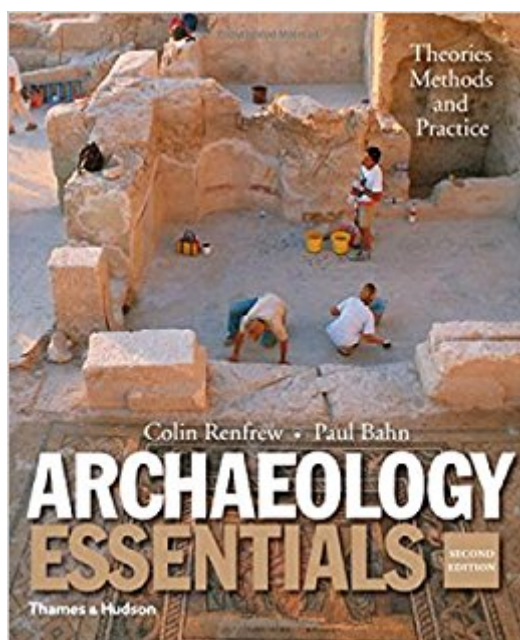


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I rented this textbook as an optional resource for a Coursera class on Archeology and it was a great investment for a novice, such as myself. I'll definitely be exercising the option to purchase the book at the end of my rental. It's easy to understand, while not being condescending. Great starter reference!

This text is a brilliant overview of archaeology, including excavation methods, dating techniques, the development of archaeology and much much more. A must for those interested in archaeology, those beginning their study in archaeology, and even for amateur archaeologists. Well written and thought provoking, this is so much better than those dry dusty old text books. I read the whole thing right through, and enjoyed it thoroughly.

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I purchased this textbook to use with a MOOC as recommended reading. Textbooks are more difficult to read than fiction or most types of non-fiction, this book is no different. While it is chock full of info, it is a drudge to get through. Better used as a reference book than casual reading.

If you're taking or teaching an Archaeology class, this book is the way to go. It was easy to read, well-organized, and easy to locate important information. Great resource for any beginning archaeologist.

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