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**Prehistory** Feb 22 2022 Recent archaeological discoveries from China and central Asia have changed our understanding of how human civilization developed in the period of some 4 million years before the start of written history. In this new edition of his Very Short Introduction, Chris Gosden explores the current theories on the ebb and flow of human cultural variety.

**Black Genesis** Nov 02 2022 Presents proof that an advanced black African civilization inhabited the Sahara long before Pharaonic Egypt • Reveals black Africa to be at the genesis of ancient civilization and the human story • Examines extensive studies into the lost civilization of the “Star People” by renowned anthropologists, archaeologists, genetic scientists, and cultural historians as well as the authors’ archaeoastronomy and hieroglyphics research • Deciphers the history behind the mysterious Nabta Playa ceremonial area and its stone calendar circle and megaliths Relegated to the realm of archaeological heresy, despite a wealth of hard scientific evidence, the theory that an advanced civilization of black Africans settled in the Sahara long before Pharaonic Egypt existed has been dismissed and even condemned by conventional Egyptologists, archaeologists, and the Egyptian government. Uncovering compelling new evidence, Egyptologist Robert Bauval and astrophysicist Thomas Brophy present the anthropological, climatological, archaeological, geological, and genetic research supporting this hugely debated theory of the black African origin of Egyptian civilization. Building upon extensive studies from the past four decades and their own archaeoastronomical and hieroglyphic research, the authors show how the early black culture known as the Cattle People not only domesticated cattle but also had a sophisticated grasp of astronomy; created plentiful rock art at Gilf Kebir and Gebel Uwainat; had trade routes to the Mediterranean coast, central Africa, and the Sinai; held spiritual and occult ceremonies; and constructed a stone calendar circle and megaliths at the ceremonial site of Nabta Playa reminiscent of Stonehenge, yet much older. Revealing these “Star People” as the true founders of ancient Egyptian civilization, this book completely rewrites the history of world civilization, placing black Africa back in its rightful place at the center of mankind’s origins.

**The Creation of Inequality** Jan 12 2021 Flannery and Marcus demonstrate that the rise of inequality was not simply the result of population increase, food surplus, or the accumulation of valuables but resulted from conscious manipulation of the unique social logic that lies at the core of every human group. Reversing the social logic can reverse inequality, they argue, without violence.

[My Book of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life](#) Mar 14 2021 Travel back in time to find out about the fantastical wildlife that lived on Earth before we did. From the first living cells to fearsome dinosaurs and giant mammals, take a journey through prehistory to find out about the supersized, the scary, and the downright bizarre animals and plants that inhabited Earth in ancient times. Broken down by animal or plant type, there are profiles on more than 40 key species. With famous favourites such as mighty Tyrannosaurus and huge woolly mammoths, as well as lesser-known organisms, including five-eyed Opabinia and aeroplane-sized pterosaur Quetzalcoatlus, children won't fail to be captivated by the amazing range of beasts on display. Learn about the primeval world itself and how the Earth has changed over time, why fossils form, and the arrival of early humans. Detailed artworks bring the past to life, while pronunciation guides help with tricky names, and a visual index provides a quick overview of every species in the ebook. My Book of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life is an ideal

first ebook about early plants and animals, and is sure to be a hit with fact-obsessed young fans of all things dinosaurs and other prehistoric life.

**A History of Ancient Philosophy I** Nov 09 2020 Beginning with the origins of Western philosophy, the profound creation of the Hellenic genius, Reale presents an appreciation of the Naturalists, the Sophists, Socrates, and the Minor Socratics. Special attention is paid to the Eleatics because their problems decisively mark Platonic and Aristotelian philosophy. Interpretation of the Sophists benefits from the recent reevaluation of their thought. Socrates himself would be inconceivable without the Sophists since he is one of them. Socrates is given major prominence. Plato, Aristotle, and all of Hellenistic philosophy are deeply impregnated with his words and spirit. The teachings of the Minor Socratics are interpreted as one-sided reductions of the pluralistic values of Socratic thought and as anticipations of some issues that explode later in the Hellenistic Age. There are two appendices. The first concerns Orphism and contains a series of documents indispensable for the comprehension of some aspects of pre-Socratic and Platonic thought. The second explains the key to understanding the message of the Greeks—the message of *theorein*.

**A History of the Ancient Near East, ca. 3000-323 BC** May 04 2020 Incorporating the latest scholarly research, the third edition of *A History of the Ancient Near East ca. 3000-323 BC* presents a comprehensive overview of the multicultural civilizations of the ancient Near East. Integrates the most up-to-date research, and includes a richer selection of supplementary materials Addresses the wide variety of political, social, and cultural developments in the ancient Near East Updated features include new “Key Debate” boxes at the end of each chapter to engage students with various perspectives on a range of critical issues; a comprehensive timeline of events; and 46 new illustrations, including 12 color photos Features a new chapter addressing governance and continuity in the region during the Persian Empire Offers in-depth, accessible discussions of key texts and sources, including the Bible and the Epic of Gilgamesh

**The Totally Gross History of Ancient Egypt** Jun 04 2020 Mummies—dead bodies elaborately wrapped up—might rank pretty high on the scale of all things disgusting. But readers should be ready for an eye-opening read on some of ancient Egypt’s gross history, such as the dirty details of what really happens to bodies as they’re prepared for mummification, in this book. This gleefully gut-churning volume offers up some very vile medicinal practices, culinary delicacies, political and battle practices, and more. Readers will come away from this memorable read with a fresh perspective on the lives and customs of this famous (and now famously gross) ancient civilization.

**Prehistoric Mammals of Australia and New Guinea** Aug 26 2019 Diagrams showing skeletal features and tooth structure and a glossary of technical terms are included.

**When We Ruled** Jan 30 2020

*Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Life* Jul 06 2020 Travel back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the earth with this awe-inspiring dinosaur book for curious kids aged 7-9. The prehistoric world of dinosaurs is so much bigger than young minds can fathom and there is always more to learn. *Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Life* is a stunning dinosaur encyclopedia for young readers to explore, with reference pages packed with fascinating information, little learners will be captivated as they travel through the history of the Earth. From Tyrannosaurus and sabre-toothed cats, to ferns and woolly mammoths, this collection of amazing dinosaurs, plants, and other prehistoric life will wow children and many adults too - providing something for everyone to love! Showcasing more than 90 remarkable fossils, such as a fearsome Tyrannosaurus skull, delicate fern leaf, and perfectly preserved woolly mammoth, each plant or animal featured is shown both photographically and illustrated, and children will love poring over the detailed close-up images. The storybook descriptions let you discover the myths and legends surrounding the organisms, as well as key facts about their natural history. Find out why Pachycephalosaurus had such a thick head, how a coral fossil can be used to work out how long a prehistoric year was, and which fossil was thought to protect people from poison. The engaging storybook-style descriptions and simple text shed a light on the diverse world of dinosaurs, perfect for children aged 7-9 to love and explore for hours on end. Celebrate your child’s curiosity as they: - Explore more than 90 species from the prehistoric world - Reveal pronunciations of each and every dinosaur featured throughout - Uncover stunning photographs of fossils and gorgeous illustrations of each creature This dinosaur encyclopedia for children is the perfect blend of storybook style text with out of this world illustrations which makes it a fantastic dinosaur book for children who are obsessed with the prehistoric world. Encourage young readers to go on a time-travelling adventure back in time to explore a world of information, making this the ideal first reference book for kids aged 7-9 to enjoy for hours on end, whether reading with the family or reading alone, this fun fact book also doubles up as the perfect gift for curious kids who love to learn. Explore the vastness of the prehistoric world whilst uncovering: -Stunning Jacket Detail: gold foil, holographic foil & metallic gold edges -Striking photography & illustrations inside -A beautiful book for the whole family to treasure -A quality gift to be passed down through the generations More in the Series *Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Life* is part of the beautiful and informative Anthology series. Complete the series and nurture your child’s curiosity as they explore the natural world with *The Wonders of Nature* or let them walk soar into the galaxies above with *Mysteries of the Universe*.

**History of Ancient India** Apr 02 2020

**The Origins of Ancient Vietnam** Mar 26 2022 Urbanization and Religion in Ancient Central Mexico examines the ways in which urbanization and religion intersected in pre-Columbian central Mexico. It provides a materially informed history of religion and an archaeology of cities that considers religion as a generative force in societal change.

*Prehistoric Past Revealed* Nov 21 2021 Describes how the discovery of fossil remains can trace the history of life on Earth.

*Origins and Ethnography of Prehistoric Man in Owens Valley* Sep 27 2019

**The Death of Prehistory** Oct 09 2020 Since the eighteenth century, the concept of prehistory was exported by colonialism

to far parts of the globe and applied to populations lacking written records. Prehistory in these settings came to represent primitive people still living in a state without civilization and its foremost index, literacy. Yet, many societies outside the Western world had developed complex methods of history making and documentation, including epic poetry and the use of physical and mental mnemonic devices. Even so, the deeply engrained concept of prehistory--deeply entrenched in European minds up to the beginning of the twenty-first century--continues to deny history and historical identity to peoples throughout the world. The fourteen essays, by notable archaeologists of the Americas, Africa, Europe, and Asia, provide authoritative examples of how the concept of prehistory has diminished histories of other cultures outside the West and how archaeologists can reclaim more inclusive histories set within the idiom of deep histories--accepting ancient pre-literate histories as an integral part of the flow of human history.

**The Universal History of Numbers** Jun 16 2021 "Georges Ifrah is the man. This book, quite simply, rules. . . . It is outstanding . . . a mind-boggling and enriching experience." -The Guardian (London) "Monumental. . . . a fascinating journey taking us through many different cultures." -The Times (London) "Ifrah's book amazes and fascinates by the scope of its scholarship. It is nothing less than the history of the human race told through figures." -International Herald Tribune Now in paperback, here is Georges Ifrah's landmark international bestseller--the first complete, universal study of the invention and evolution of numbers the world over. A riveting history of counting and calculating, from the time of the cave dwellers to the twentieth century, this fascinating volume brings numbers to thrilling life, explaining their development in human terms, the intriguing situations that made them necessary, and the brilliant achievements in human thought that they made possible. It takes us through the numbers story from Europe to China, via ancient Greece and Rome, Mesopotamia, Latin America, India, and the Arabic countries. Exploring the many ways civilizations developed and changed their mathematical systems, Ifrah imparts a unique insight into the nature of human thought--and into how our understanding of numbers and the ways they shape our lives have changed and grown over thousands of years. "Dazzling." -Kirkus Reviews "Sure to transfix readers." -PublishersWeekly

**The Origins Of Prehistoric Ornament In Ireland** May 28 2022 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this work may contain missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

**Prehistoric Europe** Jul 26 2019 This book provides a comprehensive account of prehistoric Europe from the coming of the Stone Age man to the fall of the Roman Empire,. It is a history of both man and the environment, looking at the changing landscape of Europe and the ways man has responded and adapted to these changes.

**The Prehistoric Men of Kentucky** Jul 18 2021 A history of the lives and habits of the prehistoric men of Kentucky.

**The Prehistory of Music** Sep 19 2021 This volume investigates the evolutionary origins of our musical abilities, the nature of music, and the earliest archaeological evidence for musical activities amongst our ancestors. It seeks to understand the relationship between our musical capabilities and the development of our social, emotional, and communicative abilities as a species.

**Origins** Jul 30 2022 "Fossils are the fragments from which, piece by laborious piece, the great mosaic of the history of life has been constructed. Here and there, we can supplement these meager scraps by the use of biochemical markers or geochemical signatures that add useful information, but, even with such additional help, our reconstructions and our models of descent are often tentative. For the fossil record is, as we have seen, as biased as it is incomplete. But fragmentary, selective, and biased though it is, the fossil record, with all its imperfections, is still a treasure. Though whole chapters are missing, many pages lost, and the earliest pages so damaged as to be, as yet, virtually unreadable, this--the greatest biography of all--is one in whose closing pages we find ourselves."--from *Origins* In *Origins*, Frank H. T. Rhodes explores the origin and evolution of living things, the changing environments in which they have developed, and the challenges we now face on an increasingly crowded and polluted planet. Rhodes argues that the future well-being of our burgeoning population depends in no small part on our understanding of life's past, its long and slow development, and its intricate interdependencies. Rhodes's accessible and extensively illustrated treatment of the origins narrative describes the nature of the search for prehistoric life, the significance of geologic time, the origin of life, the emergence and spread of flora and fauna, the evolution of primates, and the emergence of modern humans.

**Sex at Dawn** Aug 31 2022 Since Darwin's day, we've been told that sexual monogamy comes naturally to our species. Mainstream science--as well as religious and cultural institutions--has maintained that men and women evolved in families in which a man's possessions and protection were exchanged for a woman's fertility and fidelity. But this narrative is collapsing. Fewer and fewer couples are getting married, and divorce rates keep climbing as adultery and flagging libido drag down even seemingly solid marriages. How can reality be reconciled with the accepted narrative? It can't be, according to renegade thinkers Christopher Ryan and Cacilda Jeth . While debunking almost everything we "know" about sex, they offer a bold alternative explanation in this provocative and brilliant book. Ryan and Jeth 's central contention is that human beings evolved in egalitarian groups that shared food, child care, and, often, sexual partners. Weaving

together convergent, frequently overlooked evidence from anthropology, archaeology, primatology, anatomy, and psychosexuality, the authors show how far from human nature monogamy really is. Human beings everywhere and in every era have confronted the same familiar, intimate situations in surprisingly different ways. The authors expose the ancient roots of human sexuality while pointing toward a more optimistic future illuminated by our innate capacities for love, cooperation, and generosity. With intelligence, humor, and wonder, Ryan and Jethå show how our promiscuous past haunts our struggles over monogamy, sexual orientation, and family dynamics. They explore why long-term fidelity can be so difficult for so many; why sexual passion tends to fade even as love deepens; why many middle-aged men risk everything for transient affairs with younger women; why homosexuality persists in the face of standard evolutionary logic; and what the human body reveals about the prehistoric origins of modern sexuality. In the tradition of the best historical and scientific writing, *Sex at Dawn* unapologetically upends unwarranted assumptions and unfounded conclusions while offering a revolutionary understanding of why we live and love as we do.

**The Dawn of the Deed** Oct 01 2022 A paleontologist plunges into the fossil record in order to provide a provocative account of prehistoric sex.

*Southeast Asia* Sep 07 2020 This comprehensive and absorbing book traces the cultural history of Southeast Asia from prehistoric (especially Neolithic, Bronze-Iron age) times through to the major Hindu and Buddhist civilizations, to around AD 1300. Southeast Asia has recently attracted archaeological attention as the locus for the first recorded sea crossings; as the region of origin for the Austronesian population dispersal across the Pacific from Neolithic times; as an arena for the development of archaeologically-rich Neolithic, and metal using communities, especially in Thailand and Vietnam, and as the backdrop for several unique and strikingly monumental Indic civilizations, such as the Khmer civilization centred around Angkor. Southeast Asia is invaluable to anyone interested in the full history of the region.

**Prehistory** Jan 24 2022 In *Prehistory*, the award-winning archaeologist and renowned scholar Colin Renfrew covers human existence before the advent of written records—the overwhelming majority of our time here on earth—and gives an incisive, concise, and lively survey of the past, and of how scholars and scientists labor to bring it to light. Renfrew begins by looking at prehistory as a discipline, detailing how breakthroughs such as radiocarbon dating and DNA analysis have helped us to define humankind's past—how things have changed—much more clearly than was possible just a half century ago. As for why things have changed, Renfrew pinpoints some of the issues and challenges, past and present, that confront the study of prehistory and its investigators. Renfrew then offers a summary of human prehistory from early hominids to the rise of literate civilization that is refreshingly free of conventional wisdom and grand “unified” theories. In this invaluable account, Colin Renfrew delivers a meticulously researched and passionately argued chronicle about our life on earth—and our ongoing quest to understand it.

*From Babylon to Timbuktu* Jun 24 2019

*Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life* Oct 28 2019 From the origin of life, through the age of dinosaurs stalked by the terrifying *Tyrannosaurus rex*, to the earliest humans, this book tells the story of life on Earth. Dinosaurs may be the stars of the show, but the book is truly comprehensive, with fossil plants, invertebrates, amphibians, fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, and even early bacteria conjuring up an entire past world. To put all of these extinct species in context, the book explores geological time and the way life forms are classified. It also looks at how fossils preserve the story of evolution and how that story can be deciphered. The “Young Earth” chapter explains how forces shaped Earth and steered the course of life. The main part of the book, “Life on Earth,” lays out and catalogs the rich story of life, from its beginnings 4 billion years ago, through each geological period, such as the Jurassic and Cretaceous, to the present. The stunning visuals and authoritative text make *Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life* a fascinating and revealing encyclopedia that will appeal to the whole family.

**The Origins of War** Dec 23 2021 Stretching across continents and centuries, *The Origins of War: Violence in Prehistory* provides a fascinating examination of executions, torture, ritual sacrifices, and other acts of violence committed in the prehistoric world. Written as an accessible guide to the nature of life in prehistory and to the underpinnings of human violence. Combines symbolic interpretations of archaeological remains with a medical understanding of violent acts. Written by an eminent prehistorian and a respected medical doctor.

*Eyewitness Prehistoric Life* Oct 21 2021 Explores the origins of life on earth—why it began in the sea and not on land, how dinosaurs ruled for millions of years, and how mammals and humans took over.

*In Search of Ancient Ireland* Feb 10 2021 This exciting, fascinating history of Ireland cobbles together the legends and archaeological evidence to trace the festivals, historic places, major players, and key events that helped shape the Irish identity from 9000 B.C. to 1167 A.D. Reprint.

**The Power of Ritual in Prehistory** Nov 29 2019 Secret societies in tribal societies turn out to be key to understanding the origins of social inequalities and state religions.

*Prehistoric Life* Jun 28 2022 Follows the footsteps of life from the very first creatures and sea animals, to plants and arthropods leaving the water to live and walk on land, the evolution of reptiles and mammals, up to the early humans. Photographs of fossils, skulls, models and reconstructions are included.

**The Social History of Art: Prehistoric, Ancient-Oriental, Greece and Rome, Middle Ages** Dec 31 2019

*Ancient Origins of the Egyptian Empire* Mar 02 2020 It is nearly impossible to imagine Giza any different today with its desert backdrop and its majestic, sentinel-like pyramids that can't help but exude a sense of permanence. Edfu's account, compiled from a series of now lost books attributed to the moon-god Thoth, allows us to reconstruct how the Giza plateau may have looked over 11,000 years ago. Giza was built around a shallow lake, fed directly from the Nile if the texts were

believed. This ecosystem is similar to what one might see today in equatorial Africa. If we find a time machine and travel back to this distant era, we would find a hot, humid atmosphere alive with lush green vegetation. This hypothesis is not mere speculation, for it is known that the river used to flow closer to the plateau's edge in the past. In addition, evidence of a lake and dock dating back to Old Kingdom times has also been found beyond the plateau's western limits. In the eyes of the Shining Ones, this would represent the primordial sea of chaos from which the first land appeared at the beginning of Time.

**Forbidden History** Apr 26 2022 Challenges the scientific theories on the establishment of civilization and technology • Contains 42 essays by 17 key thinkers in the fields of alternative science and history, including Christopher Dunn, Frank Joseph, Will Hart, Rand Flem-Ath, and Moira Timmes • Edited by Atlantis Rising publisher, J. Douglas Kenyon In *Forbidden History* writer and editor J. Douglas Kenyon has chosen 42 essays that have appeared in the bimonthly journal *Atlantis Rising* to provide readers with an overview of the core positions of key thinkers in the field of ancient mysteries and alternative history. The 17 contributors include among others, Rand Flem-Ath, Frank Joseph, Christopher Dunn, and Will Hart, all of whom challenge the scientific establishment to reexamine its underlying premises in understanding ancient civilizations and open up to the possibility of meaningful debate around alternative theories of humanity's true past. Each of the essays builds upon the work of the other contributors. Kenyon has carefully crafted his vision and selected writings in six areas: Darwinism Under Fire, Earth Changes--Sudden or Gradual, Civilization's Greater Antiquity, Ancestors from Space, Ancient High Tech, and The Search for Lost Origins. He explores the most current ideas in the Atlantis debate, the origins of the Pyramids, and many other controversial themes. The book serves as an excellent introduction to hitherto suppressed and alternative accounts of history as contributors raise questions about the origins of civilization and humanity, catastrophism, and ancient technology. The collection also includes several articles that introduce, compare, contrast, and complement the theories of other notable authors in these fields, such as Zecharia Sitchin, Paul LaViolette, John Michell, and John Anthony West.

**Simulating Prehistoric and Ancient Worlds** Dec 11 2020 This book presents a unique selection of fully reviewed, extended papers originally presented at the Social Simulation Conference 2014 in Barcelona, Spain. Only papers on the simulation of historical processes have been selected, the aim being to present theories and methods of computer simulation that can be relevant to understanding the past. Applications range from the Paleolithic and the origins of social life up to the Roman Empire and Early Modern societies. Case studies from Europe, America, Africa and Asia have been selected for publication. The extensive introduction offers a thorough review of the computer simulation of social dynamics in past societies as a means of understanding human history. This book will be of great interest to researchers in the social sciences, archaeology, evolutionary anthropology, and social history.

**The Cambridge History of Ancient China** Apr 14 2021 The Cambridge History of Ancient China provides a survey of the institutional and cultural history of pre-imperial China.

**Eden in the Altai** Aug 07 2020 Reveals how humanity's first advanced culture originated in the Altai-Baikal region of southern Siberia • Explores how this prehistoric culture is the source of the pervasive mythic symbolism of the number 7, found in ancient cosmologies and myths around the world • Traces the Altaic influence on the Rishis of India, the creation of the Vedas, and the origin of the sacred legend of Mount Meru • Explains how the Hellenic cults of both Apollo and Artemis originated in southern Siberia as well as the pervasive bear symbolism found throughout the ancient world Myths of a Golden Age, a paradise at the beginning of human existence, are nearly universal in all cultures. But where was this "Eden" located? Refuting the traditional assumption that the cultures of the Middle East and Mycenae filtered northward into Europe and North Asia, noted historian Geoffrey Ashe instead identifies the northern Altai mountain range and Lake Baikal region of southern Siberia as the true cultural home of humanity and the source of the widespread myths of a prehistoric Golden Age. With evidence dating back as far as 24,000 BC, Ashe shows how the culture of prehistoric southern Siberia was matrifocal, Goddess-worshipping, and heavily shamanic and served as the progenitor of advanced ancient culture in the Western world, the missing link that later influenced Indian, Middle Eastern, Native American, and European society, culture, and religion. He reveals how ancient Altaic culture was the source of the pervasive mythic symbolism of the number 7, found in cosmologies and mythological traditions around the world, as well as reverence for the seven stars of Ursa Major, the Big Dipper, and the idea of a "sacred mountain to the North." He traces the transmission of these cosmological beliefs into Babylon and ancient Greece by migrating tribes, including those that crossed the now-vanished land bridge to the New World. Ashe reveals how this transmission of beliefs had a profound influence on the seven-note musical scale, the seven astrological planets, and the seven vowels of the Greek alphabet, as well as the development of seven as a sacred number in Judaism. He shows how the ancient Altai-Baikal culture influenced the Rishis of India, the creation of the Vedas, and the sacred legend of Mount Meru. He also reveals how the Hellenic cults of both Apollo and Artemis originated in southern Siberia as well as the sacred bear symbolism found throughout the ancient world. Offering proof that advanced cultures existed in Europe before the immigration of Eastern peoples, Ashe shows that early societies did not look into the future for perfection but to the past, to the Golden Age of peace in the sacred northern mountains.

**Time and History in Prehistory** Aug 19 2021 *Time and History in Prehistory* explores the many processes through which time and history are conceptualized and constructed, challenging the perception of prehistoric societies as ahistorical. Drawing equally on contemporary theory and illustrative case studies, and firmly rooted in material evidence, this book rearticulates concepts of time and history, questions the kind of narratives to be written about the past and underlines the fundamentally historical nature of prehistory. From a range of multi-disciplinary perspectives, the authors of this volume address the scales at which archaeological evidence and narrative are interwoven, from a single day to deep history and

from a solitary pot to a complete city. In doing so, they argue the need for a multi-scalar approach to prehistoric data that allows for the interplay between short and long term, and for analytical units that encourage us to move continuously between scales. The growing interest in time and history in archaeology and across a wide range of disciplines concerned with human action and the human past highlights that these are exceptionally active fields. By juxtaposing varied viewpoints, this volume bridges gaps in narrative, finds a place for inclusive histories and makes clear the benefit of integrative and interdisciplinary approaches, including different disciplines and types of data.

**The Ancient Origins of Consciousness** May 16 2021 How consciousness appeared much earlier in evolutionary history than is commonly assumed, and why all vertebrates and perhaps even some invertebrates are conscious. How is consciousness created? When did it first appear on Earth, and how did it evolve? What constitutes consciousness, and which animals can be said to be sentient? In this book, Todd Feinberg and Jon Mallatt draw on recent scientific findings to answer these questions—and to tackle the most fundamental question about the nature of consciousness: how does the material brain create subjective experience? After assembling a list of the biological and neurobiological features that seem responsible for consciousness, and considering the fossil record of evolution, Feinberg and Mallatt argue that consciousness appeared much earlier in evolutionary history than is commonly assumed. About 520 to 560 million years ago, they explain, the great “Cambrian explosion” of animal diversity produced the first complex brains, which were accompanied by the first appearance of consciousness; simple reflexive behaviors evolved into a unified inner world of subjective experiences. From this they deduce that all vertebrates are and have always been conscious—not just humans and other mammals, but also every fish, reptile, amphibian, and bird. Considering invertebrates, they find that arthropods (including insects and probably crustaceans) and cephalopods (including the octopus) meet many of the criteria for consciousness. The obvious and conventional wisdom-shattering implication is that consciousness evolved simultaneously but independently in the first vertebrates and possibly arthropods more than half a billion years ago. Combining evolutionary, neurobiological, and philosophical approaches allows Feinberg and Mallatt to offer an original solution to the “hard problem” of consciousness.