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veteran science writer michael balter skillfully weaves together many threads in this fascinating book about one of archaeology's most legendary sites Çatalhöyük first excavated forty years ago the site is justly revered by prehistorians art historians and new age goddess worshippers alike for its spectacular finds dating almost 10 000 years ago archaeological maverick ian hodder leader of the recent re excavation at this turkish mound designated balter as the project's biographer the result is a skillful telling of many stories about both past and present of the inhabitants of neolithic Çatalhöyük and the development of human creativity and ingenuity as revealed in the recent excavation of james mellaart the original excavator whose troubles off the mound eventually overshadowed his incisive work at the site of hodder and his intense brilliant crew who marveled and squabbled over the meaning of finds in dusty trenches while attempting to reinterpret mellaart's work and of the recent history of the theory and methods of archaeology itself part story of the human past part soap opera of modern scholarly life part textbook on the practice of modern archaeology this book should appeal to general readers and archaeological students alike in the early 1990s the university of cambridge reopened excavations at the neolithic site of Çatalhöyük in central turkey abandoned since the 1960s this is volume 2 in the Çatalhöyük research project series here ian hodder explains his vision of archaeological excavation where careful examination of context and an awareness of human bias allows researchers exciting new insights into prehistoric cognition the aim of the volume is to discuss some of the reflexive or postprocessual methods that have been introduced at the site in the work there since 1993 these methods involve reflexivity interactivity multivocality and contextuality or relationality they are essential to every major archaeological excavation but rarely acknowledged by the visiting researchers once the artifacts have been shipped as part of the innovative multivocal output from the famous turkish neolithic site of Çatalhöyük we hear from one of the site guards sadrettin dural who tells the story of the excavation from the point of view of the other he offers tales of the strange habits of archaeologists describes the local in fighting that scholars never see and explains how scientists can be protected from the yatirs spirits of the dead who guard the mound ian hodder director of the Çatalhöyük project provides explanatory notes for the reader and an interview with the author exploring indigenous interpretations of ancient sites and the archaeologists who excavate them for the archaeologist this offers a revolutionary new viewpoint on their work for the cultural anthropologist dural's role as site guard is only a small part of his life as a turkish villager the author recounts the daily lived experience of one man in a

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the work conducted in the gdn area on the later phases of occupation the main aim of these excavations was to understand the layout and social geography of the settlement both houses and open areas and to situate the elaborate art and symbolism within a secure architectural and depositional context excavation and conservation methods are described and the campaign of geophysical prospection is described considerable focus is placed on detailed dating using bayesian modeling that alters significantly our understanding of the organization of the settlement new light is thrown on the degree of contemporaneity of buildings and on the continuities and breaks in house occupation and in the site as a whole a fuller understanding has also been reached of the variability of houses and burials and of how these variations relate to social differentiation the descriptions of excavated units features and buildings incorporates results from the analyses of animal bone chipped stone groundstone shell ceramics phytoliths micromorphology the integration of different types of data and of different voices within the excavation team mimics the process of collaborative interpretation that took place during the excavation and post excavation process this volume in the Çatalhöyük series reports on the results of excavations from 2000 to 2008 that have provided a wealth of new data on the ways in which the Çatalhöyük settlement and environment were occupied the first section explores how houses open areas and middens in the settlement were central to the daily lives of the inhabitants integrating a wide range of different types of data at different scales a second section examines subsistence practices of the site s inhabitants and builds up a picture of how the overall landscape was exploited and lived within a third section studies the evidence from the skeletons of those buried inside the houses at Çatalhöyük in order to understand the health diet lifestyle and activity of the inhabitants this final section also reports on the burial practices and associations in order to build hypotheses about the social organization of those inhabiting the settlement a complex picture emerges of a relatively decentralized society large in size but small scale in terms of organization dwelling within a mosaic patchwork of environments this book is primarily for researchers and students in the archaeology of the ancient near east the volume results from intense interaction between archaeologists at these sites and a group of theorists studying the scholarship of rené girard this volume presents material artifacts recovered from the site in these seasons including a range of clay based objects ceramics clay balls tokens figurines as well as those made of stone shell and textile the book begins with a puzzle leopards are a central part of c atalho yu k s art but virtually none of their remains have been found in solving this mystery the reader is led into the elaborate social and symbolic world of c atalho yu k a world where people were buried beneath the floors of houses later to be exhumed and decapitated and the head handed down from generation to generation this lively firsthand account of a major archaeological site is full of insights into past lives and momentous events and is richly illustrated with images of the art the artifacts and the excavations themselves this book tackles the topic of religion a broad subject exciting renewed interest across the social and historical sciences the volume is tightly focused on the early farming village of Çatalhöyük which has generated much interest both within and outside of archaeology especially

for its contributions to the understanding of early religion the volume discusses contemporary themes such as materiality animism object vitality and material dimensions of spirituality while at the same time exploring broad evolutionary changes in the ways in which religion has influenced society the volume results from a unique collaboration between an archaeological team and a range of specialists in ritual and religion documents the discovery and historical findings of the ancient city in central turkey tracing the collaborative efforts of archaeologists scientists and specialists to examine how neolithic people moved into villages adopted farming lifestyles and began to accept social group domination cd rom contains supplementary material by members of the Çatalhöyük teams edited by ian hodder cd rom disc label the neolithic site of Çatalhöyük in turkey has been world famous since the 1960s when excavations revealed the large size and dense occupation of the settlement as well as the spectacular wall paintings and reliefs uncovered inside the houses since 1993 an international team of archaeologists led by ian hodder has been carrying out new excavations and research in order to shed more light on the people who inhabited the site the present volume reports on the results of excavations in 2000 2008 that have provided a wealth of new data on the ways in which humans became increasingly engaged in their material environment such that things came to play an active force in their lives a substantial and heavy involvement was with alluvial clays that surrounded the site in the absence of large local stone humans became increasingly involved in the extraction and manipulation of clay for a wide range of purposes from bricks to ovens pots and figurines this heavy use of clays led to changes in the local environment that interacted with human activity as indicated in the first section of the volume in the second section other examples of material technologies are considered all of which in various ways engage humans in specific dependencies and relationships for example large scale studies of obsidian trade have drawn a complex picture of changing interactions between humans over time the volume concludes with an integrated account of the uses of materials at Çatalhöyük based on the analysis of heavy residue samples from all contexts at the site the neolithic site of catalhoyuk in turkey has been world famous since the 1960s when excavations revealed the large size and dense occupation of the settlement as well as the spectacular wall paintings and reliefs uncovered inside the houses since 1993 an international team of archaeologists led by ian hodder has been carrying out new excavations and research in order to shed more light on the people who inhabited the site this collection includes volumes 7 10 catalhoyuk excavations the 2000 2008 seasons catal research project vol 7 biao monograph 46300p 350 illus 9781898249290 catalhoyuk excavations humans and landscapes of catalhoyuk excavations catal research project vol 8 biao monograph 47320p 300 illus 9781898249306 substantive technologies at catalhoyuk reports from the 2000 2008 seasons catal research project vol 9 biao monograph 48300p 300 illus 9781898249313 integrating catalhoyuk themes from the 2000 2008 seasons catal research project vol 10 biao monograph 49180p 70 illus 9781898249320 this book presents an interdisciplinary study of the role of spirituality and religious ritual in the emergence of complex societies involving an eminent group of natural scientists archaeologists

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enmeshed in this volume 23 archaeologists each tell an intimate story of their experience and entanglement with an evocative artifact artifacts range from a new britain obsidian tool to an abandoned viking toy boat the marble finger of a classical greek statue and ordinary pottery fragments from roman england and polynesia other tales cover contemporary objects including a toothpick bell door and the blueprint for a 1970s motorcar these creative stories are self consciously personal they derive from real world encounter viewed through the peculiarities and material intimacy of archaeological practice this text can be used in undergraduate and graduate courses focused on archaeological interpretation and theory as well as on material culture and story telling the handbook of archaeological methods comprises 37 articles by leading archaeologists on the key methods used by archaeologists in the field in analysis in theory building and in managing cultural resources the book is destined to become the key reference work for archaeologists and their advanced students on contemporary archaeological methods archaeology in the making is a collection of bold statements about archaeology its history how it works and why it is more important than ever this book comprises conversations about archaeology among some of its notable contemporary figures they delve deeply into the questions that have come to fascinate archaeologists over the last forty years or so those that concern major events in human history such as the origins of agriculture and the state and questions about the way archaeologists go about their work many of the conversations highlight quite intensely held personal insight into what motivates us to pursue archaeology some may even be termed outrageous in the light they shed on the way archaeological institutions operate excavation teams professional associations university departments archaeology in the making is a unique document detailing the history of archaeology in second half of the 20th century to the present day through the words of some of its key proponents it will be invaluable for anybody who wants to understand the theory and practice of this ever developing discipline in this latest collection of his articles of which seven are written especially for this volume ian hodder captures and continues the lively controversy of the 1980s over symbolic and structural approaches to archaeology the book acts as an overview of the developments in the discipline over the last decade yet hodder s brief is far wider his aim is to break down the division between the intellectual and the dirt archaeologist to demonstrate that in this discipline more than any other theory must be related to practice to save effectively our rapidly diminishing heritage demonstrates the importance of archaeology today in the beginning an introduction to archaeology presents the history and methods of archaeology and explores its significance today the text introduces archeology s basic principles along with numerous examples from all over the world authors brian fagan and nadia durrani provide a comprehensive summary of the field for people who have little or no experience features provides a comprehensive overview readers gain a broad understanding of archaeology including its interdisciplinary nature major scientific contributions international research and methods and theories a special chapter covers career opportunities in archaeology a new organization moves archaeological theory to the beginning so readers can develop a deeper

understanding of this field offers an engaging introduction the jargon free narrative provides an accessible introduction to the study of archaeology in the beginning is now four color for a livelier and enriching experience explores significant historical events seven photo essays titled people of the past appear throughout the book covering such luminaries as pharaoh ramses ii and societies like the cromagnons of late ice age europe spectacular findings featured in discovery boxes reflect new developments in archaeology incorporates fresh ideas from a new co author esteemed colleague nadia durrani has been brought on board as a co author she brings a wealth of field experience in arabia britain and elsewhere as well as extensive editorial experience as the former editor of current world archaeology to the team

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Assembling Çatalhöyük RPD 2017-10-12 this volume reports on the ways in which humans engaged in their material and biotic environments at Çatalhöyük using a wide range of archaeological evidence this volume also summarizes work on the skeletal remains recovered from the site as well as analytical research on isotopes and adna

Peopling the Landscape of Çatalhöyük 2020-11-01 since 1993 the world famous site of catalhoyuk in turkey has been the subject of major new excavations and research by an international team of archaeologists led by ian hodder the present volume the sixth in the catalhoyuk monograph series draws on material from volumes 3 4 and 5 to deal with broad themes and provide a synthesis of the results of the recent fieldwork evidence from architecture and excavation contexts is linked into a broader discussion of key topics of life at catalhoyuk such as seasonality art and social memory the volume goes beyond the basic excavation and laboratory results that have been presented in volumes 3 to 5 to present more synthetic accounts that arise from the high degree of integration and collaboration between specialists for which the project has striven at all stages it is in this current volume the catalhoyuk team most clearly describe the stories they have been telling ourselves during the process of recovering and interpreting the evidence this volume thus contextualizes the

work described in volumes 3 to 5 recording the framework of thought within which the data were collected and studies and the interpretation that emerged directly from the interaction between team members and the diverse categories of evidence book jacket *Çatalhöyük Perspectives* 2005 recipient of the jo anne stolaroff cotsen prize occupied from around 7500 bc to 5700 bc the large neolithic and chalcolithic settlement of catalhoyuk in anatolia is composed entirely of domestic buildings no public buildings have been identified first excavated in the early 1960s the site was left untouched until 1993 during the summers of 1997 2003 a team from the university of california at berkeley the bach team excavated an area at the northern end of the east mound of catalhoyuk the houses there date predominantly to the late aceramic and early ceramic neolithic around 7000 bc last house on the hill is the final report of the bach excavations this volume comprises both interpretive chapters and empirical data from the excavations and their materials the research of the bach team focuses on the lives and life histories of houses and people the use of digital technologies in documenting and sharing the archaeological process the senses of place and the nature of cultural heritage and our public responsibilities

Last House on the Hill 2012 after the excitement of its discovery and excavations in the early 1960s the world important site of Çatalhöyük has remained dormant for 30 years this is volume 1 of the Çatalhöyük research project series it describes the first phase of renewed archaeological research at the site it reports on the work that has taken place on the surfaces of the east and west mounds and in the surrounding regions it also discusses the material from the 1960s excavation in museums which has been re examined the result is that new perspectives can be offered on the internal organization and symbolism of a site which is central to our understanding of the earliest development of complex societies

On the Surface 2017-10-01 the neolithic site of Çatalhöyük in turkey has been world famous since the 1960s when excavations revealed the large size and dense occupation of the settlement as well as the spectacular wall paintings and reliefs uncovered inside the houses since 1993 an international team of archaeologists led by ian hodder has been carrying out new excavations and research in order to shed more light on the people who inhabited the site the present volume discusses general themes that have emerged in the analysis and interpretation of the results of excavations in 2000 2008 it synthesizes the results of research described in other volumes in the same series the volume commences with accounts of the recent work on community collaboration at the site and with discussions of the methods used at the site it then synthesizes the work on landscape use and mobility integrating the work of subsistence analysis and the analysis of human remains the storage and sharing of food is a related topic the ways in which houses were constructed lived in and abandoned leads to a broad discussion of settlement and social organization at Çatalhöyük and of their change through time for example shifts in the themes that occur in paintings in houses change through time as part of a wider set of social economic and ritual changes in the upper levels the social uses of materials and technologies are explored and the roles of materials in personal adornment finally the

discussion of variation through place and time is recognized as dependent on scales of analysis and social process

Integrating Çatalhöyük 2014 this volume discusses the main excavations at neolithic Çatalhöyük east undertaken from 2009 to 2017 the site is well known because of its large size elaborate symbolism and wall paintings and long history of excavation this volume covers the last period of excavation directed by ian hodder in the north and south areas of the site it also describes the work conducted in the gdn area on the later phases of occupation the main aim of these excavations was to understand the layout and social geography of the settlement both houses and open areas and to situate the elaborate art and symbolism within a secure architectural and depositional context excavation and conservation methods are described and the campaign of geophysical prospection is described considerable focus is placed on detailed dating using bayesian modeling that alters significantly our understanding of the organization of the settlement new light is thrown on the degree of contemporaneity of buildings and on the continuities and breaks in house occupation and in the site as a whole a fuller understanding has also been reached of the variability of houses and burials and of how these variations relate to social differentiation the descriptions of excavated units features and buildings incorporates results from the analyses of animal bone chipped stone groundstone shell ceramics phytoliths micromorphology the integration of different types of data and of different voices within the excavation team mimics the process of collaborative interpretation that took place during the excavation and post excavation process

Çatalhöyük Excavations 2023-02-22 this volume in the Çatalhöyük series reports on the results of excavations from 2000 to 2008 that have provided a wealth of new data on the ways in which the Çatalhöyük settlement and environment were occupied the first section explores how houses open areas and middens in the settlement were central to the daily lives of the inhabitants integrating a wide range of different types of data at different scales a second section examines subsistence practices of the site s inhabitants and builds up a picture of how the overall landscape was exploited and lived within a third section studies the evidence from the skeletons of those buried inside the houses at Çatalhöyük in order to understand the health diet lifestyle and activity of the inhabitants this final section also reports on the burial practices and associations in order to build hypotheses about the social organization of those inhabiting the settlement a complex picture emerges of a relatively decentralized society large in size but small scale in terms of organization dwelling within a mosaic patchwork of environments

Humans and Landscapes of Çatalhöyük 2013 this book is primarily for researchers and students in the archaeology of the ancient near east the volume results from intense interaction between archaeologists at these sites and a group of theorists studying the scholarship of rené girard

Violence and the Sacred in the Ancient Near East 2019-03-14 this volume presents material artifacts recovered from the site in these seasons including a range of clay based objects ceramics clay balls tokens figurines as well as those made of stone shell and textile

The Matter of Çatalhöyük 2021-04-01 the book begins with a puzzle leopards are a central part of Çatalhöyük's art but virtually none of their remains have been found in solving this mystery the reader is led into the elaborate social and symbolic world of Çatalhöyük a world where people were buried beneath the floors of houses later to be exhumed and decapitated and the head handed down from generation to generation this lively firsthand account of a major archaeological site is full of insights into past lives and momentous events and is richly illustrated with images of the art the artifacts and the excavations themselves

The Leopard's Tale 2011 this book tackles the topic of religion a broad subject exciting renewed interest across the social and historical sciences the volume is tightly focused on the early farming village of Çatalhöyük which has generated much interest both within and outside of archaeology especially for its contributions to the understanding of early religion the volume discusses contemporary themes such as materiality animism object vitality and material dimensions of spirituality while at the same time exploring broad evolutionary changes in the ways in which religion has influenced society the volume results from a unique collaboration between an archaeological team and a range of specialists in ritual and religion

Religion at Work in a Neolithic Society 2014-02-10 documents the discovery and historical findings of the ancient city in central turkey tracing the collaborative efforts of archaeologists scientists and specialists to examine how neolithic people moved into villages adopted farming lifestyles and began to accept social group domination

The Leopard's Tale 2006 cd rom contains supplementary material by members of the Çatalhöyük teams edited by ian hodder cd rom disc label

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integrated account of the uses of materials at Çatalhöyük based on the analysis of heavy residue samples from all contexts at the site

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Substantive Technologies at Çatalhöyük 2013 this book presents an interdisciplinary study of the role of spirituality and religious ritual in the emergence of complex societies involving an eminent group of natural scientists archaeologists anthropologists philosophers and theologians this volume examines Çatalhöyük as a case study a nine thousand year old town in central turkey Çatalhöyük was first excavated in the 1960s and has since become integral to understanding the symbolic and ritual worlds of the early farmers and village dwellers in the middle east it is thus an ideal location for exploring theories about the role of religion in early settled life this book provides a unique overview of current debates concerning religion and its historical variations through exploration of themes including the integration of the spiritual and the material the role of belief in religion the cognitive bases for religion and religion's social roles this book situates the results from Çatalhöyük within a broader understanding of the neolithic in the middle east

Çatal Hüyük 1967 this volume explores the role of religion and ritual in the origin of settled life in the middle east focusing on the repetitive construction of houses or cult buildings in the same place prominent archaeologists anthropologists and scholars of religion working at several of the region's most important sites such as Çatalhöyük göbekli tepe körtik tepe and aşıklı höyük contend that religious factors significantly affected the timing and stability of settled economic structures contributors argue that the long term social relationships characteristic of delayed return agricultural systems must be based on historical ties to place and to ancestors they define different forms of history making including nondiscursive routinized practices as well as commemorative memorialization they consider the timing in the neolithic of an emerging concern with history making in place in relation to the adoption of farming and settled life in regional sequences they explore whether such correlations indicate the causal processes in which history making ritual practices agricultural intensification population increase and social competition all played a role religion history and place in the origin of settled life takes a major step forward in understanding the adoption of farming and a settled way of life in the middle east by foregrounding

the roles of history making and religious ritual this work is relevant to students and scholars of near eastern archaeology as well as those interested in the origins of agriculture and social complexity or the social role of religion in the past contributors kurt w alt mark r anspach marion benz lee clare anna belfer cohen morris cohen oliver dietrich güneş duru yilmaz s erdal nigel goring morris ian hodder rosemary a joyce nicola leccari wendy matthews jens notroff vecihi Özkaya feridun s Şahin f leron shults devrim sönmez christina tsoraki wesley wildman

Catalhoyuk Research Project: Collected 2014-02-28 the clay world of Çatalhöyük explores the dual function of clay as raw material and landscape factor it presents a new interpretation of major clay related material culture transitions by offering a revised landscape setting for this important early neolithic site

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Religion, History, and Place in the Origin of Settled Life 2018-07-02 this is a substantial revision of the first edition perhaps most importantly i have now included a chapter on human to human entanglements and have pulled human relations more into the center of entanglements this results from my critique of the notion of symmetry between humans and things that has widely been touted in recent years in archaeology and related disciplines but has raised ethical issues with which i concur and discuss in this volume another important change is that i have after further thought retreated from the notion of things in themselves and from the object nature of things i was wrong in the first edition to argue that things can exist outside their relations the result is a more fully relational stance i have also paid greater attention to flows and temporality the greater focus on relationality is underpinned by a recognition that all things and humans are in flux change through time undermines notions of the fixed spatial extension of things there is thus greater attention paid to the forces that generate flows and an overall shift from being to becoming

The Clay World of Çatalhöyük 2020-04-30 an analytical study of the knapped obsidian and flint objects from the catalhöyuek the largest known neolithic site in turkey james conolly incorporates an analytical study with a wider social framework exploring technology and

typological spatial and contextual patterning over time in studying this alongside the social context of production conolly detects significant technological changes throughout the duration of the site specialised production and makes an interpretation of the social and symbolic role of objects

Catal Huyuk 1965 archaeology and folklore explores the complex relationship between the two disciplines to demonstrate what they might learn from each other this collection includes theoretical discussions and case studies drawn from western europe the mediterranean and north they explore the differences between popular traditions relating to historic sites and archaeological interpretations of their history and meaning

Religion in the Emergence of Civilization 2010-08-30 this book presents a comprehensive review of archaeological and environmental data between syria and the balkans around 6000 bc

Entangled 2023-06 archaeology and women draws together from a variety of angles work currently being done within a contemporary framework on women in archaeology one section of this collection of original articles addresses the historical and contemporary roles of women in the discipline another attempts to link contemporary archaeological theory and practice to work on women and gender in other fields finally this volume presents a wide diversity of theoretical approaches and methods of study of women in the ancient world representing a cross section of work being carried out today under the broad banner of gender archaeology the geographical and chronological range of the contributions is also wide from southeast asia and south america to western asia egypt and europe from great britain to greece and from 10 000 years ago to the recent past an ideal sampler for courses dealing with women and archaeology

The Çatalhöyük Flint and Obsidian Industry 1999 archaeologists are synonymous with artifacts with artifacts we construct stories concerning past lives and livelihoods yet we rarely write of deeply personal encounters or of the way the lives of objects and our lives become enmeshed in this volume 23 archaeologists each tell an intimate story of their experience and entanglement with an evocative artifact artifacts range from a new britain obsidian tool to an abandoned viking toy boat the marble finger of a classical greek statue and ordinary pottery fragments from roman england and polynesia other tales cover contemporary objects including a toothpick bell door and the blueprint for a 1970s motorcar these creative stories are self consciously personal they derive from real world encounter viewed through the peculiarities and material intimacy of archaeological practice this text can be used in undergraduate and graduate courses focused on archaeological interpretation and theory as well as on material culture and story telling

Archaeology and Folklore 2005-06-23 the handbook of archaeological methods comprises 37 articles by leading archaeologists on the key methods used by archaeologists in the field in analysis in theory building and in managing cultural resources the book is destined to become the key reference work for archaeologists and their advanced students on contemporary archaeological methods

6000 BC 2022-05-05 archaeology in the making is a collection of bold statements about archaeology its history how it works and why it is more important than ever this book comprises conversations about archaeology among some of its notable contemporary figures they delve deeply into the questions that have come to fascinate archaeologists over the last forty years or so those that concern major events in human history such as the origins of agriculture and the state and questions about the way archaeologists go about their work many of the conversations highlight quite intensely held personal insight into what motivates us to pursue archaeology some may even be termed outrageous in the light they shed on the way archaeological institutions operate excavation teams professional associations university departments archaeology in the making is a unique document detailing the history of archaeology in second half of the 20th century to the present day through the words of some of its key proponents it will be invaluable for anybody who wants to understand the theory and practice of this ever developing discipline

Archaeology and Women 2016-09-16 in this latest collection of his articles of which seven are written especially for this volume ian hodder captures and continues the lively controversy of the 1980s over symbolic and structural approaches to archaeology the book acts as an overview of the developments in the discipline over the last decade yet hodder s brief is far wider his aim is to break down the division between the intellectual and the dirt archaeologist to demonstrate that in this discipline more than any other theory must be related to practice to save effectively our rapidly diminishing heritage

Object Stories 2016-06-16 demonstrates the importance of archaeology today in the beginning an introduction to archaeology presents the history and methods of archaeology and explores its significance today the text introduces archeology s basic principles along with numerous examples from all over the world authors brian fagan and nadia durrani provide a comprehensive summary of the field for people who have little or no experience features provides a comprehensive overview readers gain a broad understanding of archaeology including its interdisciplinary nature major scientific contributions international research and methods and theories a special chapter covers career opportunities in archaeology a new organization moves archaeological theory to the beginning so readers can develop a deeper understanding of this field offers an engaging introduction the jargon free narrative provides an accessible introduction to the study of archaeology in the beginning is now four color for a livelier and enriching experience explores significant historical events seven photo essays titled people of the past appear throughout the book covering such luminaries as pharaoh ramses ii and societies like the cro magnons of late ice age europe spectacular findings featured in discovery boxes reflect new developments in archaeology incorporates fresh ideas from a new co author esteemed colleague nadia durrani has been brought on board as a co author she brings a wealth of field experience in arabia britain and elsewhere as well as extensive editorial experience as the former editor of current world archaeology to the team

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