their early experiments in state formation remain fascinating to us today: just like our governments, for a thousand years Babylon and Assyria grappled with the challenges of organizing central power, administering distant territories, and engineering social harmony in empire and cities. These achievements from one of the momentous episodes in human history, the Mesopotamian invention of writing revolutionized our minds and increased our intellectual possibilities a hundredfold. The First Great Powers is a revelation of kingship, warfare, society and religion. Here at last we can discover what it meant to be an ancient Mesopotamian living in such an extraordinary world.

Olduvai Gorge

A rich and accessible account of the history of human origins and the archaeological sites at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania.

Ancient Turkey

World Political Systems after Polarity

A Centennial History of the First Prehistoric Reserve, 1892-1992

Embracing a landmass greater than the rest of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean combined, the Arabian peninsula remains one of the last great unexplored regions of the ancient world. This book provides the first extensive coverage of the archaeology of this region from c. 6000 to 400 BC. Peter Weger argues that a unique social system, which relied on social cohesion and actively erected the hierarchical structures of adjacent states, emerged during the Neolithic and continued to contour society for millennia later. This book also focuses on how the historical context in which Deep Eastern archaeology has codified is tied to a skewed understanding of the multiplicity of lifeways pursued by ancient peoples living throughout the Middle East.

The Great Sea

World History: Cultures, States, and Societies to 1500 offers a comprehensive introduction to the history of humankind from prehistory to 1500. Authored by six OSU faculty members with advanced degrees in history, this textbook offers up-to-date original scholarship on such cultures, states, and societies as Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, India’s Classical Age, the Dynasties of China, Archipel Oceania, the Roman Empire, Islamic Medieval Africa, the Americas, and the Rhinestones of Central Asia. It includes 350 high-quality images and maps, chronologies, and learning questions to help guide student learning. Its digital nature allows students to follow links to applicable sources and videos, expanding their educational experience beyond the textbook. It provides a new and free alternative to traditional textbooks, making World History an invaluable resource in our modern age of technology and advancement.

Transitions
Connecting Europe, Asia, and Africa, the Mediterranean Sea has been for millennia the place where religious, economic, and political systems met, clashed, influenced and absorbed one another. In this brilliant and expansive book, David Abulafia offers a fresh perspective by focusing on the sea itself: its political importance for transport and sustenance; its dynamic role in the rise and fall of empires; and the remarkable cast of characters—dilettante, merchant, migrant, pirate, pilgrim—who have crossed and re-crossed it. Ranging from prehistory to the 21st century, The Great Sea is above all a history of human interaction. Interweaving major political and naval developments with the ebb and flow of trade, Abulafia explores how commercial competition in the Mediterranean created both riceières and partnerships, with merchants acting as intermediaries between cultures, trading goods that were as exotic on one side of the sea as they were commonplace on the other. He stresses the remarkable ability of Mediterranean cultures to uphold the civilizing ideal of convivencia, “living together.” Now available in paperback, The Great Sea is the definitive account of perhaps the most vibrant theater of human interaction in history.

Militarism and the Indo-Europeanizing of Europe

The Human Journey offers a truly concise yet satisfyingly full history of the world from ancient times to the present. This book is a guide to the history of the world through the ages, from the moment of human origins to the present day. The authors trace the development of human societies from the earliest Homo sapiens to the present day, examining the impact of human activities on the natural environment and the way in which this has shaped the course of history. The authors cover a wide range of topics, from the development of language and writing to the rise of civilization, the industrial revolution, and the global economy.

The Oxford Handbook of the Bronze Age Aegean

J. M. Adovasio has spent the last thirty years at the center of one of our most fiery scientific debates: Who were the first humans in the Americas, and how and when did they get there? At its heart, The First Americans is the story of the revolution in thinking that Adovasio and his fellow archaeologists have brought about, and the firestorm it has ignited. As he writes, “The work of lifetimes has been put at risk, reputations have been damaged, an astounding amount of silliness and even profound stupidity has been taken as serious thought, and always lurking in the background of all the argumentation and gnashing of tenets has been the question of whether the field of archaeology can ever be pursued as a science.”

The First Americans

The Prehistory of the Indians of Western Connecticut

The Agrarian History of England and Wales: Volume 1, Part 1, Prehistory

The Cambridge Ancient History: pt. 1. The prehistory of the Balkans; and the Middle East and the Aegean world, tenth to eight centuries B.C.

Archaeology of the Central Mississippi Valley describes an archaeological reconstruction of the preceding 11,000 years of an extraordinarily rich environment centered within the largest river system north of the Amazon. This book focuses on the lowlands of the Mississippi Valley from just west of the Ohio River to the mouth of the Arkansas River. Organized into 13 chapters, this book begins with an overview of the territory between the Ohio and Arkansas rivers. This text then attempts to humanize the archaeological interpretations by reference to social organization, settlement system, economy, religion, and politics. Other chapters focus on understanding the nature of change through time in the Central Mississippi Valley. This book discusses in detail the difference between an old broadened stream surface and the younger meander belt system. The final chapter discusses the investigation of prehistoric Indian remains. This book is a valuable resource for archaeologists, ecologists, and scientific highwaymen.

The Archaeology of Prehistoric Arabia

Britain has been inhabited by humans for over half a million years, during which time there were a great many changes in lifestyles and in the surrounding landscape. This book, now in its second edition, examines the development of human societies in Britain from earliest times to the Roman conquest of AD 43, as revealed by archaeological evidence. Special attention is given to sites which are thought to have been used by early humans, such as the Mesolithic and Neolithic sites. The book also covers the Bronze Age, Iron Age, and Roman periods, as well as the Viking Age and the medieval period.

The Human Journey

This book argues that the Indo-Europeanizing of Europe began shortly before 1600 BC, when lands rich in natural resources were taken over by military forces from the Eurasian steppe and from southern Caucasia. First were the copper and silver mines (along with good harbors) in Greece, and the copper and gold mines of the Carpathian basin. By ca. 1500 BC other military men had taken over the amber coasts of Scandinavia and the metalworking district of the southern Alps. These events initiated a wave of migration and conquest that swept across Europe, leading to the formation of new societies and the spread of old cultures.

Prehistoric Britain

As we progress into the twenty-first century, Wales is acquiring a new identity and greater autonomy. The National Assembly and the Welsh Government have power to create laws specifically for Wales. In parallel, the judicial system in Wales is acquiring greater autonomy in its ability to hold the Welsh public bodies to account. This book examines the principles involved in challenging the acts and omissions of Welsh authorities through the Administrative Court in Wales. It also examines the role of the European Court of Human Rights.

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The Prehistory of the Tuxtla

What will the current global political order look like when American unipolarity ends? Historically, the power configurations of world political systems have been defined by four structures: multipolarity, tripolarity, bipolarity, and unipolarity. These concepts inform both the formulation and the analysis of short-term policies and long-term, grand strategies of powerful actors in the world political order and may be of profound importance to the future peace and stability of the global system. The concept of nonpolarity, however, has never been addressed as a possible or a potential structural formulation in the nomenclature of global political systems. This book provides a coherent conceptualization of nonpolarity and how diplomacy will operate in a more collective age, and fits into the ongoing discussion about the nature of the political world order as we approach the end of the "American century."

The Yoruba from Prehistory to the Present

From spit roasting pig to hanging cream cheese from the rafters, from baking roast pork under the ground in pits to cooking trout on wicker frames over an open fire, cooking techniques in prehistoric Britain are ingenious and revealing. There were no ovens and many vegetables and breeds of animal familiar to us today had not yet arrived. In reconstructing some of these techniques and recipes, the author has discovered a different world, with a completely different approach to food. This is native cuisine, cooked in a manner that persisted through the Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages. This book first tells the story of prehistoric settlement, and moves on to explore the hunting and foraging techniques of the Mesolithic. After discussing the way in which the Britons farmed, and what they grew, the book moves into the roundhouse and the tools and utensils available. The final half of the book examines the varied techniques used, from covering fish in clay, to baking meat underground, spit roasting, brewing mead, boiling water with hot stones and so on. All the techniques have been carried out by the author.

Britain Begins

Archaeology of the Central Mississippi Valley

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