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Archaeologies of "Us" and

"Them" Berghahn Books  
Based on ten years of  
surveys and excavations  
in Niyaparli country in  
the eastern Chichester  
Ranges, north-west

Australia, Crafting Country  
provides a unique  
synthesis of Holocene  
archaeology in the Pilbara  
region. The analysis of  
about 1000 sites,

including surface artefact scatters and 19 excavated rock shelters, as well as thousands of isolated artefacts, takes a broad view of the landscape, examining the distribution of archaeological remains in time and space. Heritage compliance archaeology commonly focuses on individual sites, but this study reconsiders the evidence at different scales – at the level of artefact, site, locality, and region – to show how Aboriginal people interacted with the land and made their mark

on it. *Crafting Country* shows that the Nyiyaparli ‘crafted’ their country, building structures and supplying key sites with grindstones, raw material and flaked stone cores. In so doing, they created a taskscape of interwoven activities linked by paths of movement.

**Archaeology of the Dreamtime** Left Coast Press

The collected essays in this volume address contemporary issues regarding the relationship between Indigenous groups and

archaeologists, including the challenges of dialogue, colonialism, the difficulties of working within legislative and institutional frameworks, and NAGPRA and similar legislation. The disciplines of archaeology and cultural heritage management are international in scope and many countries continue to experience the impact of colonialism. In response to these common experiences, both archaeology and indigenous political movements involve

international networks through which information quickly moves around the globe. This volume reflects these dynamic dialectics between the past and the present and between the international and the local, demonstrating that archaeology is a historical science always linked to contemporary cultural concerns.

*Visions from the Past*

Rowman Altamira

Collection of 15 papers on aspects of the archaeology of the region from Laura to Princess

Charlotte Bay, S.E. Cape York, Queensland; includes excavation report; environmental and palaeoecological studies; papers on local history, ethnography, rock art and technological change by Morwood; Ruig and Morwood; Cole; Morwood and LOste-Brown annotated separately.

**An Archaeology of Australia Since 1788**

Leicester University Press  
Includes contribution by W. Mumford, catalogued separately; for further annotation see earlier edition.

*Aboriginal Man and Environment in Australia*  
Syracuse University Press  
Western Arnhem Land, in the Top End of Australia's Northern Territory, has a rich archaeological landscape, ethnographic record and body of rock art that displays an astonishing array of imagery on shelter walls and ceilings. While the archaeology goes back to the earliest period of Aboriginal occupation of the continent, the rock art represents some of the richest, most diverse and visually most impressive

regional assemblages anywhere in the world. To better understand this multi-dimensional cultural record, *The Archaeology of Rock Art in Western Arnhem Land, Australia* focuses on the nature and antiquity of the region's rock art as revealed by archaeological surveys and excavations, and the application of novel analytical methods. This volume also presents new findings by which to rethink how Aboriginal peoples have socially engaged in and with places across western

Arnhem Land, from the north to the south, from the plains to the spectacular rocky landscapes of the plateau. The dynamic nature of Arnhem Land rock art is explored and articulated in innovative ways that shed new light on the region's deep time Aboriginal history. *Landscapes, Rock-Art and the Dreaming* Routledge This book challenges traditional perceptions of Australian Aboriginal prehistory: that environment is the major determinant of hunter-

gatherers; that Aborigines were egalitarian and culturally homogeneous; that they experienced few economic and demographic changes. Lourandos argues that their social and economic processes were complex and that the prehistory period was dynamic. Lourandos considers colonization, Tasmanian Aborigines, the role of fire, the intensification debate, plant exploitation and other prehistoric hunter-gatherer societies. Second Nature Australian Institute of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Island  
People would have known about Australia before they saw it. Smoke billowing above the sea spoke of a land that lay beyond the horizon. A dense cloud of migrating birds may have pointed the way. But the first Australians were voyaging into the unknown. Soon after Billy Griffiths joins his first archaeological dig as camp manager and cook, he is hooked. Equipped with a historian's inquiring mind, he embarks on a journey through time, seeking to

understand the extraordinary deep history of the Australian continent. Deep Time Dreaming is the passionate product of that journey. It investigates a twin revolution: the reassertion of Aboriginal identity in the second half of the twentieth century, and the uncovering of the traces of ancient Australia. It explores what it means to live in a place of great antiquity, with its complex questions of ownership and belonging. It is about a slow shift in national consciousness:

the deep time dreaming that has changed the way many of us relate to this continent and its enduring, dynamic human history. John Mulvaney  
Book Award: Winner  
Ernest Scott Prize: Winner  
NSW Premier's Literary Awards: Winner - Book of the Year  
NSW Premier's Literary Awards: Winner - Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-fiction  
Victorian Premier's Literary Awards: Highly Commended  
Queensland Literary Awards: Shortlisted  
Prime Minister's Literary Awards: Shortlisted  
Educational

Publishing Awards:  
Shortlisted Australian  
Book Industry Awards:  
Longlisted CHASS Book  
Prize: Longlisted 'What a  
revelatory work! If you  
wish to hear the voice of  
our continent's history  
before the written word,  
Deep Time Dreaming is a  
must read. The freshest,  
most important book  
about our past in years.'  
—Tim Flannery 'Once  
every generation a book  
comes along that marks  
the emergence of a  
powerful new literary  
voice and shifts our  
understanding of the

nation's past. Billy  
Griffiths' Deep Time  
Dreaming is one such  
book. Deeply researched,  
creatively conceived and  
beautifully written, it  
charts the expansion of  
archaeological knowledge  
in Australia for the first  
time. No other book has  
managed to convey the  
mystery and intricacy of  
Indigenous antiquity in  
quite the same way. Read  
it: it will change the way  
you see Australian  
history.' —Mark McKenna,  
historian 'Billy Griffiths'  
Deep Time Dreaming:  
Uncovering Ancient

Australia is a remarkable  
book, and one destined, I  
believe, to become a  
modern classic of  
Australian history writing.  
Written in vivid, evocative  
prose, this book will grip  
both the expert and the  
general reader alike.'  
—Iain McCalman, author  
of The Reef: A Passionate  
History: The Great Barrier  
Reef from Captain Cook to  
Climate Change  
**VISIONS FROM THE  
PAST** Allen & Unwin  
Academic  
The original papers  
collected in this  
pioneering volume

address the historical archaeology of Aboriginal Australia and its application in researching the shared history of Aboriginal and settler Australians. The authors draw on case studies from across the continent to show how archaeology can illuminate the continuum of responses by indigenous Australians to European settlement and colonization.

### **Deep Time Dreaming**

Routledge

Popular culture has often presented a mythologised version of archaeology

that at times misinforms the general public about broader academic intentions. The fantastic and bizarre continue to capture the public imagination, so that while archaeological teams excavate, survey and record, they occupy the same geographic locations as ghost tour operators and seekers of the supernatural. Not only does archaeology operate within the same geography as modern mythology, but widespread access to technology, from satellite

imagery to GPS data, means that enthusiastic amateurs can partake in their own investigations. With limited landscape identification training, an enthusiasm for discovery and strange cultural biases, fringe operators have utilised new technologies to justify old fallacies through variant forms of amateur archaeology. This collection draws on the wealth of work currently being undertaken by contemporary archaeologists in Australia, from rock art

observations to art/archaeology experiments and even space archaeology. It explores archaeology on the edge, contextualising the fringe dwellers that operate on the periphery of accepted academia. It also looks at contemporary archaeological theory and practice in relation to these fringe operators, developing approaches toward interaction, in contrast to the more common reaction of repudiation. The relationship between the

accepted centre and the outer edge in contemporary archaeological practice and theory unveils much about popular misconceptions and how archaeological spaces can be overlaid with variant mythological and cultural interpretations.

*Quinkan Prehistory*  
 Aboriginal Studies Press  
 Between the Murray and the Sea: Aboriginal Archaeology in South-eastern Australia explores the Indigenous archaeology of Victoria, focusing on areas south

and east of the Murray River. Looking at multiple sites from the region, David Frankel considers what the archaeological evidence reveals about Indigenous society, migration, and hunting techniques. He looks at how an understanding of the changing environment, combined with information drawn from 19th-century ethnohistory, can inform our interpretation of the archaeological record. In the process, he investigates the nature of archaeological evidence



and explanation, and proposes approaches for future research. 'A carefully crafted and impressively illustrated depiction of the economic and social lives of past Aboriginal peoples who lived in the diverse landscapes that existed between the Murray and the sea. This book will be valuable to both specialists and non-specialists alike, as it provides a foundation for thinking about the remarkable variety of ways Aboriginal foragers adapted to the lands of

southeastern Australia.' Peter Hiscock, Tom Austen Brown Professor of Australian Archaeology, University of Sydney  
Living Archaeology  
Humanities Press International  
Revealing the diversity of Aboriginal life in the Sydney region, this study examines a variety of source documents that discuss not only Aboriginal life before colonization in 1788 but also the early years of first contact. This is the only work to explore the minutiae of Sydney

Aboriginal daily life, detailing the food they ate; the tools, weapons, and equipment they used; and the beliefs, ceremonial life, and rituals they practiced. This updated edition has been revised to include recent discoveries and the analyses of the past seven years, adding yet more value to this 2004 winner of the John Mulvaney award for best archaeology book from the Australian Archaeological Association. The inclusion of a special supplement

that details the important sites in the Sydney region and how to access them makes the book especially appealing to those interested in visiting the sites.

### **After Captain Cook**

Black Inc.

The symbolic evidence found in rock art is virtually the only window into understanding the ideology, territoriality, resource use, and social organization of an ancient society." "More than 250 illustrations complement Morwood's in-depth analyses and reveal the

beauty and richness of ancient Aboriginal culture."--BOOK JACKET.  
UNCOVERING AUSTRALIA  
PB CUP Archive

In their startling new book, Steven and Evan Strong challenge the "out-of-Africa" theory. Based on fresh examination of both the DNA and archeological evidence, they conclude that modern humans originated from Australia, not Africa. The original Australians (referred to by some as Aborigines ), like so many indigenous peoples, are portrayed as

"backward" and "primitive." Yet, as the Strongs demonstrate, original Australians had a rich culture, which may have sown the first seeds of spirituality in the world. They had the technology to make international seafaring voyages and have left traces in the Americas and possibly Japan, Southern India, Egypt, and elsewhere. They practiced brain surgery, invented the first hand tools, and had knowledge of penicillin. This book brings together 30 years of intensive

research in consultation with elders in the original Australian community. Among their conclusions are the following: There is evidence that humans existed in Australia 40,000 years before they existed in Australia. There were migrations of original Australians in large boats throughout the Indian/Pacific rim. Three distinct kinds of Homo sapiens are found in Australia. There is evidence from the Americas that debunks the out-of-Africa theory. The spiritual influence of

the Aborigines is reflected in the religions of the world.  
*Uncovering Australia*  
Springer Science & Business Media  
This field manual provides essential background information for those interested in undertaking archaeology in Australia. Professional archaeologists provide their personal tips for working in each state and territory, dealing with a living heritage, working with Aboriginal peoples, and coping with Australian conditions. Grounded in

the social, political and ethical issues that inform Australian archaeology today, this book is also packed with practical advice.  
**Defining the Fringe of Contemporary Australian Archaeology**  
UNSW Press  
This book brings together science, history and Australian Original archaeology of the highest pedigree that substantiates our belief that ancient advanced technology, earlier civilisations and a possible Ancient Alien involvement

was part of the ancient landscape of Australia. Includes 78 diagrams and photographs.

**Continent of Hunter-Gatherers** Sydney

University Press

With case studies from North America to Australia and South Africa and covering topics from archaeological ethics to the repatriation of human remains, this book charts the development of a new form of archaeology that is informed by indigenous values and agendas. This involves fundamental changes in archaeological

theory and practice as well as substantive changes in the power relations between archaeologists and indigenous peoples. Questions concerning the development of ethical archaeological practices are at the heart of this process.

*Bridging the Divide*

Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences  
From the 1960s-1990s, the richness and complexity of Australia's remote human past have come into sharper focus.

The earliest known occupation of the continent predates human presence in the Americas. The arrival of the first Aborigines stands as the earliest evidence of sea voyaging by modern humans. Australian rock art is among the world's oldest, and the continent's ethnographic records provide some of the most

**Appropriated Pasts**

Cambridge Scholars Publishing

In *Second Nature*, Lesley Head examines modern Australia's efforts to come

to terms with its Aboriginal past. Like other postcolonial countries, Australia has been confronted by research challenging the myth of a prehistoric (pre -1788) pristine wilderness. Drawing on anthropology, archeology, and history, Head shows that through their use of fire and their methods of hunting and gathering, Aboriginal ancestors transformed the country's biophysical landscape in a variety of still debated ways. These findings present a dramatic shift away from

the nineteenth-century evolutionary models, which viewed Aborigines as an unchanging people in an unchanging land. Given the strength of this challenge to earlier models and the increasing political voice of indigenous people, Head asks why the disruptions to colonial thinking have been so partial. She revisits historical debates to show that Australia's colonial heritage is more deeply embedded in contemporary environmental attitudes than is generally acknowledged. In 1992

the Australian legal system rejected the myth of terra nullius—land belonging to no one—and recognized the persistence of Aboriginal ownership.

Aboriginal Maritime Landscapes in South Australia CSIRO PUBLISHING

The Original Australians tells the story of Australian Aboriginal history and society from its distant beginnings to the present day. From the wisdom and paintings of the Dreamtime to the first contact between

Europeans and Indigenous Australians, through to the Uluru Statement, it offers an insight into the life and experiences of the world's oldest surviving culture. The resilience and adaptability of Aboriginal people over millennia is one of the great human stories of all time.

Josephine Flood answers the questions that Australians and visitors often ask about Aboriginal Australia: Where did the Aboriginal people come from and when? How did they survive in Australia's harsh environment? What

was the traditional role of indigenous women? What are land rights? How do Aboriginal people maintain their culture today? And many more.

This bestselling account has been updated and is fascinating reading for anyone who wants to discover Aboriginal Australia. ' . . . an intriguing and accessible history for anyone, from overseas visitors to Australians . . . ' Sydney Morning Herald 'This is the best book to give someone who wants to know about Aborigines,

their survival through the millennia, and the experiences they have to contribute to modern Australia.' Emeritus Professor Campbell Macknight, Australian National University Dr Josephine Flood is a prominent archaeologist, recipient of the Centenary Medal and former director of the Aboriginal Heritage section of the Australian Heritage Commission. She is the author of the influential *Archaeology of the Dreamtime* and *The Riches of Ancient Australia*.

*Australian Field  
Archaeology* Rowman  
Altamira

During the past thirty years the human history of the Australian continent has become the object of intense national and international interest. These years have been the 'decades of discovery', featuring fieldwork and analyses which have rewritten the distant past of Australia almost on a yearly basis. One measure of the international significance of these discoveries is the listing of three great

archaeological provinces (Kakadu, Lake Mungo, and South West Tasmania) on the World Heritage Register. The *Archaeology of Aboriginal Australia* seeks to convey a sense of the excitement and significance of the research undertaken during the 'decades of discovery'. The material presented here--specially commissioned essays and key published articles by new and established scholars--focuses on the themes and issues which continue to attract the most attention among

archaeologists:\* the antiquity of the human settlement of Australia\* patterns of colonisation\* the significance of change in Aboriginal society in the late prehistoric period\* the usefulness of reconstructions of past ecological systems in understanding the histories of Aboriginal societies\* the value of rock art and stone tool technology in understanding the human history of Australia\* the archaeology of Aboriginal-European contact An overview chapter

discusses changes in the practice of Australian archaeology (and the political context in which it is undertaken) during

the last two decades. The Archaeology of Aboriginal Australia also conveys the fact that there is by no

means a 'party line' among practitioners about how to understand more than 40,000 years of human action.