

ANCIENT BRITAIN—RECOMMENDED READINGS

Spring 2022 * = especially recommended.

REFERENCE WORKS / GUIDEBOOKS:

*Ordnance Survey Map, **Ancient Britain** (Edition D, 2011).

*English Heritage Map, **Stonehenge and Avebury: Exploring the World Heritage Site** (2013)

Barry Cunliffe et al., eds., **The Penguin Atlas of British and Irish History** (2001)

Timothy Darvill, Paul Stamper and Jane Timby, **England: an Oxford archaeological guide to sites from earliest times to AD 1600** (2002).

James Dyer, **Discovering Prehistoric England: A gazetteer of prehistoric sites** (Shire Books, 2nd ed., 2001).

*Jacquetta Hawkes, **A Guide to the Prehistoric and Roman Monuments in England and Wales** (1951, new edition, 1976)...*very readable tour of the countryside, describing the visible sites.*

Jacquetta Hawkes, **The Shell Guide to British Archaeology** (1986)

Anna and Graham Ritchie, **Scotland: an Oxford archaeological guide** (1998)

Christopher Snyder, ed., **Early Peoples of Britain and Ireland: An Encyclopedia** (2 vols., 2008)

BOOKS / EUROPEAN PREHISTORY:

*Barry Cunliffe, **Europe Between the Oceans, 9000 BC—AD 1000** (2008)

Barry Cunliffe, ed., **The Oxford Illustrated Prehistory of Europe** (1994)
...*softcover edition as Prehistoric Europe: An Illustrated History.*

Brian Fagan, ed., **The Complete Ice Age: How Climate Change Shaped the World** (2009)

*Johannes Krause and Thomas Trappe, **A Short History of Humanity: A New History of Old Europe** (2021)...*discusses the newest findings of archaeogenetics.*

BOOKS / BRITISH PREHISTORY:

*Barry Cunliffe, **Britain Begins** (2013)...*covers the period after the Ice Age.*

*Rob Dinnis and Chris Stringer, **Britain: One Million Years of the Human Story** (2013)...*covers the period from the earliest humans through the Ice Age.*

*Ronald Hutton, **Pagan Britain** (2014)...*good account of British archaeology, emphasizing what can be known about beliefs and rituals.*

Nicky Milner, Barry Taylor, Chantal Conneller, and Tim Schadla-Hall, **Star Carr: Life in Britain after the Ice Age** (2013)...*describes Britain's most famous Mesolithic site.*

*Mike Parker Pearson, **Stonehenge: A New Understanding of the Greatest Stone Age Mystery** (2012)...*best account of Britain's most spectacular site.*

*Francis Pryor, **Britain B.C.: Life in Britain and Ireland Before the Romans** (2003)...*perhaps the best one-volume introduction. For findings since '03, read the next two books listed.*

Francis Pryor, **Scenes from Prehistoric Life: From the Ice Age to the Coming of the Romans** (2021)...*good short summaries of the latest findings of the most famous sites.*

*Alice Roberts, **Ancestors: A Prehistory of Britain in Seven Burials** (2021)...*includes the latest findings of genetic research and other sciences.*

Chris Stringer, **Homo Britannicus: the Incredible Story of Human Life in Britain** (2006)...*discusses the earliest humans in Britain, before the coming of agriculture.*

"English Heritage" series:

*Nick Barton, **Ice Age Britain** (2nd ed., 2005).

*Michael Parker Pearson, **Bronze Age Britain** (2nd ed., 2005).

*Barry Cunliffe, **Iron Age Britain** (2nd ed., 2004).

SMALL BOOKS / BOOKLETS:

Aubrey Burl, **Prehistoric Astronomy and Ritual** (Shire Archaeology, 2nd ed., 2005)

Aubrey Burl, **Prehistoric Stone Circles** (Shire Archaeology, 4th ed., 2005).

James Dyer, **Hillforts of England and Wales** (Shire Archaeology, 2nd ed., 1992).

Frances Lynch, **Megalithic Tombs and Long Barrows in Britain** (Shire Archaeology, 1997).

Caroline Malone, **The Prehistoric Monuments of Avebury** (National Trust, 2nd ed., 1994).

Nick Merriman, **Prehistoric London** (Museum of London, 1990).

Joshua Pollard, **Neolithic Britain** (Shire Archaeology, 1997)

W.F. and J.N.G. Ritchie, **Celtic Warriors** (Shire Archaeology, 1985)

John Wymer, **Mesolithic Britain** (Shire Archaeology, 1991)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS (available in the UI Library):

Richard Bradley, **The Good Stones: a new investigation of the Clava Cairns** (2000)

Susan Hirst and Philip Rahtz, "Liddington Castle and the Battle of Badon: Excavations and Research 1976," **Archaeological Journal** (153), 1996.

George Lambrick, **The Rollright Stones**. The archaeology and folklore of the Stones and their surroundings: a survey and review (1983).

Mike Parker Pearson and colleagues, **Stonehenge for the Ancestors, Part 1: Landscape and Monuments** (2020)...*first of four volumes presenting the findings of the Stonehenge Riverside Project, 2003-2009.*

Marianne Sommer, **Bones and Ochre: The Curious Afterlife of the Red Lady of Paviland** (2007)

Alasdair Whittle, Joshua Pollard and Caroline Grigson, **The Harmony of Symbols: The Windmill Hill causewayed enclosure** (2006).

MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS

Antiquity: a quarterly review of world archaeology

.... contents available online at the UI Library website with your I-Card netid and password.

British Archaeology: the voice of archaeology in Britain and beyond

....published by the Council for British Archaeology; see their website,

<https://www.archaeologyuk.org/new-in-archaeology/british-archaeology-magazine.html>

Current Archaeology [<http://www.archaeology.co.uk/>]

...."aims to bridge the gap between the amateur and the professional" in British archaeology and does so extremely well. Current copies available at the Social Sciences, Health and Education Library in the main UI Library building.