The origins of medieval architecture building in Europe AD 600-900 (PDF)

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illustrated with scores of drawings and halftone photos this guidebook to the mythology of mexico and central america focuses mainly on mexican highland and maya areas due to their importance in mesoamerican history encyclopedia of caribbean archaeology offers a comprehensive overview of the available archaeological research conducted in the region beginning with the earliest native migrations and moving through contemporary issues of heritage management the contributors tackle the usual questions of colonization adaptation and evolution while embracing newer research techniques such as geoinformatics archaeometry paleodemography dna analysis and seafaring simulations entries are cross referenced so that readers can efficiently access data on a variety of related topics the introduction includes a survey of the various archaeological periods in the caribbean as well as a discussion of the region s geography climate topography and oceanography it also offers an easy to read review of 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first substantial monograph length historiography of early medieval embroideries and their context within the british isles the book brings together and
analyses for the first time all 43 embroideries believed to have been made in the
British Isles and Ireland in the early medieval period. New research carried out on those
embroideries that are accessible today involving the collection of technical data, stitch
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supplements a survey of existing published and archival sources. The research has been
used to write for the first time the story of embroidery including what we can learn of
its producers, their techniques and the material functions and metaphorical meanings of
embroidery within early medieval Anglo-Saxon society. The author presents embroidery as
evidence for the evolution of embroidery production in Anglo-Saxon society from a
community-based activity based on the extended family to organized workshops in urban
settings employing standardized skill levels and as evidence of changing material use
from small amounts of fibers produced locally for specific projects to large batches
brought in from a distance and stored until needed. She demonstrates that embroideries
were not simply used decoratively but to incorporate and enact different meanings within
different parts of society. For example, the newly arrived Germanic settlers of the fifth
century used embroidery to maintain links with their homelands and to create tribal ties
and obligations as such the results inform discussion of embroidery contexts, use, and
deposition and the significance of this form of material culture within society as well
as an evaluation of the status of embroiderers within early medieval society. The results
contribute significantly to our understanding of production systems in Anglo-Saxon
England and Ireland. This book brings together the cumulative results of a three-year
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the North Atlantic islands in the 1st and 2nd millennia AD. In this volume, we integrate a
wide range of historical cartographic, archaeological, and onomastic data
pertaining to early medieval and medieval administrative practices, geographies, and
places of assembly in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Scotland, and
Eastern England. This transnational perspective has enabled a new understanding of
the development of power structures in early medieval Northern Europe and the maturation of
these systems in later centuries. Under royal control, a series of richly illustrated
chapters explore the emergence and development of mechanisms for consensus. We begin
with a historiographical exploration of assembly research that sets the intellectual
agenda for the chapters that follow. We then examine the emergence and development of
the thing in Scandinavia and its export to the lands colonised by the Norse. We consider more
broadly how assembly practices may have developed at a local level yet played a
significant role in the consolidation and at times regulation of elite power structures
presenting a fresh perspective on the agency and power of the thing and cognate types of
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depth insight into the people, places, laws, and consensual structures that shaped the
early medieval and medieval kingdoms of Northern Europe. This reference is devoted to the
pre-Columbian archaeology of the Mesoamerican culture area, one of the six cradles of
early civilization. It features in-depth articles on the major cultural areas of ancient
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discoveries as well as many lesser-known locations. Articles on daily life of ancient
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boundaries explores identity formation on the edges of the ancient southwest
focusing on some of the more poorly understood regions including the jornada mogollon
gallina and the pimeria alta the authors use methods drawn from material culture
science anthropology and history to investigate themes related to the construction of
social identity along the perimeters of the american southwest through an archaeological
lens the volume examines the social experiences of people who lived in edge regions
through mobility and the development of extensive social networks people living in these
areas were introduced to the ideas and practices of other cultural groups as their
spatial distances from core areas increased the degree to which they participated in the
economic social political and ritual practices of ancestral core areas increasingly
varied as a result the social identities of people living in edge zones were often
though not always fluid and situational drawing on an increase of available information
and bringing new attention to understudied areas the book will be of interest to
scholars of southwestern archaeology and other researchers interested in the archaeology
of low populated and decentralized regions and identity formation life beyond the
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trajectories of the prehistoric and protohistoric southwest and how place influenced the
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Europeans lived somewhere in europe or asia between 5,500 and 8,000 years ago and no
text of their language survives j p mallory and douglas adams show how over the last two
centuries scholars have reconstructed it from its descendant languages the surviving
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of proto indo european grammar and a consideration of its discovery they use the
reconstructed language and related evidence from archaeology and natural history to
examine the lives thoughts passions culture society economy history and environment of
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figures and tables this book is on a subject of great and enduring fascination it will appeal to students of languages classics and the ancient world as well as to general readers interested in the history of language and of early human societies ancient zapotec religion is the first comprehensive study of zapotec religion as it existed in the southern mexican state of oaxaca on the eve of the spanish conquest author michael lind brings a new perspective focusing not on underlying theological principles but on the material and spatial expressions of religious practice using sixteenth and seventeenth century spanish colonial documents and archaeological findings related to the time period leading up to the spanish conquest he presents new information on deities ancestor worship and sacred bundles the zapotec cosmos the priesthood religious ceremonies and rituals the nature of temples the distinctive features of the sacred and solar calendars and the religious significance of the murals 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aztec mythology to artemis and apollo in greek legend he describes how twins have featured prominently in scientific research across the centuries but especially in the work of francis galton whose study of twins on the behavioral question of heredity versus environment gave rise to the pseudoscience of eugenics in the late nineteenth century viney explores the representation of twins in art photography and film from the works of roger ballen to the cinema of stanley kubrick and delves into the darker meanings ascribed to twins across the millennia a visual journey like no other this book sheds critical light on the competing visions of twins around the world and throughout history showing how the lived experience of twinkind has elicited profound attraction and respect but also puzzlement fear and fascination a case study in the divergent evolution of mexico s zapotec and mixtec civilizations this collection has become a basic resource in the literature of mesoamerican prehistory and has been widely cited by scholars working on divergent evolution in other parts of the world originally published by academic press in 1983 a new introduction by the editors updates the volume in terms of discoveries made during the subsequent two decades the first book in twenty years to gather together a comprehensive prehistoric record this volume draws attention to recent obsidian studies in the americas and acts as a reference for archaeologists and scholars interested in material culture and exchange moreover it provides a wide range of case studies in obsidian characterization material application and theoretical interpretations in the americas the avaldsnes royal manor project explores early kingship in northern europe spanning the period c ad 1320 ad the principal case is the norwegian kingdom and the core site is avaldsnes near haugesund western norway 9th 10th century skaldic poems as well as 13th century sagas implies that avaldsnes was the principal viking age royal manor the site has produced numerous exquisite gravefinds from the roman period onwards among them are the third century flaghaug grave and two ship graves from the late 8th century also the oseberg ship excavated near oslo is now proven to have been built c 820 near avaldsnes the museum of cultural history university of oslo excavated the avaldsnes settlement in 2011 12 a team of 23 scholars from prominent academic institutions including the university of cambridge and university college london participate in the research this first of two volumes contains their results regarding the manor and its setting on the island of kǫrmt by the norðvegr the sheltered sailing route along the west scandinavian coast together the chapters produce a detailed 1000 years history of a complex central place area its monuments and buildings its activities and functions its blooming and fading and eventually its downfall in the 14th century man has been intrigued by the origin of pearls sensitive to their 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folklore and observation preceded the earliest scientific inquiries fishing and trade commenced in s asia between india and sri lanka and around the persian gulf in w and central europe inner asia and china and n amer freshwater pearls were probably known and treasured before those of marine origin a refined nomenclature points to a long familiarity with etymologically related words for pearl pearls were prominent among the luxury products of world trade and were high among the objectives of expeditions to the eastern and western tropics illustrations fanning the sacred flame mesoamerican studies in honor of h b nicholson contains twenty two original papers in tribute to h b nick nicholson a pioneer of mesoamerican research his intellectual legacy is recognized by mesoamerican archaeologists art historians ethnohistorians and ethnographers students colleagues and friends who derived inspiration and encouragement from him throughout their own careers each chapter which presents original research inspired by nicholson pays tribute to the teacher writer lecturer friend and mentor who became a legend within his own lifetime covering all of mesoamerica across all time periods contributors include patricia r anawalt alfredo lópez austin anthony aveni robert m carmack david c grove richard d hansen leonardo lópez luján kevin terraciano and more eloise quiñones keber provides a thorough biographical sketch detailing nicholson s academic and professional journey publication supported in part by the patterson foundation and several private donors this book traces the archaeological history of pylos and surrounding regions in mesenia from the palaeolithic to the present designed as much for general readers and travelers interested in ancient greece as for scholars the volume presents the findings of the pylos regional archaeological project prap which has intensively studied the region over the past 15 years the 1998 edition originally published by the university of texas press and widely used as a textbook in undergraduate classes is reprinted with a new preface assessing prap s impact and outlining new discoveries in the region

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DK Eyewitness Mexico 2017-01-16 from the mesoamerican highlands to the colca valley in peru pre columbian civilizations were bastions of power that have largely been viewed through the lens of rulership or occasionally through bottom up perspectives of resistance rather than focusing on rulers or peasants this book examines how intermediate elites both men and women helped to develop sustain and resist state policies and institutions employing new archaeological and ethnohistorical data its contributors trace a 2 000 year trajectory of elite social evolution in the zapotec wari aztec inka and maya civilizations this is the first volume to consider how individuals subordinate to imperial rulers helped to shape specific forms of state and imperial organization taking a broader scope than previous studies it is one of the few works to systematically address these issues in both mesoamerica and the central andes it considers how these individuals influenced the long term development of the largest civilizations of the ancient americas opening a new window on the role of intermediate elites in the rise and fall of ancient states and empires worldwide the authors demonstrate how such evidence as settlement patterns architecture decorative items and burial patterns reflect the roles of intermediate elites in their respective societies arguing that they were influential actors whose interests were highly significant in shaping the specific forms of state and imperial organization their emphasis on provincial elites particularly shifts examination of early states away from royal capitals and imperial courts explaining how local elites and royal bureaucrats had significant impact on the development and organization of premodern states together these papers demonstrate that intricate networks of intermediate elites bound these ancient societies together and that competition between individuals and groups contributed to their decline and eventual collapse by addressing current theoretical concerns with agency resistance to state domination and the co option of local leadership by imperial administrators it offers valuable new insight into the utility of studying intermediate elites

Intermediate Elites in Pre-Columbian States and Empires 2022-06-21 volume iv deals with the middle ages it starts with the expansion of islam and closes with the discovery of the new world various events during this period led to a significant expansion in communications the rapid spread of islam and of gengis khan s mongol empire as well as the crusades and the development of trans saharan and maritime routes around africa to the indian ocean leading to multiplied exchanges between the peoples and cultures of africa asia and europe

History of Humanity 2000-12-31 ground stone artefacts were widely used in food production in prehistory however the archaeological community has widely neglected the dataset of ground stone artefacts until now new approaches to old stones offers a theoretical and methodological analysis of the archaeological data pertaining to ground stone tools the essays draw on a range of case studies from the levant egypt crete anatolia mexico and north america to examine ground stone technologies from medieval islamic stone cooking vessels and late minoan stone vases to the use of stone in ritual and as a symbol of luxury new approaches to old stones offers a radical reassessment of the impact of ground stone artefacts on technological change production and exchange

New Approaches to Old Stones 2016-04-08 the prehistoric civic ceremonial center of tibes is located on the southern coast of puerto rico just north of the modern coastal city of ponce this volume examines the geophysical paleoethnobotanical faunal lithics base rock osteology bone chemistry and nutrition social landscape and ceremonial constructs employed at tibes

Tibes 2010 illustrated with scores of drawings and halftone photos this guidebook to the mythology of mexico and central america focuses mainly on mexican highland and maya areas due to their importance in mesoamerican history

Mesoamerican Mythology 2002-06-13 encyclopedia of caribbean archaeology offers a comprehensive overview of the available archaeological research conducted in the region
beginning with the earliest native migrations and moving through contemporary issues of heritage management the contributors tackle the usual questions of colonization adaptation and evolution while embracing newer research techniques such as geoinformatics archaeometry paleodemography dna analysis and seafaring simulations. Entries are cross referenced so that readers can efficiently access data on a variety of related topics. The introduction includes a survey of the various archaeological periods in the Caribbean as well as a discussion of the region's geography, climate, topography, and oceanography. It also offers an easy to read review of the historical archaeology providing a better understanding of the cultural contexts of the Caribbean that resulted from the convergence of European, Native American, African, and then Asian settlers.

**U.S. Government Research Reports**

1964 Kentucky's rich archaeological heritage spans thousands of years and the Commonwealth remains fertile ground for study of the people who inhabited the midcontinent before during and after European settlement. This long awaited volume brings together the most recent research on Kentucky's prehistory and early history. Presenting both an accurate descriptive and an authoritative interpretation of Kentucky's past, the book is arranged chronologically from the ice age to modern times. When issues of preservation and conservation have overtaken questions of identification and classification for each time slice of Kentucky's past, the contributors describe typical communities and settlement patterns, major changes from previous cultural periods, the nature of the economy, and subsistence artifacts. The general health and characteristics of the people and regional cultural differences are discussed. The green river shell mounds, the central Kentucky Adena mounds, and enclosures of the Eastern Kentucky bedrock shelters are the important Wickliffe Site at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Fort Ancient Culture Villages and the fortified towns of the Mississippian period in Western Kentucky are also discussed. The authors draw from a wealth of unpublished material, offering the detailed insights and perspectives of specialists who have focused much of their professional careers on the scientific investigation of Kentucky's prehistory. The book's many graphic elements—maps, artifact drawings, photographs, and village plans combined with a straightforward and readable text—provide a format that will appeal to the general reader as well as to students and specialists in other fields who wish to learn more about Kentucky's archaeology.

**The St. Louis Art Museum Annual Report**

1980 The latest title in the highly successful ancient textiles series is the first substantial monograph length historiography of early medieval embroideries and their context within the British Isles. The book brings together and analyses for the first time all 43 embroideries believed to have been made in the British Isles and Ireland in the early medieval period. New research carried out on those embroideries that are accessible today involving the collection of technical data, stitch analysis, observations of condition, and wear marks, and microscopic photography supplements a survey of existing published and archival sources. The research has been used to write the first time the story of embroidery including what we can learn of its producers, their techniques, and the material functions and metaphorical meanings of embroidery within early medieval Anglo-Saxon society. The author presents embroideries as evidence for the evolution of embroidery production in Anglo-Saxon society from a community-based activity based on the extended family to organized workshops in urban settings employing standardized skill levels and as evidence of changing material use from small amounts of fibers produced locally for specific projects to large batches brought in from a distance and stored until needed. She demonstrates that embroideries were not simply used decoratively but to incorporate and enact different meanings within different parts of society. For example, the newly arrived Germanic settlers of the fifth century used embroidery to maintain links with their homelands and to create tribal ties and obligations as such. The results inform discussion of embroidery contexts and deposition and the significance of this form of material culture within society as well as an evaluation of the status of embroiderers within early medieval society. The results contribute significantly to our understanding of production systems in Anglo-Saxon England and Ireland.

**Encyclopedia of Caribbean Archaeology**

2014-03-04 This book brings together the cumulative results of a three-year project focused on the assemblies and administrative systems of Scandinavia, Britain, and the North Atlantic Islands in the 1st and 2nd millennia AD. In this volume, we integrate a wide range of historical cartographic archaeological field-based and onomastic data pertaining to early medieval and medieval...
administrative practices, geographies, and places of assembly in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Scotland, and Eastern England. This transnational perspective has enabled a new understanding of the development of power structures in early medieval northern Europe and the maturation of these systems in later centuries under royal control. In a series of richly illustrated chapters, we explore the emergence and development of mechanisms for consensus. We begin with a historiographical exploration of assembly research that sets the intellectual agenda for the chapters that follow. Then we examine the emergence and development of the thing in Scandinavia and its export to the lands colonized by the Norse. We consider more broadly how assembly practices may have developed at a local level yet played a significant role in the consolidation and at times regulation of elite power structures, presenting a fresh perspective on the agency and power of the thing and cognate types of local and regional assembly. This interdisciplinary volume provides an invaluable in-depth insight into the people, places, laws, and consensual structures that shaped the early medieval and medieval kingdoms of Northern Europe.

*Cerro Danush* 2013-01-01 This reference is devoted to the pre-Columbian archaeology of the Mesoamerican culture area—one of the six cradles of early civilization. It features in-depth articles on the major cultural areas of ancient Mexico and Central America, coverage of important sites including the world-renowned discoveries as well as many lesser-known locations. Articles on day-to-day life of ancient peoples in these regions and several bandw regional and site maps and photographs. Entries are arranged alphabetically and cover introductory archaeological facts, flora, fauna, human growth and development, nonorganic resources, chronologies of various periods, paleoindian, archaic, formative, classic, and postclassic, and colonial cultural features. Maya regional summaries, research methods, and resources. Ethnohistorical methods and sources and scholars and research history. Edited by archaeologists Evans and Webster both of whom are associated with Pennsylvania State University.

*Kentucky Archaeology* 2014-10-17 Lonely Planet, the world's leading travel guide publisher, lonely planet cancun cozumel, the Yucatan is your passport to the most relevant up-to-date advice on what to see and skip and what hidden discoveries await you. Marvel at Chichen Itza's massive El Castillo pyramid swim in a cenote and party in a steamy Caribbean cantina in Merida. All with your trusted travel companion. Lonely Planet Cancun Cozumel and the Yucatan are your passport to the most relevant advice on what to see and skip and what hidden discoveries await you. Marvel at Chichen Itza's massive El Castillo pyramid, swim in a cenote, and party in a steamy Caribbean cantina in Merida. All with your trusted travel companion.

*The Lost Art of the Anglo-Saxon World* 2019-11-01 A modern comprehensive compilation of more than 7,000 entries covering themes, concepts, and discoveries in archaeology, written in nontechnical language and tailored to meet the needs of professionals, students, and the general reader.
general readers the main subject areas include artifacts branches of archaeology chronology culture features flora and fauna geography geology language people related fields sites structures techniques and methods terms and theories and tools

**Negotiating the North** 2020-06-11 life beyond the boundaries explores identity formation on the edges of the ancient southwest focusing on some of the more poorly understood regions including the jornada mogollon the gallina and the pimería alta the authors use methods drawn from material culture science anthropology and history to investigate themes related to the construction of social identity along the perimeters of the american southwest through an archaeological lens the volume examines the social experiences of people who lived in edge regions through mobility and the development of extensive social networks people living in these areas were introduced to the ideas and practices of other cultural groups as their spatial distances from core areas increased the degree to which they participated in the economic social political and ritual practices of ancestral core areas increasingly varied as a result the social identities of people living in edge zones were often though not always fluid and situational drawing on an increase of available information and bringing new attention to understudied areas the book will be of interest to scholars of southwestern archaeology and other researchers interested in the archaeology of low populated and decentralized regions and identity formation life beyond the boundaries considers the various roles that edge regions played in local and regional trajectories of the prehistoric and protohistoric southwest and how place influenced the development of social identity contributors lewis borck dale s brenneman jeffery j clark severin fowles patricia a gilman lauren e jelinek myles r miller barbara j mills matthew a peeples kellam throgmorton james t watson

**Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America** 2001 this book introduces proto indo european and explores what the language reveals about the people who spoke it the proto indo europeans lived somewhere in europe or asia between 5 500 and 8 000 years ago and no text of their language survives j p mallory and douglas adams show how over the last two centuries scholars have reconstructed it from its descendant languages the surviving examples of which comprise the world s largest language family after a concise account of proto indo european grammar and a consideration of its discovery they use the reconstructed language and related evidence from archaeology and natural history to examine the lives thoughts passions culture society economy history and environment of the proto indo europeans our distant ancestors had used the wheel were settled arable farmers kept sheep and cattle brewed beer got married made weapons and had 27 verbs for the expression of strife the subjects to which the authors devote chapters include fauna flora family and kinship clothing and textiles food and drink space and time emotions mythology religion and the continuing quest to discover the proto indo european homeland proto indo european english and english proto indo european vocabularies and full indexes conclude the book written in a clear readable style and illustrated with maps figures and tables this book is on a subject of great and enduring fascination it will appeal to students of languages classics and the ancient world as well as to general readers interested in the history of language and of early human societies

**Lonely Planet Cancun, Cozumel & the Yucatan** 2019-07-01 ancient zapotec religion is the first comprehensive study of zapotec religion as it existed in the southern mexican state of oaxaca on the eve of the spanish conquest author michael lind brings a new perspective focusing not on underlying theological principles but on the material and spatial expressions of religious practice using sixteenth and seventeenth century spanish colonial documents and archaeological findings related to the time period leading up to the spanish conquest he presents new information on deities ancestor worship and sacred bundles the zapotec cosmos the priesthood religious ceremonies and rituals the nature of temples the distinctive features of the sacred and solar calendars and the religious significance of the murals of mitla the most sacred and holy center he also shows how zapotec religion served to integrate zapotec city state structure throughout the valley of oaxaca neighboring mountain regions and the isthmus of tehuantepec ancient zapotec religion is the first in depth and interdisciplinary book on the zapotecs and their religious practices and will be of great interest to archaeologists epigraphers historians and specialists in native american latin american and religious studies

**Encyclopedic Dictionary of Archaeology** 2000-04-30 an arresting illustrated history of
twins in mythology science and visual culture twins have captivated the imagination for centuries occupying a unique place in our cultural and scientific history twinkind looks at twins in myth and legend anatomy sociology and genetics and as sources of spectacle entertainment and community drawing on hundreds of striking and sometimes haunting illustrations william viney examines depictions of twins as protagonists in creation stories ranging from quetzalcoatl and tezcatlipoca in aztec mythology to artemis and apollo in greek legend he describes how twins have featured prominently in scientific research across the centuries but especially in the work of francis galton whose study of twins on the behavioral question of heredity versus environment gave rise to the pseudoscience of eugenics in the late nineteenth century viney explores the representation of twins in art photography and film from the works of roger ballen to the cinema of stanley kubrick and delves into the darker meanings ascribed to twins across the millennia a visual journey like no other this book sheds critical light on the competing visions of twins around the world and throughout history showing how the lived experience of twinkind has elicited profound attraction and respect but also puzzlement fear and fascination

Highland-lowland Interaction in Mesoamerica 1983 a case study in the divergent evolution of mexico s zapotec and mixtec civilizations this collection has become a basic resource in the literature of mesoamerican prehistory and has been widely cited by scholars working on divergent evolution in other parts of the world originally published by academic press in 1983 a new introduction by the editors updates the volume in terms of discoveries made during the subsequent two decades

Life beyond the Boundaries 2018-04-02 the first book in twenty years to gather together a comprehensive prehistoric record

The Oxford Introduction to Proto-Indo-European and the Proto-Indo-European World 2006-08-24 this volume draws attention to recent obsidian studies in the americas and acts as a reference for archaeologists and scholars interested in material culture and exchange moreover it provides a wide range of case studies in obsidian characterization material application and theoretical interpretations in the americas

Ancient Zapotec Religion 2015-04-02 the avaldsnes royal manor project explores early kingship in northern europe spanning the period c ad 1320 ad the principal case is the norwegian kingdom and the core site is avaldsnes near haugesund western norway 9th 10th century skaldic poems as well as 13th century sagas implies that avaldsnes was the principal viking age royal manor the site has produced numerous exquisite gravefinds from the roman period onwards among them are the third century flaghaug grave and two ship graves from the late 8th century also the oseberg ship excavated near oslo is now proven to have been built c 820 near avaldsnes the museum of cultural history university of oslo excavated the avaldsnes settlement in 2011 12 a team of 23 scholars from prominent academic institutions including the university of cambridge and university college london participate in the research this first of two volumes contains their results regarding the manor and its setting on the island of kǫrmt by the norðvegr the sheltered sailing route along the west scandinavian coast together the chapters produce a detailed 1000 years history of a complex central place area its monuments and buildings its activities and functions its blooming and fading and eventually its downfall in the 14th century

Twinkind 2024-01-09 man has been intrigued by the origin of pearls sensitive to their beauty and convinced of their medicinal value for at least 5 cent a mixture of folklore and observation preceded the earliest scientific inquiries fishing and trade commenced in s asia between india and sri lanka and around the persian gulf in w and central europe inner asia and china and n amer freshwater pearls were probably known and treasured before those of marine origin a refined nomenclature points to a long familiarity with etymologically related words for pearl pearls were prominent among the luxury products of world trade and were high among the objectives of expeditions to the eastern and western tropics illustrations

The Cloud People 2003-06-01 fanning the sacred flame mesoamerican studies in honor of h b nicholson contains twenty two original papers in tribute to h b nick nicholson a pioneer of mesoamerican research his intellectual legacy is recognized by mesoamerican archaeologists art historians ethnohistorians and ethnographers students colleagues and friends who derived inspiration and encouragement from him throughout their own careers each chapter which presents original research inspired by nicholson pays tribute to the
teacher writer lecturer friend and mentor who became a legend within his own lifetime
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and surrounding regions in mesenia from the palaeolithic to the present designed as
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volume presents the findings of the pylos regional archaeological project prap which has
intensively studied the region over the past 15 years the 1998 edition originally
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