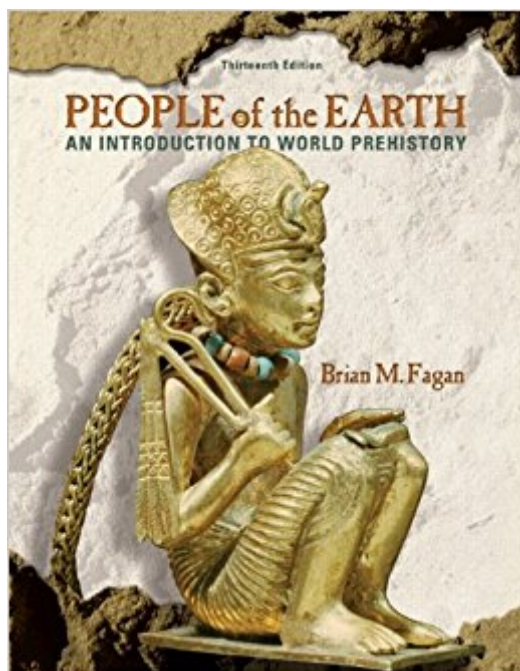


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Brian Fagan is one of the leading archaeological writers in the world and an internationally recognized authority on world prehistory. He studied archaeology and anthropology at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, and then spent seven years in sub-Saharan Africa working in museums and in monument conservation and excavating early farming sites in Zambia and East Africa. He was one of the pioneers 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 professor emeritus. Professor Fagan has written six best-selling textbooks: *Ancient Lives: An Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory*; *In the Beginning*; *Archaeology: A Brief Introduction*; *People of the Earth*; *World Prehistory*; and *A Brief History of Archaeology*—all published by Prentice Hall—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*; and *The Great Warming*. He is 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. He is also an expert on multimedia teaching and received the Society for American Archaeology's first Public Education Award for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of archaeology and education.

People of the Earth is a likely a textbook for an introductory anthropology course (just a shot in the dark). So, it's updated every few years, and from what I can tell about the newest version that came out this year, this is still the newest edition that is actually in a binded format. The newest version is apparently loose-leaf paper (and over 100\$)! Basically PE is your standard textbook. It consists of five parts, moving from pre-human evolution, the spread of anatomically modern humans, farming and domestication, Old World civilizations and Native American civilizations. It is (as some low-rating reviewers have commented) dry, but this isn't a big shock. It's a textbook after all. It's extremely comprehensive, covering archaeological sites of the location and peoples in question, their respective ages and chronologies, discussion of their cultures, religions, worldviews, artifacts, etc. - the whole gamut. PE also has a plethora of charts, graphs and very nice pictures that appear on almost every other page. So, if this subject is something you'd be interested in researching, this book wouldn't be a bad place to start.

The text is the best one can expect from Brian Fagan. The color illustrations and the pages are excellent. The only problem I have is that the binding is three-hole punched. The worst publishing decision I have seen in my years of reading.

I bought this textbook to use in my world archaeology class and really liked it. I thought it was easy enough to read (for a textbook), meaning it didn't use over embellished language and had helpful photographs throughout the text to help the reader connect the text to real life. It is also a very interesting read, especially if you are into really old civilizations and empires. I would recommend the textbook to any anthropology or archaeology student.

A good introduction to early civilization. If I were still teaching I would use it as one my supplementary texts.

Received the book fast, and book is as described.

Great service and product!

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I bought this for my anthropology class and i didn't even read it much. what i did read was very conflicted and it doesn't even use consistent units for age. Sometimes BP sometimes BC...makes it really difficult to keep track of

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