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Evolving Brains, Emerging Gods Jan 28 2020 Religions and mythologies from around the world teach that God or gods created humans. Atheist, humanist, and materialist critics, meanwhile, have attempted to turn theology on its head, claiming that religion is a human invention. In this book, E. Fuller Torrey draws on cutting-edge neuroscience research to propose a startling answer to the ultimate question. *Evolving Brains, Emerging Gods* locates the origin of gods within the human brain, arguing that religious belief is a by-product of evolution. Based on an idea originally proposed by Charles Darwin, Torrey marshals evidence that the emergence of gods was an incidental consequence of several evolutionary factors. Using data ranging from ancient skulls and artifacts to brain imaging, primatology, and child development studies, this book traces how new cognitive abilities gave rise to new behaviors. For instance, autobiographical memory, the ability to project ourselves backward and forward in time, gave *Homo sapiens* a competitive advantage. However, it also led to comprehension of mortality, spurring belief in an alternative to death. Torrey details the neurobiological sequence that explains why the gods appeared when they did, connecting archaeological findings including clothing, art, farming, and urbanization to cognitive developments. This book does not dismiss belief but rather presents religious belief as an inevitable outcome of brain evolution. Providing clear and accessible explanations of evolutionary neuroscience, *Evolving Brains, Emerging Gods* will shed new light on the mechanics of our deepest mysteries.

Catching Fire Oct 17 2021 In this stunningly original book, Richard Wrangham argues that it was cooking that caused the extraordinary transformation of our ancestors from apelike beings to *Homo erectus*. At the heart of *Catching Fire* lies an explosive new idea: the habit of eating cooked rather than raw food permitted the digestive tract to shrink and the human brain to grow, helped structure human society, and created the male-female division of labour. As our ancestors adapted to using fire, humans emerged as "the cooking apes". Covering everything from food-labelling and overweight pets to raw-food faddists, *Catching Fire* offers a startlingly original argument about how we came to be the social, intelligent, and sexual species we are today. "This notion is surprising, fresh and, in the hands of Richard Wrangham, utterly persuasive ... Big, new ideas do not come along often in evolution these days, but this is one." -Matt Ridley, author of *Genome*

[Early Humans](#) Jun 25 2022

Understanding Evolution of Man Jun 13 2021 Realistic and pragmatic in approach and designed to the uses of a text book and a reference, the work deals with all aspects of palaeo-anthropology including human evolution, origin, molecular clock, palaeodemography and palaeopathology and other related characteristics and traces the fossil of anatomical change in relation to the surrounding environment. A exhaustive source on human evolution.

[Early Man](#) Jul 26 2022

[Album of Prehistoric Man](#) Dec 07 2020 A brief introduction to the evolution and characteristics of prehistoric people from apelike prehumans to modern man.

Early Humans Jan 08 2021 Setting the scene on the Norfolk coast almost a million years ago, Ashton tells the story of the fauna, flora and developing geography of Britain against the backdrop of an ever-changing climate

[Man the Hunted](#) Nov 06 2020 *Man the Hunted* argues that primates, including the earliest members of the human family, have evolved as the prey of any number of predators, including wild cats and dogs, hyenas, snakes, crocodiles, and even birds. The authors' studies of predators on monkeys and apes are supplemented here with the observations of naturalists in the field and revealing interpretations of the fossil record. Eyewitness accounts of the 'man the hunted' drama being played out even now give vivid evidence of its prehistoric significance. This provocative view of human evolution suggests that countless adaptations that have allowed our species to survive (from larger brains to speech), stem from a considerably more vulnerable position on the food chain than we might like to imagine. The myth of early humans as fearless hunters dominating the earth obscures our origins as just one of many species that had to be cautious, depend on other group members, communicate danger, and come to terms with being merely one cog in the complex cycle of life.

[Prehistoric Man Coloring Book](#) Aug 03 2020 What were prehistoric people really like? How did they live? What animals did they hunt? Noted nature illustrator Jan Sovak provides some clues about these early humans. 29 ready-to-color scenes depict young Neanderthals on a hunt, burial of the dead, Cro-Magnon people hunting mammoths, cave paintings, Cro-Magnon weapons and jewelry, the use of dugouts and canoes for fishing, the role of the clan's shaman (medicine man), and other images based on archeological evidence. Captions included.

Early Evolution of Human Memory Nov 25 2019 This work examines the cognitive capacity of great apes in order to better understand early man and the importance of memory in the evolutionary process. It synthesizes research from comparative cognition, neuroscience, primatology as well as lithic archaeology, reviewing findings on the cognitive ability of great apes to recognize the physical properties of an object and then determine the most effective way in which to manipulate it as a tool to achieve a specific goal. The authors argue that apes (Hominoidea) lack the human cognitive ability of imagining how to blend reality, which requires drawing on memory in order to envisage alternative future situations, and thereby modifying behavior determined by procedural memory. This book reviews neuroscientific findings on short-term working memory, long-term procedural memory, prospective memory, and imaginative forward thinking in relation to manual behavior. Since the manipulation of objects by Hominoidea in the wild (particularly in order to obtain food) is regarded as underlying the evolution of behavior in early Hominids, contrasts are highlighted between the former and the latter, especially the cognitive implications of ancient stone-tool preparation.

[Early Human Kinship](#) Sep 04 2020 *Early Human Kinship* brings together original studies from leading figures in the biological sciences, social anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics to provide a major breakthrough in the debate over human evolution and the nature of society. A major new collaboration between specialists across the range of the human sciences including evolutionary biology and psychology; social/cultural anthropology; archaeology and linguistics Provides a ground-breaking set of original studies offering a new perspective on early human history Debates fundamental questions about early human society: Was there a connection between the beginnings of language and the beginnings of organized 'kinship and marriage'? How far did evolutionary selection favor gender and generation as principles for regulating social relations? Sponsored by the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland in

conjunction with the British Academy

Early Man in South Buckinghamshire Dec 19 2021 Early Man in South Buckinghamshire: An Introduction to the Archaeology of the Region introduces the archaeology of South Buckinghamshire. This book records and outlines the evidence for the presence and activities of the early inhabitants of the southern portion of the county. It includes the topics on soils and settlements, communications, and Old and New Stone Age. The tumuli and surface finds, Bronze and Iron Age, Roman, Saxon, and Chiltern crosses are also elaborated. This monograph likewise includes a discussion of the county archaeological society and museums that are concerned with South Buckinghamshire antiquities, such as the Buckinghamshire Record Society, High Wycombe Museum, and Council for British Archaeology. This publication is suitable for archeologists, historians, and investigators concerned with the archaeology of South Buckinghamshire.

Prehistoric Man Jun 20 2019

Early Man Sticker and Activity Book Aug 23 2019 Giant sticker and activity book based on the new major motion picture! Based on the hotly anticipated new stop-motion feature film Early Man, from director Nick Park (Shaun the Sheep, Wallace and Gromit, Chicken Run) and Aardman Animation, coming to U.S. theaters this February. Caveman Dug needs your help to unite his tribe and save his valley! An official movie tie-in, this activity book is packed with puzzles, games, and activities, as well as over 800 stickers. With 5 tear-out posters of scenes and characters from the movie and 12 pages of stickers, this book is sure to provide hours of fun. Perfect for young fans of the movie and Aardman Animation, soccer enthusiasts, and prehistory buffs!

The Origin of Our Species Jul 02 2020 Chris Stringer's bestselling *The Origin of our Species* tackles the big questions in the ongoing debate about the beginnings of human life on earth. Do all humans originate from Africa? How did we spread across the globe? Are we separate from Neanderthals, or do some of us actually have their genes? When did humans become 'modern' - are traits such as art, technology, language, ritual and belief unique to us? Has human evolution stopped, or are we still evolving? Chris Stringer has been involved in much of the crucial research into the origins of humanity, and here he draws on a wealth of evidence - from fossils and archaeology to Charles Darwin's theories and the mysteries of ancient DNA - to reveal the definitive story of where we came from, how we lived, how we got here and who we are. 'A new way of defining us and our place in history' Sunday Times 'When it comes to human evolution Chris Stringer is as close to the horse's mouth as it gets ... The Origin of Our Species should be the one-stop source on the subject. Read it now' BBC Focus 'Britain's foremost expert on human evolution ... you need a primer to make sense of the story so far. Here is that book' Guardian 'Combines anecdote and speculation with crisp explanation of the latest science in the study of the first humans ... an engaging read' New Scientist Chris Stringer is Britain's foremost expert on human origins and works in the Department of Palaeontology at the Natural History Museum. He also currently directs the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project, aimed at reconstructing the first detailed history of how and when Britain was occupied by early humans. His previous books include *African Exodus- The Origins of Modern Humanity*, *The Complete World of Human Evolution* and most recently, *Homo Britannicus*, which was shortlisted for the Royal Society Science Book of the Year in 2007.

Social Life of Early Man Sep 28 2022 Attempting to reconstruct the life of early societies, particular emphasis is laid upon social behaviour among primates, as well as approaches from ethnology, prehistoric archaeology, geography, genetics, human stress biology and psychology. First published in 1962.

Early Humans Oct 05 2020 Text and photographs present a description of early humans: their origins; their tools and weapons; how they hunted and foraged for food; and the role of family life, money, religion, and magic.

The Story of Early Man Aug 27 2022

The Early Human World Sep 16 2021 Tells the story of early human life using an incredible variety of primary sources. -- from back cover.

Prehistoric Man and His Environments Oct 25 2019 *Prehistoric Man and His Environments: A Case Study in the Ozark Highland* offers a preliminary model for the paleoecology of the western Ozark Highland in Missouri for the last 35,000 years and an interpretation of how humans have adapted to and exploited the area for the 10,500 years they are known to have lived there. The model, a set of hypotheses that

includes a putative explanatory framework for the observations made at Ozark, is based on more than a decade of interdisciplinary fieldwork. Comprised of 14 chapters, this volume begins with a background on the interdisciplinary studies undertaken in the Pomme de Terre River Valley. The research has centered on the post-glacial deposits at the Rodgers Shelter and on five nearby spring bogs, each of which contained the bones of extinct mammals, pollen, and other material dating from late Pleistocene and early Holocene times. The archaeological investigations and subsequent analyses of these sites are discussed in detail. Sedimentary processes, changing subsistence patterns, material culture, and human burials at Rodgers Shelter are then analyzed. The final chapter describes the direction of research in the Ozark Highland, including plans to test aspects of the proposed model. This book will be of interest to anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, geologists, and botanists.

The Atlas of Early Man Apr 23 2022 A pictorial and cartographic record of human development and political and cultural accomplishments from 35,000 B.C. to A.D. 500

Prehistoric Man Feb 09 2021

Ascent to Civilization Mar 10 2021 Discusses the three million year advance of man through walking, the use of tools and fire, migration, agriculture, metalwork, the wheel, writing, to the threshold of civilization.

Early Man May 24 2022 The official novelization of the major stop-motion children's movie! Based on the hotly anticipated new stop-motion feature film Early Man, from director Nick Park (Shaun the Sheep, Wallace and Gromit, Chicken Run) and Aardman Animation, coming to U.S. theaters this February. Meet Dug, a scrawny but cheerful caveman who loves his valley and just wants the best for his tribe of misfits. Accompanied by his faithful pig sidekick Hognob, Dug is a dreamer—why settle for hunting rabbits when you can hunt a mammoth?! Then there's Dug's tribe, led by the cautious Chief Bobnar. Bobnar wants the best for the tribe, too, but he sees things a little differently from Dug. Then Dug meets the evil Lord Nooth. He's the leader of the Bronze Age City. When the Bronze Age City invades the valley and the cavemen have to fight to save their home, Dug strikes a deal with Lord Nooth. The tribe can keep their valley if they beat the Bronze Agers at their own game: soccer! Can Dug and Hognob really unite a motley tribe of rabbit-hunters into a serious team? It's the Stone Age versus the Bronze Age in the match of the millennium! Easy to read and side-splittingly funny, this story about cavemen with heart will appeal to young readers and their parents.

My Best Book of Early People Nov 18 2021 Travel back in time to discover who our early ancestors were. The Best Book of Early People is the perfect introduction to the advances of humankind from its primitive beginnings. How did Neanderthals make tools? Who were the first artists? When was writing invented? This book has the answers!

Early Humans and Their World Aug 15 2021 Summarizing modern research on early hominid evolution from the apes six million years ago to the emergence of modern humans, this book is the first to present a synthetic discussion of many aspects of early human life.

The Last Neanderthal Jul 14 2021 International Bestseller One of the most anticipated books of 2017: *The Millions*, CBC, Chatelaine, Globe and Mail, Maclean's From the author of *The Bear*, the enthralling story of two women separated by millennia, but linked by an epic journey that will transform them both. Forty thousand years in the past, the last family of Neanderthals roams the earth. After a crushingly hard winter, their numbers are low, but Girl, the oldest daughter, is just coming of age and her family is determined to travel to the annual meeting place and find her a mate. But the unforgiving landscape takes its toll, and Girl is left alone to care for Runt, a foundling of unknown origin. As Girl and Runt face the coming winter storms, Girl realizes she has one final chance to save her people, even if it means sacrificing part of herself. In the modern day, archaeologist Rosamund Gale works well into her pregnancy, racing to excavate newly found Neanderthal artifacts before her baby comes. Linked across the ages by the shared experience of early motherhood, both stories examine the often taboo corners of women's lives. Haunting, suspenseful, and profoundly moving, *THE LAST NEANDERTHAL* asks us to reconsider all we think we know about what it means to be human.

Ritual, Play, and Belief in Evolution and Early Human Societies Mar 22 2022 This book presents unique new insights into the development of human ritual and society through our heritage of play and performance.

[The Environment of Early Man in the British Isles](#) Sep 23 2019 Includes a chapter on the period

Human Evolution and Male Aggression Apr 30 2020

The Evolution of Early Man Jun 01 2020 Depicts and interprets the latest fossil evidence on the development of modern man and relates the advances in early hominid biology which have occurred as a result of this evidence

Human Colonization of the Arctic: The Interaction Between Early Migration and the

Paleoenvironment Jul 22 2019 Human Colonization of the Arctic: The Interaction Between Early Migration and the Paleoenvironment explores the relationship between humans and the environment during this early time of colonization, utilizing analytical methods from both the social and natural sciences to develop a unique, interdisciplinary approach that gives the reader a much broader understanding of the interrelationship between humanity and the environment. As colonization of the polar region was intermittent and irregular, based on how early humans interacted with the land, this book provides a glance into how humans developed new ways to make the region more habitable. The book applies not only to the physical continents, but also the arctic waters. This is how humans succeeded in crossing the Bering Strait and water area between Canadian Arctic Islands. About 4500 years ago, humans reached the northern extremity of Greenland and were able to live through the months of polar nights by both adapting to, and making, changes in their environment. Written by pioneering experts who understand the relationship between humans and the environment in the arctic Addresses why the patterns of colonization were so irregular Includes coverage of the earliest examples of humans, developing an understanding of ecosystem services for economic development in extreme climates Covers both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems

Early Humans Mar 30 2020 Highlights fundamental principles of scientific inquiry and traces the origins, adaptability, and innovations of the human species.

The Clan of the Cave Bear Feb 27 2020 This novel of awesome beauty and power is a moving saga about people, relationships, and the boundaries of love. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read Through Jean M. Auel's magnificent storytelling we are taken back to the dawn

of modern humans, and with a girl named Ayla we are swept up in the harsh and beautiful Ice Age world they shared with the ones who called themselves the Clan of the Cave Bear. A natural disaster leaves the young girl wandering alone in an unfamiliar and dangerous land until she is found by a woman of the Clan, people very different from her own kind. To them, blond, blue-eyed Ayla looks peculiar and ugly—she is one of the Others, those who have moved into their ancient homeland; but Iza cannot leave the girl to die and takes her with them. Iza and Creb, the old Mog-ur, grow to love her, and as Ayla learns the ways of the Clan and Iza's way of healing, most come to accept her. But the brutal and proud youth who is destined to become their next leader sees her differences as a threat to his authority. He develops a deep and abiding hatred for the strange girl of the Others who lives in their midst, and is determined to get his revenge.

Olduvai Gorge Dec 27 2019

Early Man and the Cosmos Jan 20 2022 An examination of ancient astronomy looks at the myths and beliefs about the heavens that influenced everyday life in these primitive cultures

Early Man and the Ocean May 12 2021 Presents Heyerdahl's original research into ancient oceanic voyages, including the Kon-Tiki and Ra expeditions, which support his theories about prehistoric voyagers traveling across the southern Atlantic to Mexico

Eyewitness Early Humans Oct 29 2022 Discover how the world's first people lived from cave dwellings to the tools of the Iron Age with Eyewitness Early Humans. Learn how early people hunted and gathered their food, which people made jewelry out of leopards' teeth, how bread was made in the Bronze Age, how mummies and bog bodies have been preserved, and much, much more!

[DK Eyewitness Books: Early Humans](#) Feb 21 2022 Discover how the world's first people lived from cave dwellings to the tools of the Iron Age with DK Eyewitness Books: Early Humans. Learn how early people hunted and gathered their food, which people made jewelry out of leopards' teeth, how bread was made in the Bronze Age, how mummies and bog bodies have been preserved, and much, much more in Eyewitness: Early Humans!

The Field Guide to Early Man Apr 11 2021 Presents an illustrated introduction to the evolution of man, from the early hominids to the present day.