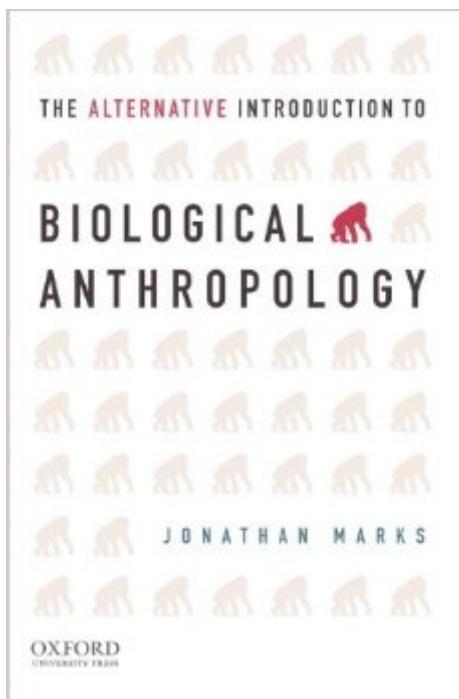


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Synopsis

In The Alternative Introduction to Biological Anthropology, author Jon Marks presents an innovative framework for thinking about the major issues in the field with fourteen original essays designed to correlate to the core chapters in standard textbooks. Each chapter draws on and complements--but does not reconstitute (except for the sake of clarity)--the major data and ideas presented in standard texts. Marks explores such topics as how we make sense of data about our origins, where our modern ideas comes from, our inability to separate natural facts from cultural facts and values as we try to understand ourselves, and the social and political aspects of science as a culturally situated mental activity.

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- Offers clear, intelligent, and completely original discussions-injected with a sense of humor-that will keep students reading*
- Addresses core topics in a way that does not simply mirror what is in the basic textbooks but offers a new spin, thereby fostering critical thinking*
- Complements traditional textbooks in biological anthropology and explores connections between biological and general anthropology*
- Provides expert integration of topics, coherent narratives, and salient examples*
- Utilizes theme statements at the start of each chapter that introduce the breadth of information covered and engage students in the material

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This was a required reading for a Biological Anthropology course I took this semester, and I loved both! This book is very funny while really being able to drive home all the points. We read the entire book, and out of all the chapters, there were probably only one, maybe two, where my interest levels were down. Even though it is dense reading, the chapters are usually about 18-20 pages

which was the perfect amount for me. Wonderful book that will teach you a lot and even give you some laugh out loud moments that just may surprise you.

Bought this for my Anthropology class. I found the way it was written to be rather interesting. I guess the author likes to keep it interesting by throwing jokes into the literature which is nice for this kind of topic. It works as a sort of comical relief.

Excellent book for mid-level anthropology classes. It would probably be great for intro-level as well but I think some of the nuances would be easily lost. The writing is engaging and interesting the whole way through. I even found myself chuckling at several parts. Highly recommend for anyone interested in anthropology, evolution, genetics, etc.

" 'The Alternative Introduction to Biological Anthropology' by Jonathan Marks was required reading last semester as a companion to the formal textbook for my class in - you guessed it! - biological anthropology. Marks does a great job of breaking down all the core concepts without losing anything vital to a basic understanding of the field: he covers a brief introduction into what anthropology is; discusses theories of evolution; genetics and heredity; non-human primates; early hominids; and more. Each chapter ends with a list of references and further reading recommendations, should you be interested in delving a little deeper into a particular subject. ..."For full review, please visit me at Here Be Bookwyrms on Blogger!herebebookwyrms dot blogspot dot com

Although the book was underlined, the previous notes are helping me in my anthropology class. This came in handy when the bookstore ran out and I was not able to purchase it.

I used this book in a graduate seminar in biological anthropology and it I would use it again.

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