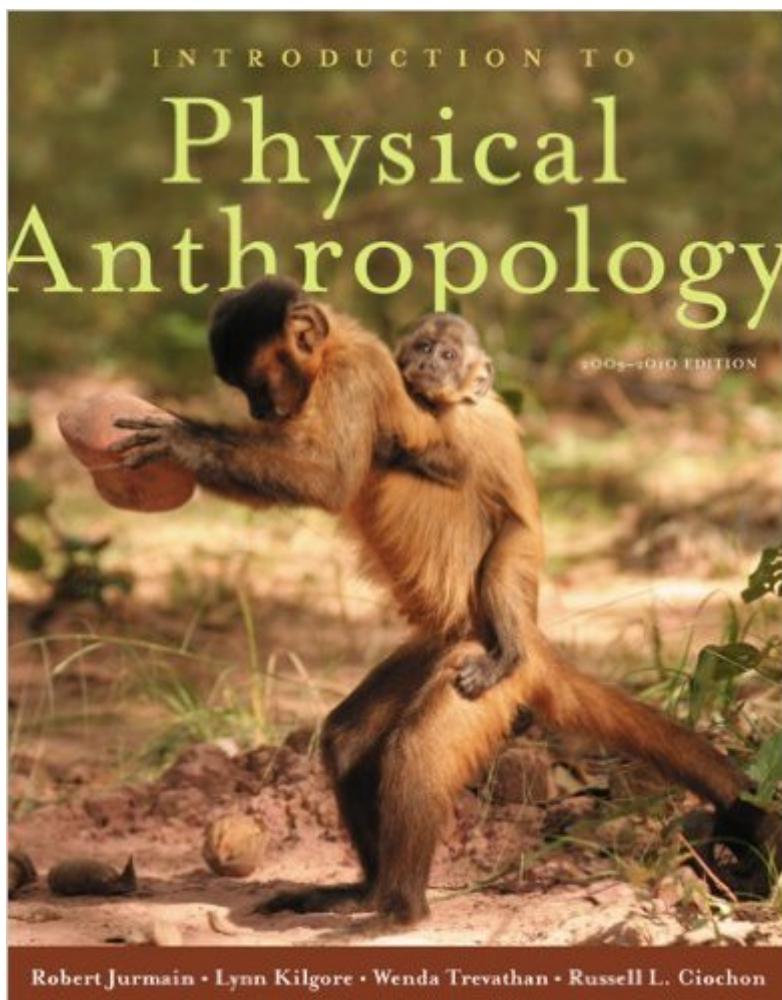


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I feel that one of the goals of this text is to get students thinking about data interpretation. It encourages them to use critical thinking when reading competing theories of our evolution. As a whole I like this text. I have used for my classes for years. I do not always agree with all the details presented, but I feel it gives me an opportunity to present alternative views. This title is very clear and very up-to-date. New additions come out regularly with updates on new fossils and theories. I would recommend this to other instructors looking for a college level text for adoption.

I have been using this text as a teacher for several years (through three editions). It is accessible and easy to use. The only complaint I have is that the editions change too frequently and the

information contained is pretty much the same. There are better texts but this one is widely used and a good buy.

It has tons of information. Easy to read for any college student without all the rubbish information you will not need. Excellent images, diagrams, and timelines. The index could use some work but that's not a big issue.

An acceptable intro text for physical anthropology. Its overall scope is wide, and it covers the relevant topic, but it's just so . . . dull. It takes a rare person to fall in love with physical anthropology after getting through this book. Jurmain et al are in fine anthropological literary form, which means half-asleep and probably on a fiber-reduced diet. This book is so stilted and formulaic that getting through each chapter is a herculean labour. It's also fairly childish in its format, with irritating extra "Try This!" questions at the end of each chapter; the sort you doubtless remember from high school and junior high textbooks and the ones which no one - not even the teacher's pet- ever did. The price is also ridiculously high considering its a non-specialist text for beginners. Come on guys, gimme a break, the right-wing government where I live already believes students are made of money.

This book along with some others I have purchased here on give my grand daughter and myself a better understanding of where we all came from and how we continue to evolve. This is a college level book. It is a bit heavy reading for an elementary school girl but together we break it down to her level. Now she still has this book for a review and comparison with future discoveries in the future.

Needed it for a class. Usually I just borrow books from the school's library, but once I opened the book I knew I wasn't going to be able to scan this easily. There is so much information everywhere but it's easy to follow. If you are a visual person, you will probably enjoy this textbook because it's colorful and filled with images and graphs. Great to have for reference!

This is probably THE most boring physical textbook on the market, but it is also the most comprehensive. As an undergrad, I couldn't stay awake through more than a couple of paragraphs at a time. As an anthropologist, I can't think of a better text to assign to my students. For the serious student, there simply is no way to avoid this book. It set the standard.

This book is amazing it explains everything very well. I needed this book for my anthropology class and let me tell you everything about fossils is amazing ver thought a book could help alot

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