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Bestselling ESSENTIALS OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY, 10th Edition, presents a concise and authoritative introduction to physical anthropology with the goal of helping students understand the science behind human evolution and how humans are biologically connected to all life forms. These biological connections link our species with our ancient ancestors, our contemporary primate cousins, and show how closely modern human populations are related to each other. The text emphasizes this theme of biological connections as well as the connections between chapters in the material presented. This framework will help students grasp the big picture of human evolution and better navigate the material.

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Hayley Brown says

I read this book for a physical Anthropology class at a community college. The book was quite interesting for those who are interested in evolution, however, there are basic errors throughout the book. One that has stuck with me for the past three years is that on one page they discuss the sequencing of the human genome, saying it was sequenced in 2001, then later they say it was sequenced in 2003 (in the ninth edition, pages 45 and 58... exact same sentences but "2001" substitutes "2003")! Luckily I have Google by my side but these errors should be found and corrected in a book that is commonly used for teaching.

Paige says

I was assigned the 7th edition for a physical anthropology class at a community college. I didn't LOVE it, and I found some of the claims made to be unsubstantiated, but it was a pretty interesting read. It was way better than the last anthro book I had to read--ugh!! I don't remember what the title of it was but this one was way better.

Kristen says

I had to read this book for a 1st year university anthropology class. It is a great read and also has a DVD that goes with it. Very informative....too bad I didn't do that good in the class! lol

Lizzy says

Okay, so I didn't exactly read this book for fun...initially. It was a book I had to have for a class, but it's a reference book that I go back to a lot. And, it was one book and one class I never complained about having to read or do work for.

Mohammed Barri says

The authors really did good job simplifying this fascinating journey of human being in pursuit of answering what does it mean to be human? It is very clear and enjoyable.

Reeny says

This book was assigned for a college level physical anthropology class but is written for a fairly uninformed

ninth grader in my opinion. It was pretty boring and basic and had a good handful of scientific inaccuracies.

Mahmoud Mansour says

good book

John Ayer says

The authors contradict themselves in several places and give various answers for the same questions but, the book seems to present a very good overview of the concept of human evolution.

Hannah says

"Well-balanced" may not take into account some bias on Jurmain's part, but at least it was humorous... for a textbook.

Alannah says

I've read the 7th edition 3 times and it'll be a 4th shortly. I actually quite enjoy it. It's for uni of course. But it's a subject I love so who cares. Great summary of palaeoanthropology.
