

Archaeology Reading List

A Note about this list:

This list is a work in progress. If there are books which you have run across that I have not included here on either human evolution or archaeology which are written for children please pass them along to me (adie@scahome.org). The list is divided into two sections. The first is a random assortment of books which are about Human evolution or Archaeology and written for children. I have not read many of these books but they all looked interesting. In the second section are books that are specifically about the culture and archaeology of California Indian groups. For Scouts, Teachers and others looking for information about the Native Californians who lived in a particular area this is the best place to start. Because I have read all of the books in this section I provide a brief description of each book.

Books About Archaeology For Children (In no Particular Order):

1. *The Encyclopedia Of Preserved People : Pickled, Frozen, And Mummified Corpses From Around The World.* By Natalie Jane Prior.
2. *Archaeology For Kids : Uncovering The Mysteries Of Our Past : 25 Activities* By Richard Panchyk.
3. *Ancient Civilizations.* By Grolier Educational
4. *Mummies, Bones & Body Parts.* By Charlotte Wilcox
5. *Right Here On This Spot.* By Sharon Addy
6. *In Search Of Troy : One Man's Quest For Homer's Fabled City.* By Giovanni Caselli.
7. *Native American Monuments.* By Brian Innes
8. *Stones, Bones, And Petroglyphs : Digging Into Southwest Archaeology.* By Susan Goodman.
9. *The Young Oxford Book Of Archaeology.* By Norag Moloney
10. *Archaeologists Dig For Clues.* By Kate Duke
11. *Tombs Of The Ancient Americas.* By Jeanne Bendick
12. *Digging Up The Past : The Story Of An Archaeological Adventure* By Carollyn James

13. *The Archaeology Of North America*. By Dean Snow *Skara Brae : The Story Of A Prehistoric Village*. By Olivier Dunrea.
14. *The Mystery Of The Ancient Maya*. By Carolyn Meyer
15. *The Illustrated Atlas Of Archaeology*. By Sue Rollin
16. *Lost Civilizations*. By Leonard Cottrell
17. *Hunters Of The Whale; An Adventure Of Northwest Coast Archaeology*.
By Ruth Kirk
18. *Finding Out About The Past*. By Mae Blacker Freeman.
19. *The Usborne Young Scientist Archaeology (Young Scientist)*.
By Barbara Cork, Struan Reid
20. *Eyewitness: Archeology*. by Jane McIntosh
21. *Eyewitness: Early Humans*. by Nick Merriman, Dave King (Photographer)
22. *The Magic School Bus Shows And Tells : A Book About Archaeology (Magic School Bus)*. By Joanna Cole, Bruce Degan (Illustrator)
23. *Stone Age People (Make it Work! History)*. By Keith Branigan, Andrew Haslam, N. Moloney
24. *Archaeology (Kingfisher Knowledge)*. By Tony Robinson (Foreword), Trevor Barnes
25. *The Earliest Americans*. By Helen Roney Sattler
26. *I Can be an Archaeologist*. By Robert B. Pickering
27. *Motel of the Mysteries*. By David Macauley: A funny tale about future archaeologists who discover a late-20th century motel. Follow along as they try to discover what the artifacts were used for.
28. *The First Dog*. By Jan Brett.
29. *Eyewitness to Discovery*. By Brian M. Fagan
30. Lots of Links to Archaeology for Kids At:
http://www.ctlibrarians.org/events/roundtables/childrens4/wdsr/manual_links.html

Information about Native Californians and California Archaeology

(for Adults and Kids Alike)

1. ***Life on the River.*** By William Hildebrandt and Michael Darcangelo
 - A great read. Written for the general public to describe the methods that archaeologists use to learn about the past. Tells the story of a village near Redding, right on the Sacramento River.
2. ***The Natural World of the California Indians.*** By R.F. Heizer and Albert Elsasser.
 - Written for the general public this is a nice looking book and a good read with good info in it.
3. ***California Indians and their Environment: An Introduction.*** By Kent Lightfoot and Otis Parrish.
 - *An update to the previous volume by Heizer and Elsasser. An excellent summary of Native American groups and how they interacted with the natural environment of California.*
4. ***Tending the Wild: Native American Knowledge and the Management of California's Natural Resources.*** By Kat Anderson
 - Reviews evidence that Native Californians practiced many forms of plant cultivation which, while not technically agriculture, were pretty darn close.
5. ***The Handbook of North American Indians Volume 8: California.*** Edited by Robert Heizer.
 - Best source for ethnography. Every native California group is covered in this volume.
6. ***Before California.*** By Brian Fagan.
 - Recent synthesis of California Archaeology written for the general public. Pretty good summary of California's past.
7. ***California Archaeology.*** By Michael Moratto.
 - Written for archaeologists in 1984. A great summary of the archaeological record but a bit out of date and a better reference than read.
8. ***The Tribes of California.*** By Stephen Powers.
 - One of the original ethnographic sources. Powers, a newspaper reporter, traveled around California and wrote about the Indian groups that he saw.
9. ***The California Indians: A Source Book.*** Compiled and Edited by R.F. Heizer and M.A. Whipple.
 - Again, not a compelling read but full of articles that contain good information
10. ***Ishi: Last of his Tribe.*** By Theodora Kroeber.
 - A must read for anyone from California. Ishi was the "last" Yahi Indian who was adopted by Alfred Kroeber at UC Berkeley. Ishi would give

demonstrations of native arts such as stone tool making and became a celebrity in the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 20th century.