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In *The Human Past*, a team of leading archaeologists, all well-known specialists in their fields, provides a seamless yet uniquely authoritative account of human prehistory on a global scale. It highlights the enormous diversity of human experience and the ways in which archaeologists are able to learn about it. This includes the deep prehistory of human evolution, the more recent prehistory of postglacial foragers and farmers, and the literate civilizations of Egypt, the Mediterranean world, South and East Asia, and Central and South America. It provides an introductory account that takes the student through the human past using a regional and chronological framework, focusing as much on the archaeology of the everyday as on the spectacular and unusual.

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Julia EJ says

3 Stars because of the valuable content and the quantity of the curriculum. No 4 stars because of the difficulty level there you have to understand the geography of the sites and knowledge of a lot of history subjects to truly understand the key controversies. It was a long read for me and I did had to get some help of a good friend for understanding.

Austin09jj says

This is a school text book, yet it is full of grammar errors and comma splices.

Siobhan says

Sometimes course books fail to give you enough information whereas other times you are given an information overload. This book falls into the latter category.

At the very least, it is a great reference point. If you're new to archaeology I would suggest finding another book to help you work your way through this as it is a bit heavy handed at times, but once you have the general background knowledge it is extremely useful.

Still, it can be a bit daunting at first glance. Just know it is worth it.

Jo Harrison says

Fab book, shame about the course I had to use it for....

Mel says

I'm a writer of historical/dystopian fiction, and this text has proved to be an indispensable reference. It's comprehensive, the layout is excellent, and it provides an incredible amount of information that's easy to access.

AskHistorians says

A very readable, although also very expensive, overview of all of human history from an archaeological perspective. It's very detailed, and used as an introductory book in many universities. Still updated.

Janaki says

Wow, I've only read a few chapters, but they're so full of information, so well written. I love reference books & will keep this one.

Mehwish Mughal says

Information overload. Not sure whether I would retain any of it but at least I know I can use it as a reference point in the future.

Melanie says

The paperback is heavy and unwieldy with the glossy pages catching the light and making it hard to read in anything but daylight. It is full of spelling errors so I am surprised that an English uni chose it as a core text. It presumes you have a degree in Geography as it skims over many places without decent maps. A very frustrating read.
