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The Origins of Modern Humans

2013-07-09

this update to the award winning the origins of modern humans a world survey of the fossil evidence covers the most accepted common theories concerning the emergence of modern homo sapiens adding fresh insight from top young scholars on the key new discoveries of the past 25 years the origins of modern humans biology reconsidered allows field leaders to discuss and assess the assemblage of hominid fossil material in each region of the world during the pleistocene epoch it features new fossil and molecular evidence such as the evolutionary inferences drawn from assessments of modern humans and large segments of the neandertal genome it also addresses the impact of digital imagery and the more sophisticated morphometrics that have entered the analytical fray since 1984 beginning with a thoughtful introduction by the authors on modern human origins the book offers such insightful chapter contributions as africa the cradle of modern people crossroads of the old world late hominin evolution in western asia a river runs through it modern human origins in east asia perspectives on the origins of modern australians modern human origins in central europe the makers of the early upper paleolithic in western eurasia neandertal craniofacial growth and development and its relevance for modern human origins energetics and the origin of modern humans understanding human cranial variation in light of modern human origins the relevance of archaic genomes to modern human origins the process of modern human origins the evolutionary and demographic changes giving rise to modern humans the paleobiology of modern human emergence elegant and thought provoking the origins of modern humans biology reconsidered is an ideal read for students grad students and professionals in human evolution and paleoanthropology

The Truth about Human Origins

2003

ever since charles darwin first published the origin of species on november 24 1859 the subject of origins has been one of the most controversial topics around sadly it also is a subject that is fraught with erroneous theories and concepts most students today are taught that organic evolution is not a theory but a fact that all reputable scientists accept disclaimers from the evolutionary community notwithstanding such a claim is quite simply wrong we believe it is time for someone to offer what renowned news commentator paul harvey would call the rest of the story that is what the truth about human origins does it tells the rest of the story as it discusses the scientific facts about mankind s beginning for example it investigates the record of the rocks as that record relates to human evolution it demonstrates how evolutionary theory is unable to explain things like the origin of gender and sexual reproduction the origin of language and communication the origin of the brain the mind and human consciousness and the origin of skin colors and blood types it also examines in an in depth fashion the so called molecular evidence of human evolution

How Do We Know the Nature of Human Origins

2004-12-15

discusses the scientific research which led to the theories of human origin including the contributions of charles darwin thomas henry huxley and louis leakey

Human Origins

2023-10-24

human origins by s laing is an intellectual voyage that delves profoundly into the intricate tapestry of human evolution and our origins laing s methodical scientific approach coupled with his engaging and accessible writing style invites readers on a captivating journey through the annals of time within these pages readers embark on an exploration of our distant ancestors and the profound roots of our existence laing skillfully pieces together the puzzle of human origins shedding light on the remarkable journey that has led to our present day species with each chapter readers gain a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of life on earth and the fascinating evolutionary milestones that have shaped humanity human origins is not just a book it is an enlightening odyssey that fuels our curiosity encouraging us to ponder the intricate web of life and our place within it laing s work is a testament to the enduring quest for knowledge and the exhilaration of discovery making this book an essential read for anyone curious about our remarkable journey as a species

The Primate Origins of Human Nature

2016-01-26

the primate origins of human nature volume 3 in the foundations of human biology series blends several elements from evolutionary biology as applied to primate behavioral ecology and primate psychology classical physical anthropology and evolutionary psychology of humans however unlike similar books it strives to define the human species relative to our living and extinct relatives and thus highlights uniquely derived human features the book features a truly multi disciplinary multi theory and comparative species approach to subjects not usually presented in textbooks focused on humans such as the evolution of culture life history parenting and social organization

Human Origins (1894)

2009-03-01

this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world s literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work

Origins Reconsidered

1992

reassesses human prehistory incorporating ideas from philosophy anthropology molecular biology and linguistics to explore how humans acquired the qualities of consciousness and humanity

The Origin of Our Species

2011-06-30

in this ground breaking book chris stringer sets out to answer all the big questions in the debate about our origins how can we define modern humans and how can we recognise our beginnings in the fossil and archaeological record how can we accurately date fossils including ones beyond the range of radiocarbon dating what do the genetic data really tell us were our origins solely in africa are modern humans a distinct species from ancient people such as the neanderthals and what contact did our ancestors have with them how can we recognise modern humans behaviourally and were traits such as complex language and art unique to modern humans what forces shaped the origins of modern humans were they climatic dietary social or even volcanic what drove the dispersals of modern humans from africa and how did our species spread over the globe how did regional features evolve and how significant are they what exactly was the hobbit of the island of flores and how was it related to us has human evolution stopped or are we still evolving what can we expect from future research on our origins this book will make every reader think about what it means to be human

Origins of Humans

2018-02-21

human evolution can be considered to be a lengthy procedure of several transformations in which the people originated from the ape like ancestors there are several scientific evidence that reveals that the behavioral and the physical traits that are shared by all the organisms have originated from the ape like ancestors they have evolved across lengthy periods of approximately six million years ago one of the earliest human traits that have defined the human evolution bipedalism is the ability for walking on two legs have evolved over four million years ago there are several other human characteristics including the complex and human brains the ability to make several innovative tools along with the complex symbolic representation and elaborative cultural diversity have emerged mainly during the past several millions of years

Modern Human Origins and Dispersal

2019-04

despite consensus on africa s central place in the evolution of our species the emergence of modern human populations and their dispersal out of the continent remain controversial topics in this second installment of the dfg center for advanced studies series scholars offer mult disciplinary perspectives reviews and original research reports on te mode and timing of anatomical and cultural changes in te human past

The First Humans

2009-05-24

there are some issues in human paleontology that seem to be timeless most deal with the origin and early evolution of our own genus something about which we should care some of these issues pertain to taxonomy and systematics how many species of homo were there in the pliocene and pleistocene how do we identify the earliest members the genus homo if there is more than one plio pleistocene species how do they relate to one another and where and when did they evolve other issues relate to questions about body size proportions and the functional adaptations of the locomotor skeleton when did the human postcranial bauplan evolve and for what reasons what behaviors and what behavioral limitations can be inferred from the postcranial bones that have been attributed to homo habilis and homo erectus still other issues relate to growth development and life history strategies and the biological and archeological evidence for diet and behavior in early homo it is often argued that dietary change played an important role in the origin and early evolution of our genus with stone tools opening up scavenging and hunting opportunities that would have added meat protein to the diet of homo still other issues relate to the environmental and climatic context in which this genus evolved

Origins

2010-01-15

take a step back in time to explore the origin of humans

Unveiling Man's Origins (Routledge Revivals)

2014-06-03

originally published in 1969 the aim of this book is to tell the story of the major discoveries which have been made and the attitude of the world at large to these discoveries during the ten decades since darwin published on the origin of species in 1859 for anyone interested in man s past and in understanding the significance of each new discovery relating to human evolution this reissue will be of great value

The Stages of Human Evolution

1979

where did we come from where are we going homo sapiens is the most successful the most widespread and the most influential species ever to walk the earth in the blink of an evolutionary eye we have spread around the globe taken control of earth s biological and mineral resources transformed the environment discovered the secrets of the universe and travelled into space yet just 7 million years ago we were just another species of great ape making a quiet living in the forests of east africa we do not know exactly what this ancestor was like but it was no more likely than a chimpanzee or gorilla to sail across the ocean write a symphony invent a steam engine or ponder the meaning of existence how did we get from there to here human origins recounts the most astonishing evolutionary tale ever told discover how our ancestors made the first tentative steps towards becoming human how we lost our fur but gained language fire and tools how we strode out of africa invented farming and cities and ultimately created modern civilisation perhaps the only one of its kind in the universe meet your long lost ancestors the other humans who once shared the planet with us and learn where the story might end about the series new scientist instant expert books are definitive and accessible entry points to the most important subjects in science subjects that challenge attract debate invite controversy and engage the most enquiring minds designed for curious readers who want to know how things work and why the instant expert series explores the topics that really matter and their impact on individuals society and the planet translating the scientific complexities around us into language that s open to everyone and putting new ideas and discoveries into perspective and context

Human Origins

2018-03-21

50 000 years ago merely a blip in evolutionary time our homo sapiens ancestors were competing for existence with several other human species just as their own precursors had been doing for millions of years yet something about our species separated it from the pack and led to its survival while the rest became extinct so just what was it that allowed homo sapiens to become masters of the planet curator emeritus at the american museum of natural history ian tattersall takes us deep into the fossil record to uncover what made humans so special surveying a vast field from initial bipedality to language and intelligence tattersall argues that homo sapiens acquired a winning combination of traits that was not the result of long term evolutionary refinement instead it emerged quickly shocking their world and changing it forever

Masters of the Planet

2012-03-27

a world renowned paleoanthropologist and author of lucy the beginnings of humankind donald johanson attempts to solve the mystery of human evolution using new evidence uncovered on his recent forays into the fossil rich regions of eastern africa companion volume to the upcoming nova series 175 illus maps

Ancestors

1994

this volume is based on the field museum of natural history spring system atics symposium held in chicago on may 11 1991 the financial support of ray and jean auel and of the field museum is gratefully acknowledged when we teach or write we present only those elements that support our arguments we avoid all weak points of our debate and all the uncer tainties of our models thus we offer hypotheses as facts multiauthored books like ours which simultaneously advocate and question diverse views avoid the pitfalls and lessen the impact of indoctrination in this volume we analyze the anthropological and biological disagreements and the positions taken on the origins of modern humans point out difficultieswith the inter pretations and suggest that the concept of the human origin can be explained only when we first attempt to define homo sapiens sapiens one of the major controversies in physical anthropology concerns the geographic origin of anatomically modern humans it is undisputed due to the extensive research of the leakeys and their colleagues that the family hominidae originated in africa but the geographic origin of homo sapiens sapiens is less concretely accepted two schools of thought existon this topic

Origins of Anatomically Modern Humans

2013-11-11

a short broad introduction to the emerging field of evolutionary psychology the study of adaptive significance of behavior 10 short chapters introduce the reader to the major topics within the field of evolutionary psychology from social order and disorder to mating and reproduction to the creative impulse the origins of technology and art for psychologists students or anyone interested in evolutionary psychology

Origins

2009-01-01

a brief history of the twin studies of archaeology and anthropology

Evolutionary Psychology

2002

profiles the basic concepts underlying our knowledge of our evolution as a species

The Discovery of Man

1939

the origins of human society traces the development of human culture from its origins over 2 million years ago to the emergence of literate civilization in addition to a global coverage of prehistoric life the book pays specific attention to the origins and dispersal of anatomically modern humans the development of symbolic expression the transition from mobile foraging bands to sedentary households early agriculture and its consequences the emergence of social differentiation and hereditary ranking and the prehistoric roots of ancient states and empires

Human Origins

1996

evidence for a purely darwinian account of human origins is supposed to be overwhelming but is it in this provocative book three scientists challenge the claim that undirected natural selection is capable of building a human being critically assess fossil and genetic evidence that human beings share a common ancestor with apes and debunk recent claims that the human race could not have started from an original couple

Human Origins 101

2007-08-30

how did human beings originate what if anything makes us unique these questions have long been central to philosophers theologians and scientists this book continues that robust interdisciplinary conversation with contributions from an international team of scholars whose expertise ranges from biology and anthropology to philosophical theology and ethics the fourteen chapters in this volume are organized around wentzel van huyssteen s pioneering work in human rationality embodiment and evolutionary history bringing a variety of diverse perspectives to bear on a hotly debated issue human origins and the image of god showcases new research by some of today s finest scholars working on questions regarding human origins and human uniqueness

The Origins of Human Society

2000-01-04

a major new narrative of human evolution lowly origin is the best available account of what it meant and what it means to walk on two feet illustrations maps

Science and Human Origins

2012

the artist s eye and the mind of science mythological visions of human creation religious and secular visions of human creation historical visions of national origins the scientific vision of prehistory popular presentations conclusions

Human Origins and the Image of God

2017

since the 1960s spectacular advances have been made in the study of prehistory it is now possible to reconstruct the behavior and social life of pre human ancestors as much as two million years ago these findings have forced us to revise dramatically our view of human evolution the study of which is only complete through an integrated perspective that emphasizes biological and social factors archaeology primate studies genetics palaeontology hunter gatherer studies and anthropology have all contributed to significant breakthroughs in our understanding of human origins necessitating an approach to prehistory that is not tied to a particularly disciplinary approach stressing the importance of culture as a formative agent in the evolutionary emergence of modern humans society in prehistory provides an impressive interdisciplinary and deeply informed survey of prehistory individual chapters focus on culture and evolution biology and culture primate societies the first hominids tools and culture the economics of foraging modern humans and human behavior sex and the division of labor and sexuality and social life the book

reveals that while social behavior is biologically grounded it is not biologically determined

Lowly Origin

2003

primate evolution and human origins compiles for the first time the major ideas and publications that have shaped our current view of the evolutionary biology of the primates and the origin of the human line designed for freshmen to graduate students in anthropology paleontology and biology the book is a unique collection of classic papers culled from the past 20 years of research it is also an important reference for academicians and researchers as it covers the entire scope of primate and human evolution with an emphasis on the fossil record a comprehensive bibliography cites over 2000 significant articles not found in the main text

The Human Revolution

1989

examines theories of evolution the great apes the origins of language extinct species and the global expansion that precipitated adaptation and diversity

Ancestral Images

1998

while those who study human origins now agree that the evolution of modern human form extends back much further in time than the evolution of modern human behavior they disagree sharply as to how to interpret the substantive data two fundamentally incommensurate interpretations of our origins the replacement camp and the continuity camp have now emerged out of pre existing models and theories that go back to the last quarter of the 19th century this book contends that these positions are based on radically different biases and assumptions about what the remote human past was like the purpose of this volume is to examine those conceptual differences not to arrive at a consensus but rather to explore the reasons why a consensus might never be possible

Society in Prehistory

1995-10-01

the human question is a frank examination of all sides of the human origins debate from evolution to creation science and reincarnation to life on other planets the book peels away the emotion from controversial topics to reveal the most common beliefs about human origins personal interviews highlight each chapter and reveal why we often believe what aint so written with clarity and candor by a scientist for a general audience topics include the five most common beliefs about human origins and the best evidence for each how and where did life begin seven habits of a healthy skeptic the abcs of the evolution controversy five new ways to think about evolution the scientific search for the soul is there life on other planets reconciling science and faith the answer

Primate Evolution and Human Origins

2017-11-15

describes how mapping the human genome has aided paleoanthropologists in their study of ancient bones used to explore human origins from the earliest humans bipedal apes up to martin pickford s millennium man

The First Humans

1993

but they all provide information on the diet diseases hunting techniques and art of australopithecus homo habilis homo erectus the neanderthal and the first homo sapiens sapiens

Conceptual Issues in Modern Human Origins Research

1997

how human language evolved from the need for social communication the origins of human language remain hotly debated despite growing appreciation of cognitive and neural continuity between humans and other animals an evolutionary account of human language in its modern form remains as elusive as ever the social origins of language provides a novel perspective on this question and charts a new path toward its resolution in the lead essay robert seyfarth and dorothy cheney draw on their decades long pioneering research on monkeys and baboons in the wild to show how primates use vocalizations to modulate social dynamics they argue that key elements of human language emerged from the need to decipher and encode complex social interactions in other words social communication is the biological foundation upon which evolution built more complex language seyfarth and cheney s argument serves as a jumping off point for responses by john mcwhorter ljiljana progovac jennifer e arnold benjamin wilson christopher i petkov and peter godfrey smith each of whom draw on their respective expertise in linguistics neuroscience philosophy and psychology michael platt provides an introduction seyfarth and cheney a concluding essay ultimately the social origins of language offers thought provoking viewpoints on how human language evolved

The Human Question

2003

humans have long been fascinated by their origins and the evolutionary development of the human brain is of particular interest experts views provide a starting point for a debate based on the most recent scientific data relating to the evolutionary origins of the human brain

Human Origins

1913

this vintage book contains a fascinating treatise on human origins exploring human civilisation with reference to art religion science language history literature mythology sociology and much more this comprehensive volume contains a wealth of information about our species making it highly recommended for those with an interest in anthropology and the history of the human race in general contents include historical standards of time short date inconsistent with evolution laws of historical evidence history begins with authentic records records of egypt oldest manetho s lists confirmed by hieroglyphics origin of writing the alphabet phonetic writing etc many vintage books such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive it is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now in an affordable modern high quality edition for the enjoyment of readers now and for years to come

Human Origins

2008

The Extraordinary Story of Human Origins

1993

The Social Origins of Language

2017-12-05

Origins of the Human Brain

1995

Human Origins

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