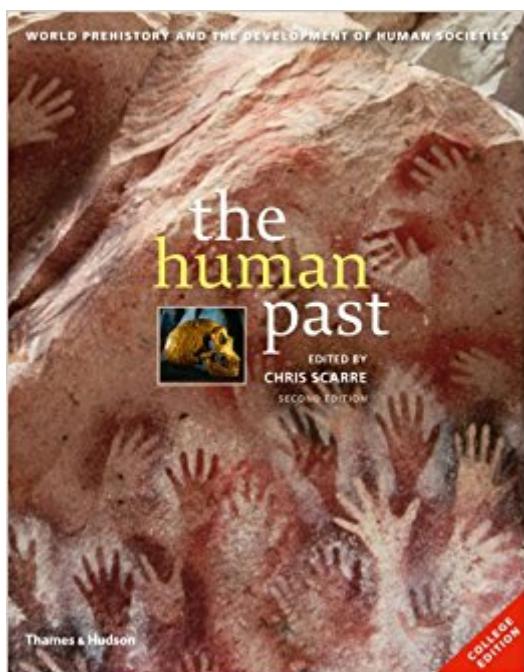


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# The Human Past: World Prehistory And The Development Of Human Societies (Second Edition)



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Chris Scarre is Professor of Archaeology at Durham University. He is a specialist in European prehistory with a related interest in the ancient Near East and the Classical world of Greece and Rome. He was editor and principal author of *Past Worlds: The Times Atlas of Archaeology* (1995);

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The first half of the book (covering up to about 50000BC) reads like a dictionary of archaeological sites, which makes it frustrating to read. However, the author(s) are so thorough that I can't imagine there is much on the topic of Anthropology that you couldn't find in this book.

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Fantastic textbook. Although a multi-authored book, there is clear homogeneity in the presentation of the various chapters. The illustrations are really beautiful, it is almost an art book. It is a must have for who is interested in archaeology. It spans a period of several millions years. All the major archaeological sites are described, I recommend really to buy the latest edition, although older editions are available at discount price. The latest developments, like the sequencing of neanderthal DNA and others are discussed in this new edition and this is fascinating. Archaeology is really a science on the move.

Bought this book for a class on World Archaeology. As an anthropologist I was intrigued by it, but there was way too much fluff. Could definitely have been condensed and edited better.

This book arrived on time or before in the condition listed (used-good). The picture is the exact book which is what I was basing my purchase on. This purchase met all of my expectations.

Great book! It is full of helpful photos and it comes with online access to [www.norton.com](http://www.norton.com) which offers reviews and glossary for all chapters.

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