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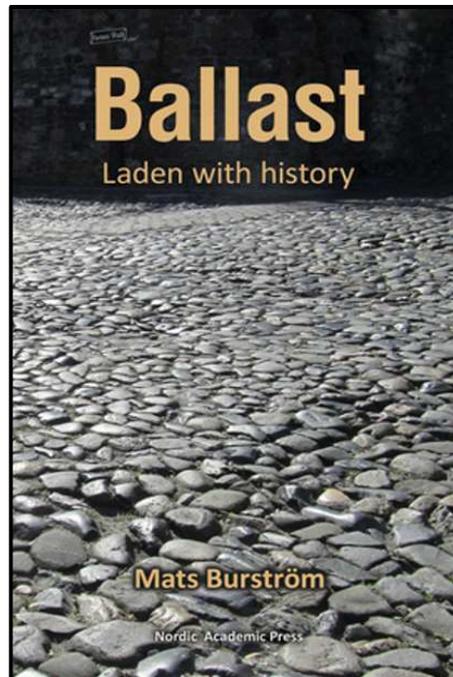
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**Ballast
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Mats Burström

For centuries boats were ballasted with sand, gravel, stone, or rubble to give them stability, and when they no longer needed the extra weight, it was dumped. The result was that huge quantities of ballast were shipped to new places and new continents.

In *Ballast* the archaeologist Mats Burström charts how ship ballast helped to shape the world we live in. Ballast was often reused, sometimes in surprising ways. With the ballast went animal and plant life of all sorts, inadvertently spread to places where they are now so well established that they are thought of as native species. And it was not unknown for ancient artefacts to be found in the ballast too, turning up in the most unexpected places.

This is the first comprehensive account of ship ballast, so long overlooked, and now finally recognized for its diverse and exciting history.

About the Author: **Mats Burström** is Professor of Archaeology at Stockholm University, Sweden. In his research he takes a fresh approach to previously overlooked remains from the past, revealing how they display history in a new light. Even seemingly trivial objects hold fascinating stories. In his writings, Burström draws on his wideranging archaeological expertise to explore the significance of objects for memory construction and remembering.

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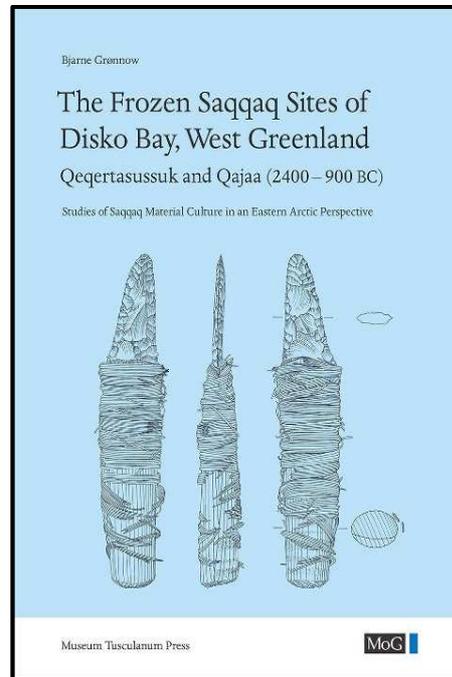
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Frozen Saqqaq Sites of Disko Bay, West Greenland Qeqertasussuk & Qajaa (2400-900 BC)

Bjarne Grønnow

Qeqertasussuk and Qajaa are the only known sites of the Early Arctic Small Tool tradition in the Eastern Arctic, where all kinds of organic materials - wood, bone, baleen, hair, skin - are preserved in permafrozen culture layers. Together, the sites cover the entire Saqqaq era in Greenland (c. 2400-900 BC). Technological and contextual analyses of the excellently preserved archaeological materials from the frozen layers form the core of this publication.

Bjarne Grønnow draws a new picture of a true Arctic pioneer society with a remarkably complex technology. The Saqqaq hunting tool kit, consisting of bows, darts, lances, harpoons, and throwing boards as well as kayak-like sea-going vessels, is described for the first time. A wide variety of hand tools and household utensils as well as lithic and organic refuse and animal bones were found on the intact floor of a midpassage dwelling at Qeqertasussuk. These materials provide entirely new information on the daily life and subsistence of the earliest hunting groups in Greenland. Comparative studies put the Saqqaq Culture into a broad cultural-historical perspective as one of the pioneer societies of the Eastern Arctic.

About the Author: Bjarne Grønnow is research professor in arctic archaeology at the Modern History and World Cultures section at The National Museum of Denmark.

March 2017 - 592 pages

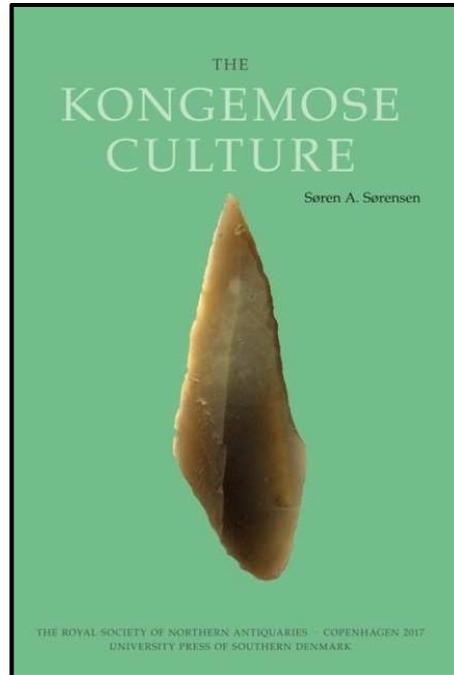
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The Kongemose Culture

Søren A. Sørensen

The Kongemose culture has for many years lived in the shadow of the more well-known Ertebølle and the Maglemose cultures. This is not, in any way, due to any inferiority on the part of the Kongemose culture, compared to the other two. But it is, to a very great extent, a consequence of the lack of publication of the relatively rich archaeological record that has emerged over the years. It is my hope to be able, by way of this book, to make a contribution to disseminating knowledge about the Kongemose culture to a much wider audience than the restricted group of archaeologists, primarily from Southern Scandinavia, who normally work with this period.

July 2017 - 168 pages

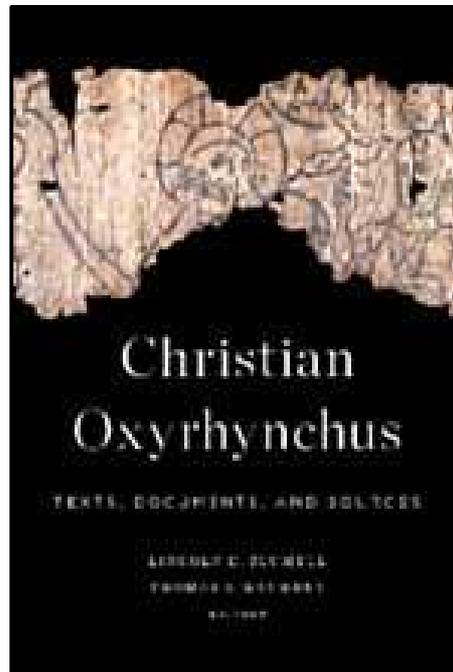
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**Christian Oxyrhynchus
Texts, Documents, and Sources**

Lincoln H. Blumell, Thomas A. Wayment

Blumell and Wayment present a thorough compendium of all published papyri, parchments, and patristic sources that relate to Christianity at Oxyrhynchus before the fifth century CE. *Christian Oxyrhynchus* provides new and expanded editions of Christian literary and documentary texts that include updated readings, English translations—some of which represent the first English translation of a text—and comprehensive notes.

The volume features New Testament texts carefully collated against other textual witnesses and a succinct introduction for each Oxyrhynchus text that provides information about the date of the papyrus, its unique characteristics, and textual variants. Documentary texts are grouped both by genre and date, giving readers access to the Decian *Libelli*, references to Christians in third- and fourth-century texts, and letters written by Christians. A compelling resource for researchers, teachers, and students, *Christian Oxyrhynchus* enables broad access to these crucial primary documents beyond specialists in papyrology, Greek, Latin, and Coptic.

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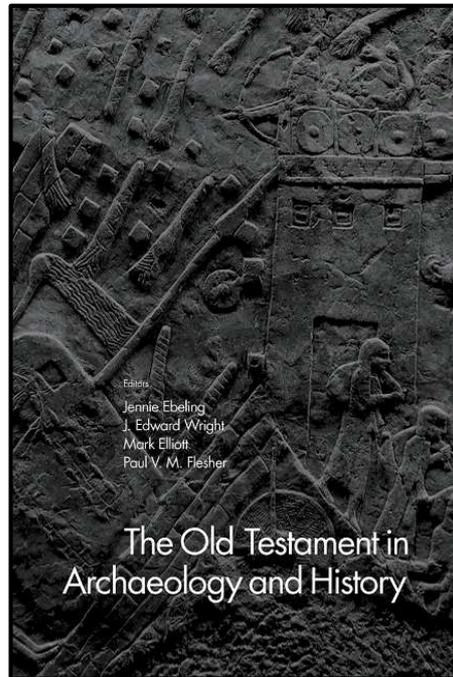
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The Old Testament in Archaeology and History

Edited by Jennie Ebeling, J. Edward Wright, Mark Elliott, Paul V. M. Flesher

One hundred and fifty years of sustained archaeological investigation has yielded a more complete picture of the ancient Near East. *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History* combines the most significant of these archaeological findings with those of modern historical and literary analysis of the Bible to recount the history of ancient Israel and its neighboring nations and empires.

Eighteen international authorities contribute chapters to this introductory volume. After exploring the history of modern archaeological research in the Near East and the evolution of “biblical archaeology” as a discipline, this textbook follows the Old Testament’s general chronological order, covering such key aspects as the exodus from Egypt, Israel’s settlement in Canaan, the rise of the monarchy under David and Solomon, the period of the two kingdoms and their encounters with Assyrian power, the kingdoms’ ultimate demise, the exile of Judahites to Babylonia, and the Judahites’ return to Jerusalem under the Persians along with the advent of “Jewish” identity. Each chapter is tailored for an audience new to the history of ancient Israel in its biblical and ancient Near Eastern setting.

The end result is an introduction to ancient Israel combined with and illuminated by more than a century of archaeological research. The volume brings together the strongest results of modern research into the biblical text and narrative with archaeological and historical analysis to create an understanding of ancient Israel as a political and religious entity based on the broadest foundation of evidence. This combination of literary and archaeological data provides new insights into the complex reality experienced by the peoples reflected in the biblical narratives.

November 2017 - 686 pages

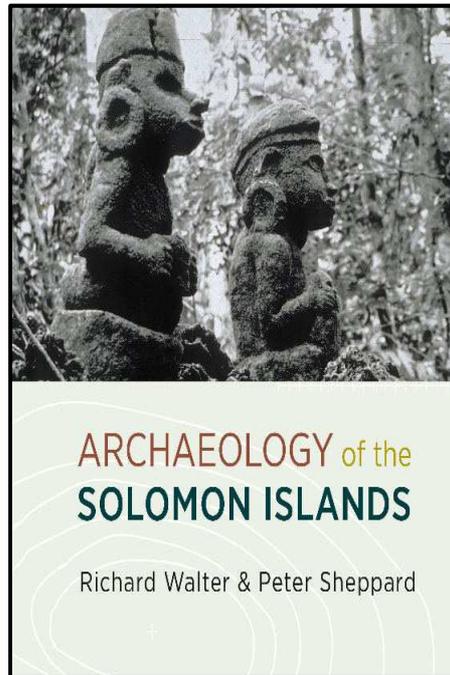
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Archaeology of the Solomon Islands

Richard Walters, Peter Sheppard

Archaeology of the Solomon Islands presents the outcome of 20 years' research in the Solomon Islands undertaken jointly by Richard Walter and Peter Sheppard, both leaders in the field of Pacific archaeology. At the time of first European encounter, the peoples of Melanesia exhibited some of the greatest diversity in language, socio-political organisation and culture expression of any region on earth. This extraordinary diversity attracted scholars and resulted in coastal Melanesia becoming the birthplace of modern anthropology, and yet the area remains one of the least well-documented regions of the Pacific in archaeological terms.

This synthesis of Solomon Island archaeology draws together all the research that has taken place in the field over the past 50 years. It takes a multidisciplinary theoretical and methodological approach and considers the work of archaeologists, environmental scientists, anthropologists and historians. At the same time this volume highlights the results of the authors' own considerable field research. Until recently, much Pacific archaeological research focused primarily on colonisation events and cultural-ecological interactions. Walter and Sheppard are interested too in the long-term development of diversity in coastal Melanesia and in the evolution of 'traditional' Melanesian societies. As a case study they focus on the Roviana Chiefdom, an aggressive but highly successful polity based around headhunting, slave raiding and ritual violence that dominated the political economy of the Western Province into the early twentieth century.

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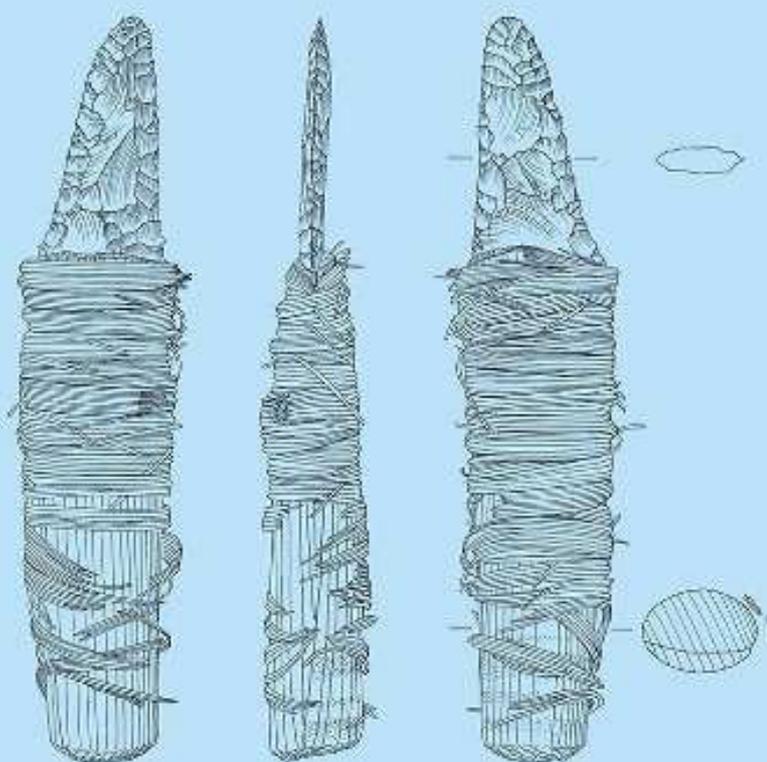
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