

Arabia Felix Un Viaggio Nell'archeologia Dello Yemen

Since its publication in Italian in 1996, this has become the classic introduction to the history and archaeology of southern Arabia. Now in English, it makes all the evidence available to a new audience. The first part of the book reviews what is known about the region from early visitors to the area from the 15th century onwards and from the resea

Contains selected papers given at the 4th- Seminars, held 1970-

A Research Guide to the Ancient World: Print and Electronic Sources is a partially annotated bibliography that covers the study of the ancient world, and closes the traditional subject gap between the humanities and the social sciences in this area of study. This book is the only bibliographic resource available for such holistic coverage.

La nostra civiltà comincia il suo viaggio in uno spazio mitico. Un 'giardino dell'Eden' in cui l'uomo trovava soddisfatte tutte le sue necessità. Per secoli studiosi e ricercatori si sono interrogati sulla realtà storica di questo paesaggio primigenio. Oggi finalmente è possibile rispondere alla domanda: ma com'era fatto questo paradiso? Quando l'Europa iniziò la sua esplorazione del Vicino Oriente, le notizie riguardanti quest'area erano sommarie e spesso facevano riferimento a un passato leggendario e mitico. In particolare, due miti ne avevano simboleggiato il paesaggio: la 'Torre di Babele' come metafora per la città e il 'Giardino dell'Eden' come metafora per la campagna. Entrambi erano caratterizzati da un elemento di crisi e di collasso: la torre di Babele era rimasta incompiuta e abbandonata, il giardino dell'Eden era stato chiuso all'uomo, costretto a migrare verso ambienti meno ospitali. Invece di città, i primi viaggiatori nel Vicino Oriente trovarono rovine, e invece di giardini trovarono il deserto. Col progredire dell'indagine storica e archeologica, le informazioni sulle antiche città (da Ninive a Babilonia) crebbero, mentre le informazioni sulle campagne rimasero scarse e quasi nulle. La storia orientale antica divenne una questione di re e dinastie, di città e palazzi, di scribi e artigiani e mercanti. Si sapeva che la stragrande maggioranza della popolazione antica era costituita da contadini e pastori, ma la ricostruzione della loro vita e del loro ambiente venne a lungo esclusa dal quadro. Oggi le condizioni sono cambiate. Possiamo provare, per la prima volta, a dare un volto al 'giardino dell'Eden', a quel paesaggio in cui è germinata alcuni millenni fa la nostra civiltà.

L'ouvrage présente de nombreux objets (tablettes, inscriptions, sculptures, vases, etc.) attestant de la richesse de cette civilisation ancienne.

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Tra meraviglie naturali e popoli sconosciuti, continenti misteriosi e antiche civiltà, l'avvincente storia dello sviluppo del viaggio scientifico nel Settecento ricostruita attraverso le parole degli uomini impavidi e risoluti che esplorarono i mondi da poco scoperti. Nelle Americhe, in Europa, in Oriente e nel continente africano si estendevano terre appena conquistate e mercati ancora vergini da colonizzare. Luoghi da conoscere, perlustrare e studiare per scoprirne le inesauribili ricchezze, ma anche per spingere le conoscenze umane oltre limiti fino ad allora soltanto immaginati. Linneo, Cook, Spallanzani, Gay-Lussac raccontano di carovane lungo percorsi mai tracciati, spedizioni marittime attraverso rotte appena scoperte, fino ai primi audaci tentativi di esplorazione dell'atmosfera a

bordo dei leggendari palloni aerostatici. I testi che questa antologia raccoglie, ognuno introdotto da una specifica presentazione sull'autore e sul suo viaggio, sono preceduti da un ampio saggio sulla straordinaria epoca che ha visto compiere imprese uniche, tuttora capaci di esercitare un irresistibile fascino. A comprehensive and authoritative overview of ancient material culture from the late Pleistocene to Late Antiquity Features up-to-date surveys and the latest information from major new excavations such as Qatna (Syria), Göbekli Tepe (Turkey) Includes a diverse range of perspectives by senior, mid-career and junior scholars in Europe, USA, Britain, Australia, and the Middle East for a truly international group Includes major reviews of the origins of agriculture, animal domestication, and archaeological landscapes Includes chapters dealing with periods after the coming of Alexander the Great, including studies of the Seleucid, Arsacid, Sasanian, Roman and Byzantine empires in the Near East, as well as early Christianity in both the Levant and Mesopotamia Fills a gap in literature of the Ancient Near East, dealing with topics often overlooked, including ethical and legal issues in antiquities markets and international scholarship In the 12th Dynasty the Egyptian state sent seafaring expeditions to the land of Punt from a harbor on the Red Sea. Excavations at Mersa/Wadi Gawasis have uncovered well preserved evidence of this harbor and the probable location of Punt.

This richly illustrated volume presents the remarkable results of the Italian Archaeological Mission's investigations at the site of the walled town of Bar'qish in interior Yemen, ancient Yathill of the Sabaeans and Minaeans, between 1986 and 2007.

Im Süden der Arabischen Halbinsel gelegen rückt der Jemen zunehmend in den Fokus der Öffentlichkeit und gewinnt als Reiseland immer weiter an Bedeutung. Dieser erste Band der Reihe 'Landerkunde' liefert Hintergrundwissen zu einem Land, das sich dem Reisenden nicht leicht erschliesst. Die Informationen gehen dabei weit über das von gängigen Reiseführern Angebotene hinaus und sind so auch eine erste Quelle für Wissenschaftler oder Studenten, die sich mit der Region befassen. Nach einem Überblick über die geographischen Grundlagen mit Lage, Grenzen und Größe des Landes, über Naturräume, Klima, Flora und Fauna und Landschaften folgt ein Überblick über die Bevölkerung. Weit bedeutender als die Zugehörigkeit zu einer religiösen Gruppe - neben den Sunniten gibt es eine große ismailitische Gemeinde -, ist im Jemen die Stammeszugehörigkeit das wichtigste Identitätskriterium. Die Stämme leben in klar abgegrenzten Gebieten, deren Namen, meist nach einem Ahnherren gewählt, auch die Stammesbezeichnung bildet. Innerhalb der Stämme gibt es ein eigenes Rechtssystem, das zusammen mit dem staatlichen und dem religiös-islamischen Recht das jemenitische Rechtssystem ausmacht. Weitere Abschnitte befassen sich mit Migration - viele Jemeniten sind als Arbeitsmigranten in den Golfstaaten tätig -, mit der Rolle der Frau und der Entwicklung der Städte. Der Beitrag zu Wirtschaft und Landesentwicklung beschreibt anschaulich die gegenwärtigen Anstrengungen des Landes, die knappen Ressourcen sinnvoll einzusetzen, die Industrialisierung voranzutreiben, die Infrastruktur auszubauen und die Wasserversorgung der Bevölkerung sicherzustellen. Handel und Tourismus sind weitere immer wichtiger

werdende Wirtschaftsfaktoren. Kapitel zur Geschichte, Politik und Kultur ergänzen den Band, der mit zahlreichen Bildern und einer Karte zum Lesen einladet.

Megalithism, or the art of using huge boulders to create sacred, pagan monuments and sites, still fascinates us today. How did Prehistoric man cut, transport, and place such enormous stones, some weighing up to 200 metric tons, without bulldozers, drills, and cranes? Yet primitive man, without the written word or wheel, created structures which still stupefy us in the 21st century, both due to their components and the precision used in positioning them. This book takes us back in time to the 5th-2nd millennia B.C. and helps us visualise the Stone Age world and its constructions - menhirs, dolmens, rows and circles of standing stones. Undoubtedly they were sacred places, used for pagan rituals and funerary purposes, but the author also gives us details of their astronomic and physical alignment, which clearly demonstrates the knowledge of the heavens these ancestors had and how they applied it without slide-rules, set squares, and theodolites. The high priests of ancient times could calculate when the solstices and equinoxes would occur and thus regulate the seasons for sowing and reaping. The author's careful and updated identification of all such structures leads us through 'Ancient European Megalithism' complete with the religious and social aspects of it and its pagan legacies. He does not neglect forms of 'sub-actual' megalithism either - the use of massive stones by peoples described as primitive but with a relatively advanced culture who lived in times closer to our own in Africa, Asia, and South America. The myths and legends arising from the megalithic structures are recounted here in detail; the author also describes megalithic art in the form of statue-stele and menhir statues, as well as the often intricate decoration carved on single stones and in construction such as dolmens, funerary mounds, astronomic observatories, and temples. He also describes studies and experiments on the methods of transport and construction used by Prehistoric peoples, together with conflicting opinions and theories. Amply illustrated with photographs and drawings, Megalithism guides the reader through every part of the megalithic world with smooth-flowing text that will be accessible to specialists and interested general public alike.

A collection of essays by social theorists, historical sociologists and area specialists in classical, biblical and Asian studies. The contributions deal with cultural transformations in major civilizational centres during the "Axial Age," the middle centuries of the last millennium BCE, and their long-term consequences.

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