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PREFACE

rchaeology is the study of how humans have created the world we live in—a voyage of exploration into the human past. The goal of this voyage is to gain new perspectives and insights into who we are and how our world came into being. As is true of all sciences, archaeology is not a search for absolute and final answers. Archaeologists develop knowledge of the past that can be continuously questioned and improved upon. The goal of this book is to involve students in the current state of archaeological research—to reveal how archaeologists work and what they know. The fascination of archaeology is found in the continual process of human self-discovery. This book will help connect students to that process and show them not only the discoveries that have been made, but also the challenges that remain.

New to This Edition

The third Canadian edition includes expansions of existing chapters and updated information throughout.

- Recent discoveries are examined, including the genetics of Neanderthals and related populations, early symbolic artifacts from South Africa, the Iceman and its implications for Neolithic Europe, and the Harappan city of Dholavira.
- Expanded coverage of both the practice and the legislation of cultural resource management (CRM) archaeology is included in Chapter 1, "Getting Started in Archaeology," and Chapter 2, "Putting the Picture Together."
- The archaeology of complex societies in East Asia has been expanded and grouped in Chapter 12, "Locating the Source of Authority: Early States in Asia." This chapter now includes material on the expansion of the Chinese state, the Silk Route, the development of state societies in Japan, and the development of Angkor.
- The Epilogue now focus on the recent past including the archaeology of the slave trade, with examples from Gorée, Senegal and Annapolis, Maryland, and the archaeology of industrialization, with examples from Lowell, Massachusetts and Ludlow, Colorado.
- Expanded coverage of the Maya civilization includes the discoveries from the Preclassic period at the site of San Bartolo, the use of LiDAR at Caracol, and the painted murals at Calakmul.
- Expanded coverage of Canadian archaeology includes Archaic sites (in Chapter 6, "The Peopling of Australia and the New World") and historic archaeology (in the Epilogue).
- Enhanced electronic resources include enhanced maps, podcasts customrecorded for this text in the eText, access to selected articles from the journal *Antiquity* and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* chosen for each chapter by the author, and a gallery of 3D objects and animations.

In archaeology, it is not enough to raise questions; one must also think of methods for providing the answers. People often think of archaeology as a random accumulation of artifacts or a series of chance discoveries. In practice, archaeology is a far more active and creative undertaking. Certainly, the excitement of discovery

plays an essential role. Even in the most carefully planned project, the possibility always exists that the next shovel of soil will lead to an unexpected revelation. In this third Canadian edition, you will read about the surprising genetic evidence of a new species contemporary with Neanderthals, early ages for the origin of millet domestication in China, and the impressive murals at the early Maya site of San Bartolo—as well as the earliest evidence for fire on an archaeological site from my own research in South Africa.

Much of the excitement of archaeology comes from asking questions and finding answers. In this edition, you will also read about the application of new perspectives and methods, such as the use of surveying to understand the development of social complexity in China and the role metallurgical analyses play in elucidating the ancient technologies of the Andes.

In working on this book, I have been struck by three characteristics of archaeology today. The first is that archaeology is a truly global discipline. One can no longer remain up-to-date simply by relying on the information emerging from a small number of centres of research. The challenge today is to keep abreast of a torrent of information coming from archaeologists all over the world. In writing this book, I am painfully aware that there is likely to be information I have missed and vital insights I have failed to incorporate. However, thanks to a wealth of resources available through university library websites, research that in the past would have taken weeks to conduct can now be completed in minutes with a few clicks of the mouse.

The second characteristic of archaeology today is that it often involves deploying methods from the study of natural sciences. In many cases, research requires collaboration between natural scientists and archaeologists. One of the most important skills for an archaeologist today is to be able to collaborate with specialists in other fields. Collaboration is a tricky business that requires trusting our partners and stretching our perspectives, but the result is a significant increase in scientific capacity.

The third characteristic of contemporary archaeology is that there is increased engagement with the modern world. Archaeologists around the globe today find themselves enmeshed in complex issues ranging from community identity to the tourist industry. The recognition of the fragility and importance of the archaeological record is central to contemporary archaeology.

Preparing the third Canadian edition has involved some reorganization and expansion of coverage. However, the main outcome of the revision is a book with a stronger conceptual core: Archaeology is presented as a dynamic, scientifically rigorous, and socially engaged inquiry into the remains of the human past that survive in the world today.

Organization

Part One of this book, "The Past Is a Foreign Country: Getting from Here to There," presents an introduction to archaeological method and theory. The first chapter, "Getting Started in Archaeology," begins in the field and discusses how archaeologists locate and excavate sites. From the field, we move into the laboratory to look at how the remains recovered in an excavation are analyzed. Archaeology involves not only conducting field and laboratory work, but also developing a framework for thinking about the past. In Chapter 2, "Putting the Picture Together," we consider how well we know the past and how much we can learn about it. This chapter presents a brief history of the ways archaeologists have thought about the past.

From here, we turn to what we currently know about prehistory. The next three parts of the text examine human evolution, agricultural beginnings, and the development of political complexity, respectively. Part Two, "Human Evolution," covers the period from the first evidence of tool manufacture to the spread of modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) throughout the globe. Human evolution involves the interaction between changes in human anatomy and changes in the way humans lived and in the tools they used. The four chapters in this part follow the process of biological evolution, while tracking the geographical spread of human populations and developments in the way they lived.

Part Three, "Perspectives on Agriculture," examines the shift to an agricultural way of life. The development of agricultural societies demanded a profound reorientation of the way humans related to plants and animals, along with equally significant changes in society and technology. Because the transition to agriculture took place independently in several distinct regions, it is possible to take a comparative approach to the origins of this new way of life to gain a broad understanding of the process. Chapter 7, "Towers, Villages, and Longhouses," presents the archaeological record pointing to the beginnings of agriculture in the Middle East and the spread of agriculture into Europe. Chapter 8, "Mounds and Maize," focuses on the origin of maize (corn) agriculture in Mesoamerica and its spread into North America. The adoption of maize agriculture in Eastern North America is particularly interesting and complex, as maize was integrated into an existing indigenous agricultural system. Chapter 9, "A Feast of Diversity," broadens the comparative perspective by briefly considering a number of other civilizations in Africa, China, New Guinea, and Peru. It becomes clear that the development of agriculture often spanned a period of several thousands of years and that the process differed significantly among regions.

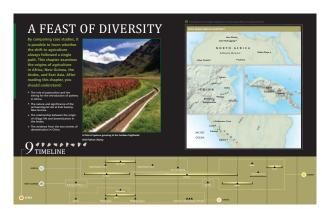
Following the adoption of agriculture, societies in many parts of the world expanded in scale and increased in population, which in turn led to increased social inequality. Power and access to resources came to be controlled by a smaller segment of people, resulting in the emergence of state societies. Finally, Part Four, "The Development of Social Complexity," covers many of the world's most spectacular and enigmatic archaeological sites, including Stonehenge, the pyramids at Giza, and the cities of the Maya. As with agriculture, social complexity developed independently in a number of regions. Thus, it is again possible to use a comparative approach to gain a broad understanding of this process.

The first chapter of Part Four—Chapter 10, "Complexity without the State"—considers the monumental sites of Stonehenge, Pueblo Bonito, Cahokia, and Great Zimbabwe, constructed by societies that were characterized by emerging social inequality. The remaining chapters present case studies of early states and empires and are organized geographically. Coverage has been expanded to include Japan and Angkor. Coverage of early states in China, Mesoamerica, and the Andes has also been expanded. The text concludes with an epilogue entitled "Bringing It

Back Home," in which we look at the traces of the past in our familiar world.

Pedagogy

Every chapter contains a number of pedagogical elements to guide students through the text. Each chapter opener includes satellite location maps and timelines to orient students in time and place to the sites discussed. Learning objectives help students focus their reading of each chapter. Key terms, concepts, and place names are defined or described when they first appear within the text; they are also defined in the margin of the page.



Subsequently, they are all listed together in a section at the end of each chapter called *Key Terms*, along with a *Chapter Summary* and a list of *Review Questions*. Each chapter contains dozens of stunning illustrations and photographs to engage students in the subject matter, demonstrate key concepts, and visually convey the spectacular nature of our stops along the pathways through time.

Distinctive Features

The main purpose of this book is to present an integrated picture of prehistory as an active process of discovery. From this perspective, we cannot relegate methodological issues to the opening chapters alone. After students are introduced to archaeological method in the first two chapters, the question of *how* we know the past comes up on numerous occasions throughout the remaining text. A number of features have been

developed to draw together an integrated presentation of prehistory.



Toolboxes introduce aspects of archaeological methods that are particularly relevant to the material covered. There are two *Toolboxes* per chapter. *Toolboxes* are critical for achieving the aim of this book: to integrate prehistory with an introduction to archaeological methods. Examples of *Toolboxes* in this third Canadian edition include "Archaeoacoustics" (Chapter 2), "Faunal Analysis and Taphonomy" (Chapter 2), "Chaîne Opératoire and the Levallois Method" (Chapter 4), "Experimental Archaeology" (Chapter 6), "Archaeology and Genetics" (Chapter 11), "Underwater Archaeology" (Chapter 12), "Space Syntax" (Chapter 12), and "Human Osteoarchaeology" (Chapter 13).

Archaeology in the World

Despite the stereotype of the archaeologist as a cloistered academic, archaeology is very much a discipline that takes place in the real world. Issues such as control over human burial remains, the antiquities trade, and the preservation of threatened cultural resources are every bit as important to the field as trowels and levels. Archaeology is not only the study of what happened in the past, but also the examination of the role of the past in today's world.

To emphasize the significance of the role of the past in the present, every chapter includes a boxed feature called *Archaeology in the World*. These boxes pinpoint ethical issues relevant to the archaeology of the periods discussed in the chapter. Through reading these features, students will see that archaeology plays a role in the present. *Archaeology in the World* topics include "Religion and Evolution" (Chapter 4), "Repatriation of Indigenous Burial Remains" (Chapter 6), "The Trade in African Antiquities" (Chapter 10), and "The Fate of Iraq's Antiquities" (Chapter 11). This third Canadian edition includes new features on "Community Archaeology" (Chapter 1), "Political Borders and Archaeology" (Chapter 7), "Who Owns the Past?" (Chapter 8), "Archaeology and the Environment" (Chapter 9), "Archaeology and Development" (Chapter 12), "Archaeology and Tourism" (Chapter 13), and "Ancient Agriculture and Modern Development" (Chapter 14).

From the Field

A primary goal of this text is to draw students into the process of archaeological research. Rather than sitting on the sidelines observing the game, students should be on the playing field. This does not mean that this book is suitable only for future





archaeologists; rather, it is meant to provide the tools to give any student a lifelong engagement with archaeology, whether through travelling, visiting museums, reading, or joining in a research project. Toward that end, we have also included in each chapter a feature called *From the Field*, in which people—including students—who are actively involved in archaeological research write an informal report about a project relevant to the chapter subject.

Two new From the Field segments in this third Canadian edition are "Why Do I "Do" Archaeology," by Joe Watkins (Chapter 2) and "Cultural Resource Management Archaeology in the Southwest," by Sara H. Herr (Chapter 10). Other From the Field segments include "Early Hominins in the Nihewan Basin," by Chen Shen (Chapter 3); "Understanding the Neanderthal Way of Life," by Ariane Burke (Chapter 4); "The Strange Case of the Grimaldi Figurines," by Michael S. Bisson (Chapter 5); "Mawlukhotepun—Working Together," by Sue Blair (Chapter 6); "Towns They Have None": In Search of New England's Mobile Farmers," by Dr. Elizabeth S. Chilton (Chapter 8); "Ethiopian Farmers Yesterday and Today," by Catherine D'Andrea (Chapter 9); "Doing Regional Archaeological Settlement Patterns Survey in Northeast China," by

Christian E. Peterson (Chapter 12); "The Field School Experience," by Joëlle Chartrand" (Chapter 13); and "Discovering a Ceremonial Site of the Ancient Moche People," by Katrina Joosten (Chapter 14). I have also contributed features on my own fieldwork experiences in South Africa, Jordan, and Egypt. I hope that these sections will inspire some readers to consider volunteering on an excavation or enrolling in a field school. No words can replace the experience of uncovering the buried remains of the human past.

Canadian Research and Canadian Archaeologists

Canadian content is integrated throughout the book. In some cases, particularly the coverage of the Arctic in Chapter 6 and the Northwest Coast in Chapter 10, sections not found in the U.S. edition cover aspects of the archaeology of Canada. The research of Canadian researchers working around the world is also included in every chapter, augmented by a brief history of Canadian archaeology in Chapter 2. Furthermore, two special features are dedicated to the unique contributions of Canadian archaeology: Canadian Research boxes, which contain a brief essay that covers a research project by a Canadian archaeologist, and Canadian Archaeologists, which includes a listing of some Canadian archaeologists

and a link to their websites, are found in each chapter. I hasten to add that this is not a comprehensive listing of Canadian archaeologists. My focus has been on providing information about Canadian archaeologists whose research is particularly relevant to the chapter.

The Cover Image

This bone comb was found at the Garden Island site in Prince Rupert Harbour, British Columbia, in a level dated to 800 AD. The animal on the bridge of the comb is either a wolf or a bear. The tongue, ears, and eye are carved with particular care. George MacDonald points out that these are organs involved in communication and that the emphasis on these aspects of the animal might reference beliefs in the abilities of animals to communicate (MacDonald 1983). Whereas animals, particularly bears, can understand everything people say, people have only limited understanding of the language of animals.

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FIGURE 1.12 Taking samples for paleomagnetic dating of the early hominin occupat at Wonderwerk Cave, South Africa.

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of the fate of the Franklin Expedition. Beattle and his colleagues disintered the frozen corpses of three sailors who died early in the voyage of the expedition. The analysis of these bodies, together with a collection of artifacts left behind by the expedition, cast a chilling new light on the fate of these explorers.

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When he analyzed bone, tissue, and hair samples, Beattie found that they held highly elevated levels of lead; these men were suffering from lead poisoning. They probably did not die from the lead poisoning, but this afflic.

ion would have left them vulnerable of pneumonia and other diseases. The pource of the lead was the seemingly incocuous lead solder that had been pplied to the insides of the tin cans he expedition had used to carry its rovisions. Beatle suggested that lead oistoning contributed to the weakengot the crew, ultimately leaving per the crew, ultimately leaving hem unable to survive the rigours of

EFERENCE: Owen Beattie and John Geiger. 998. Frozen in Time: The Fate of the Franklin specifion. Vancouver: Grantone Books



A Final Note

Australian aboriginal societies speak of the *dreamtime* as the time when their ancestors walked the land. The actions of ancestors are inscribed in the land and experienced in the landscape. Archaeology explores the "scientific dreamtime"—the time of our ancestors that we discover through archaeological research. This book is an introduction to the current state of archaeology. It is not a simple catalogue of finds, but rather an attempt to give coherence to the vast expanses of human experience studied by archaeologists. Our hope is that readers will keep in mind the uncertainty that characterizes the study of prehistory. What is meant by "uncertainty"? Archaeology is a constant process of questioning and improving our understanding of the past. As in any science, all claims can and should be questioned. Archaeology is a report on the current state of the human endeavour to understand our own past. We invite you to join this endeavour, in which we reveal the present state of archaeological knowledge and introduce you to the methods used to gain that knowledge. We hope that these tools will enable you to actively engage in thinking about humanity from the perspective of archaeology, to think about processes that stretch over millennia and are global in scale, and to walk the pathways of our own "scientific dreamtime."

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