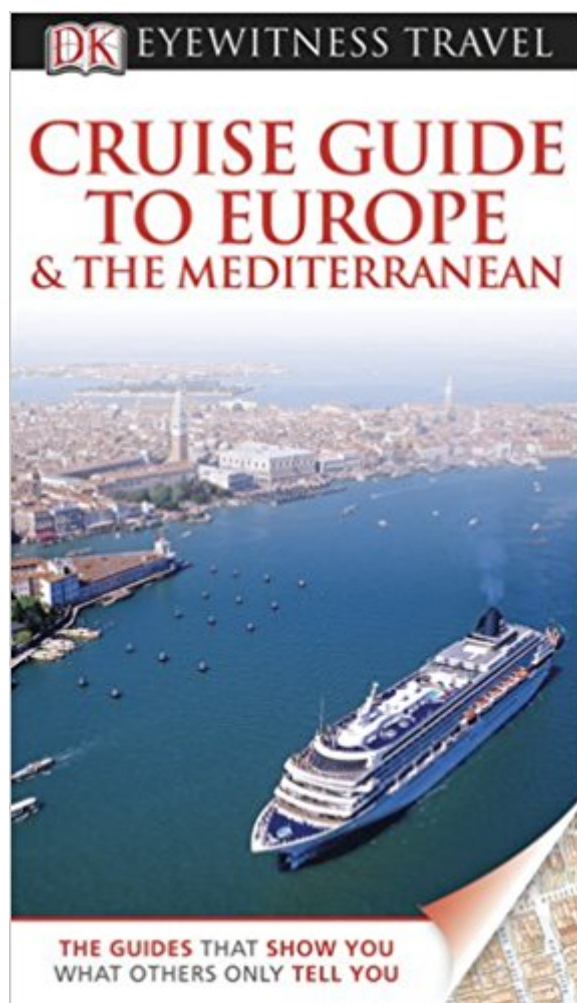


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# DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Cruise Guide To Europe And The Mediterranean



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This is a stunningly beautiful book on the evolution of man. If it was possible, I would have given it 10 stars instead of 5. A 10" x 12" coffee table book of 256 pages, it is lavished with literally hundreds of full color photographs, maps, charts and depictions on every single page. Many are full page. The story begins with a broad history of evolution dating back some 200 million years, then advances to the earliest human fossils called hominins. Nearly 20 species are, in detail, described. Then methods are described how hominins are reconstructed, using forensic techniques, from mere bits of scattered bone to creatures with flesh and hair on them. Full page photographs are sooooo life like, you can almost smell their bad breath. The book goes on to show the routes of probable migration and the arrival of modern man. Some of the earliest sites of advanced culture are splendidly depicted, like the newly discovered site, Gobekli Tepe and various other stone megalithic sites in Europe. This book will keep you spell bound for hours. I can't imagine anyone even remotely interested in human evolution not to be impressed with this volume. It could alone, inspire many young students to become paleoanthropologists. DK books are reknown for their wonderful photographs and representations, but in this volume, they have outdone themselves. And for \$16, it's an absolute steal.

Despite being one of those mass produced "series" books, this is a beautiful, very well illustrated, current and accurate overview of human origins. I grew up with Time Life books as a kid -- wish they were still produced, they were the sort of books that would draw me away from eBooks and back to print media -- and this the only work on this subject that is a worthy successor to the old Time Life Emergence of Man series. This is a large format volume, but is NOT a "coffee table book" (I always think of the great Seinfeld episode where Kramer publishes a coffee table book with folding legs that actually turn it into a coffee table), it is content-rich.

Evolution: The Human Story -- highlights lifelike fossil-hominoid head reconstructions while also featuring many images of living and fossil primates. Pages 30-31 show in photographs the thirteen steps in the reconstruction process used by Dutch paleoartists Adrie and Alfons Kennis that involves layers of plastic clay, silicone rubber, mold-painting-casting, glass eyeballs, and hair insertions. Page 44 features the skulls of the giant monkeys Caipora (44 pounds) and Protopithecus (55 pounds) of Brazil, both of which were probably hunted to extinction by humans. Pages 52-53 feature the skulls, pelvises, and skeletons of the orangutan, the gorilla, the chimpanzee, and the

modern human. Pages 58-59 feature side views of the head reconstructions of *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Australopithecus africanus*, *Homo habilis*, *Homo ergaster*, *Homo heidelbergensis*, and *Homo sapiens* that show the evolutionary progression of increasing cranial size and decreasing jaws projection. Pages 66-67 show the lifelike head reconstruction of *Sahelanthropus tchadensis* that features orange-and-yellow hair, charcoal-gray facial skin and ears, and a faintly-human expression-appearance. Pages 90-91 show the lifelike head reconstruction of *Australopithecus africanus* for the Taung child, which is viewed as having died at 2-3 years old and which lacks the jaws projection of the adult form. Pages 172-173 feature side and back views of the head reconstructions of *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Australopithecus africanus*, *Homo habilis*, *Homo georgicus*, *Homo ergaster*, *Homo erectus*, *Homo antecessor*, *Homo heidelbergensis*, *Homo neanderthalensis*, *Homo floresiensis*, and *Homo sapiens*.

Evolution: The Human Story is a wonderful book. It is beautiful and compels you to keep reading. It may not be an in-depth book for someone who wants to learn the finer points of evolution, nor does it have to be, but it is a ton of fun. My 4 and 8 year old children love looking at it with me and that is, in fact, one of the reasons I purchased it. They love the pictures. They ask questions about them which prompt the reading of the small chunks of fun information. I would not use this book to ace a legitimate class on the subject but would use it to grease the old gaskets before the course! A fantastic book for beginners. A perfect book for the coffee table.

This is an excellent presentation of human evolution, starting with lower primates and ending with *homo sapiens*. It reads like a coffee table books with lots of pictures and understandable explanations. Although technical in places, discussing bones, genes, and archeology, it is written for a layman and is very enlightening. One feature I found especially important in my understanding of this issue were the timelines used. It drove in the fact that many of the *homo* genus (as well as some earlier man-like genuses) existed for quite some time side by side with each other. The last part of the book focused on early *homo sapiens*, their migrations, and their growth from hunter-gather to farmers and eventually to cities. I think the best part of the book for me was that it put all the research together and ordered it chronologically, so the reader could see the actual development over time. It put everything in perspective. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in human evolution.

This was a wonderful book. Plenty of photography that is complemented with plenty of information. I

would highly recommend this to someone who is just starting to learn about evolution.

Book was in great condition. Didn't include the stickers, but we don't mind. My 4 yr old son loves these 'See how they go!' books. He's learning a lot about different airplanes and what they do and enjoying it at the same time! Great pictures and descriptions!

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