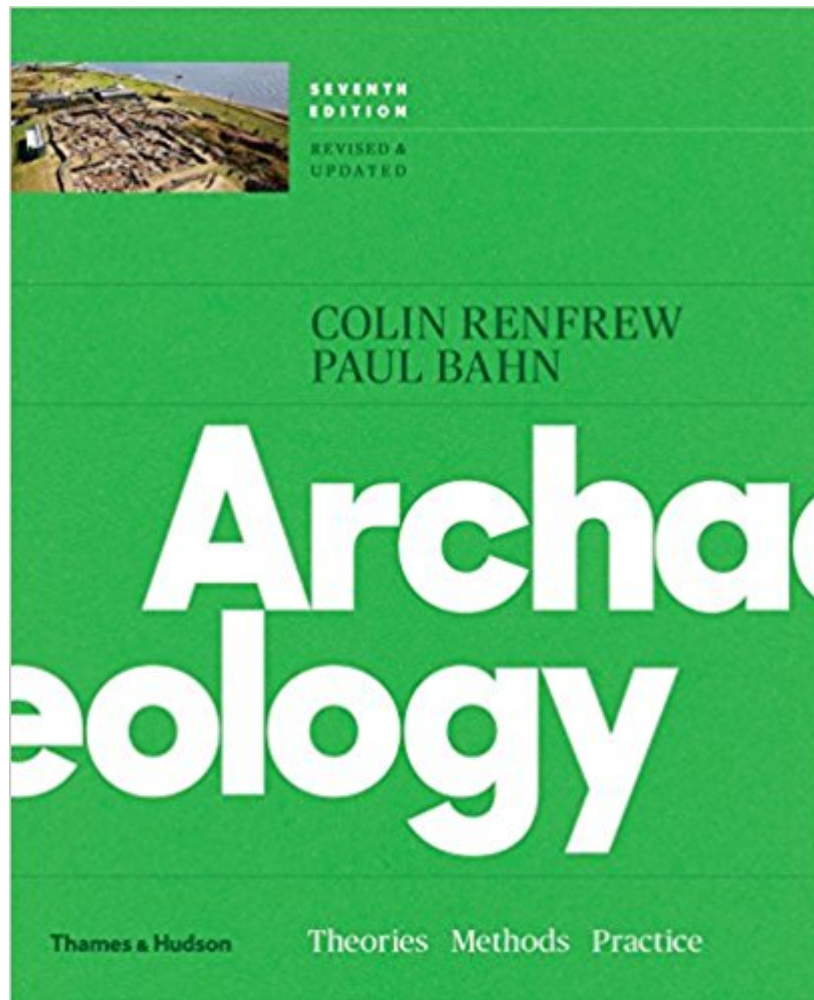




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Solid content, but, wow, there's a lot of it. Don't be fooled either: as long as it looks, it's even longer. They use a pretty tiny font to cram in more words per page than is reasonable. I used this with a student in an independent study and she liked the book, learned from, but found it occasionally exhausting to push through the volume of information. There's nothing wrong with the writing, but it might have been paced differently. Great textbook in terms of its instructional value, however.

I have purchased this edition and several proceeding it, and have found each to be a model of clarity, breadth, depth, and presentation, and each new edition improves substantively on its predecessor. The end-of-chapter bibliographies, as well as detailed notes and bibliography at the end of the book are invaluable guides to additional relevant sources of information. I am not an archaeologist, nor student, but rather a lay reader fascinated with all aspects of archaeology. You cannot go buying and reading this book.

This text was required for an upper division college course in Methods and Theory of Archaeology. This text provides a great deal of information. It is not simply an overview of theories, methods, and practice; it is very detailed. There are a great number of photographs, side-bars with additional information, charts, and the like. It is certainly not a quick read, but if you're willing to devote the time to it, it is well worth it. It covers not only the history of the field of archaeology (key players, developments, changes in theory, etc.), but methodology used in the field and examples of those methods in practice. The only downside, in my opinion, is the writing style: Renfrew is not known for writing concisely. For upper-division undergrad courses or graduate courses, it is a great choice. It is probably not appropriate for lower-division undergrad courses, due to the amount of information covered. Overall, great book for learning about the field!

When my husband and I were given the opportunity to travel to Greece in 2004, I realized how much I had studied archaeology when I was younger, but instead I am now reading about it and other books which I have picked up along the way. I really like the book, its just not a book to look at, but to learn from. Thank you.

This is the best introductory textbook for Archaeology, and I think there is a general consensus to this. The text is thorough and covers not only the basics such as "what is archaeology" and "what methods do we use as archaeologists" but includes topics on the history of archaeology as well as

ethical considerations as to whom archaeological artifacts belong. Most importantly, Bahn is a very good writer that engages the student/reader. So many other texts are dry and do not do justice to a fascinating topic. I would recommend this book as a course textbook, or for anyone wanting a thorough introduction to the science and art of archaeology.

I am currently working on my Anthropology/ Archaeology degree. This book help filled in gaps my teacher didn't teach on. I thoroughly enjoyed it because it's about my degree and is filled with information about Archaeology. I would recommend this book to a friend or for personal use, for the ones who are interested in Archaeology. However, it is a textbook for me, meaning it can have a few boring sections like any other textbook.

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A good book that I suggest to everyone who is interested in archaeology. But as someone who's english is not his first language I feel that the language is quite difficult and I always require a dictionary when reading the book for some of the more intelligent words.

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