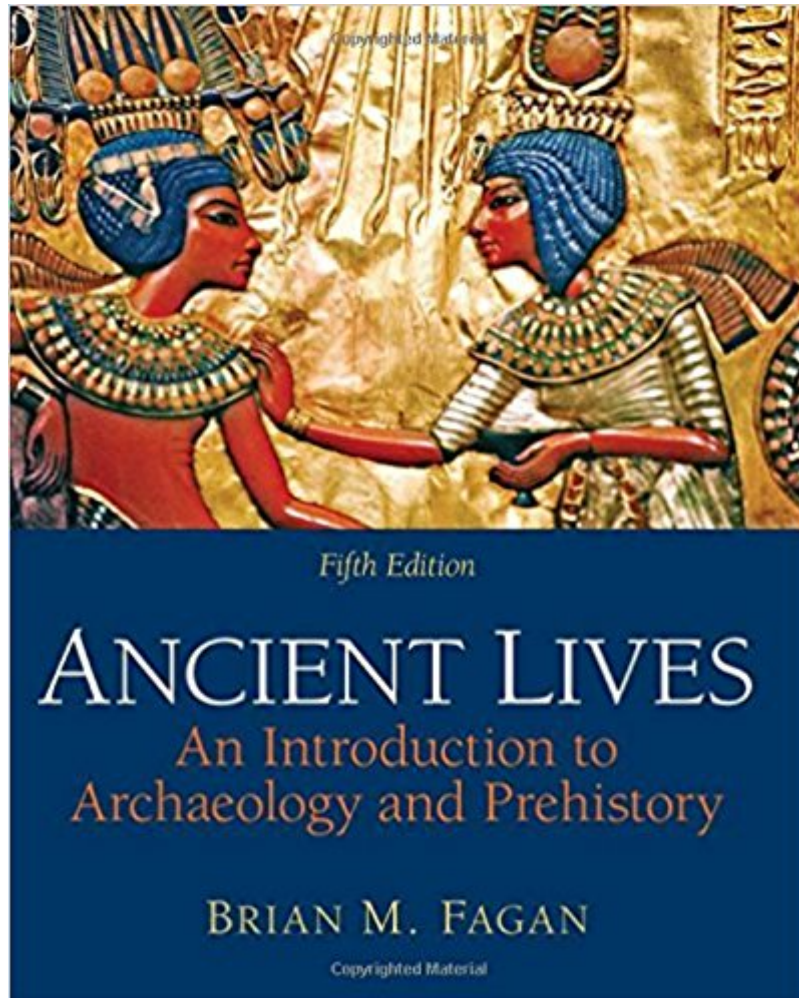




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Synopsis

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Learning Goals Upon completing this book, readers should be able to:

- Understand the basic principles of archaeology
- Summarize the major developments of human prehistory

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Brian Fagan is a leading archaeological writer and internationally recognized authority on world prehistory. He studied archaeology and anthropology at Pembroke College and Cambridge University. He then spent seven years in sub-Saharan Africa working in museums, monument conservation, and excavating early farming sites in Zambia and East Africa. He was a pioneer of multidisciplinary African history in the 1960s. From 1967 to 2003, he was professor of anthropology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he specialized in lecturing and writing about archaeology to wide audiences. He is now Emeritus Professor of Anthropology.

Brian Fagan has written six best-selling textbooks (all published by Prentice Hall): *Ancient Lives: An Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory*; *In the Beginning, Archaeology: A Brief Introduction*; *World*

Prehistory; Ancient Civilizations (with Chris Scarre); and this volume – which are used around the world. His general books include *The Rape of the Nile*, a classic history of Egyptology; *The Adventure of Archaeology*; *Time Detectives*; *Ancient North America*; *The Little Ice Age*; *Before California: An Archaeologist Looks at Our Earliest Inhabitants*; and *The Long Summer*. He was also General Editor of the *Oxford Companion to Archaeology*. In addition, he has published several scholarly monographs on African archaeology and numerous specialized articles in national and international journals. An expert on multimedia teaching, he has received the Society for American Archaeology's first Public Education Award for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of archaeology and education. Brian Fagan's other interests include bicycling, sailing, kayaking, and good food. He is married and lives in Santa Barbara with his wife and daughter, four cats (who supervise his writing), and last but not least, a minimum of four rabbits.

This text is an excellent resource for the diverse and vast amount of information uncovered through archaeology, and a good introduction to the sites and study of archaeology. My biggest issue is the extent to which this introductory text goes into detail, but more importantly the organization. At times, the section titles seem to be placed haphazardly, and the text goes into detail where such is not required, like a professor who begins a topic and spends a half-hour in a tangent only marginally related. While I appreciate the information, the organization of the text, specifically within the chapters, makes it a challenge at times to remain on task to seeing the "big picture" or overall point.

thank you

I love this book. It has really sparked my interest in archeology. The writer is a great storyteller, and I think that cinched it for me. Yes it is a textbook and has factual stuff...but being interlaced with storytelling of both the authors experiences and past scenarios kept me from being bogged down with academic details. As with most of my textbooks, I underline and write in the margins, and basically make it impossible to resell them. This one I am more than happy to keep around after the class is over.

Tends to be redundant throughout the same chapter. Its 'vocabulary' words it bolds in each chapter can sometimes be brief mentions of an archaeological site rather than further context. There are some interesting boxes with more in-depth information on some sites. Pretty easy read, but could have more in-depth accounts on methods.

Very fast delivery. Good book for a good price. Thanks!

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