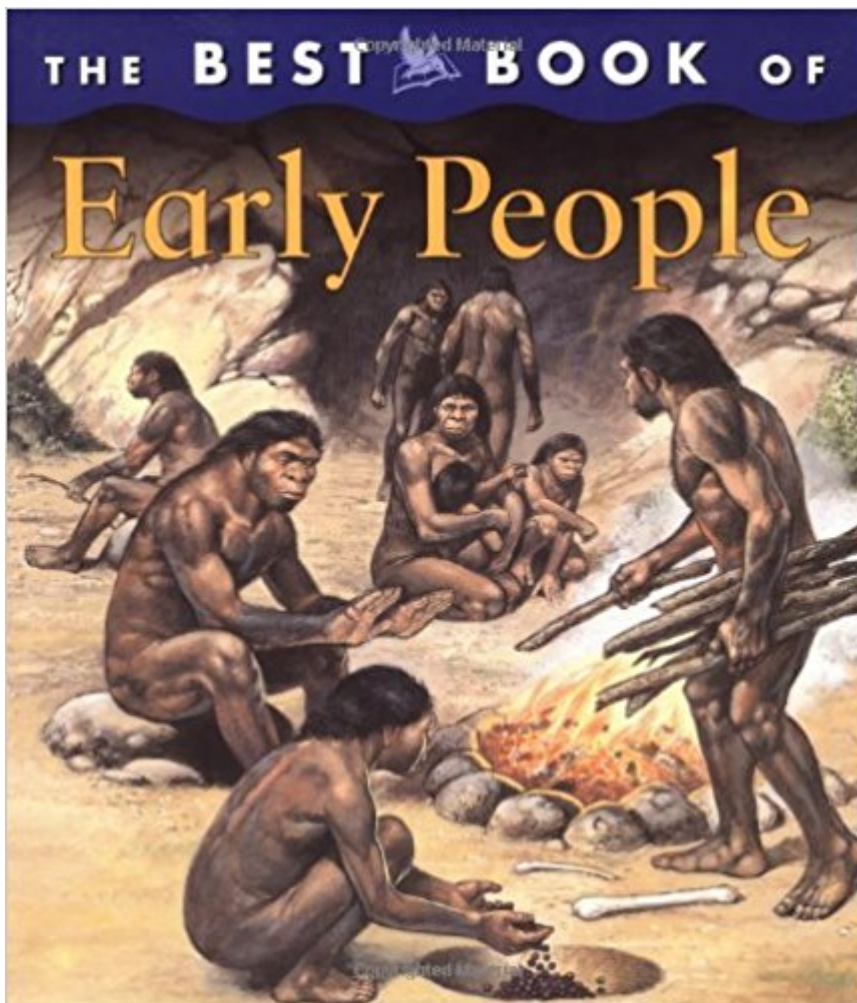


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# The Best Book Of Early People



## Synopsis

Children are very curious about who their prehistoric ancestors were, how they lived, and what they may have looked like, and *The Best Book of Early People* by Margaret Hynes and Mike White is just the source to satisfy emerging anthropologists. Children will learn how early families survived, hunted, gathered into primitive settlements, began to use tools, and invented farming techniques. Step-by-step illustrations and captions explore ancient villages and the work of the scientists who find and catalog their discoveries.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Margaret Hynes has written and edited a variety of children's titles on topics as diverse as vocabulary, dinosaurs, history, soccer, science, and animals. She is also the author of Kingfisher Young Knowledge: Polar Lands.

I got this for my 5 year old homeschooling son to complement our studies on pre-history and early man. Great introduction to the ancestors of man through beginning civilization. My son liked the pictures and they were very descriptive. He also liked the written text as well (I read the whole book to him over 2-3 evenings). We found this book interesting and engaging. Great addition to a secular

education.

Five stars for the kids -- 5 yo girl / 2 yo boy. Strangely they pay full attention all the way to the boring end. Got me. I love the content. It's just a little dry for me, especially toward the end. It starts out with a brief introduction of human evolution. From there it covers homo sapiens history through the Bronze Age and beyond. Maybe. I can't remember. As soon as I fear the kids are getting bored with farming techniques and start to close it up, they ask me to keep going. Weird. But good. Yay!

I teach sixth grade ancient history, and at the beginning of the year I had a student from Korea who spoke very little English in my class. There's no way she could learn anything from the regular social studies book. However, with *The Best Book of Early People* she was able to gain a good idea of the unit's content and begin to develop vocabulary. It has strong graphics, bold section titles, and clear writing. I will happily continue to use this book with English Learners and weak readers in years to come.

"Early People" follows human history from approximately four million years ago with the rise of Australopithecus to the beginning of the Iron Age 1,200 BC. Obviously, this is a lot of history to cover in a 32 page book. "Early People" does a really good job of introducing young children to these topics. As with most books of this type, it relies heavily on illustrations. Kingfisher is the publisher of this book and they work with some of the best children's book illustrators. These beautiful renderings should be able to pique the interest of any young child. Recommended.

I read this aloud to my eight-year-old boy, nine-year-old girl, and eleven-year-old girl as a component of human prehistory. For children to get the full use out of the book, to glean the full amount of information available in the pictures and text, they probably do need an adult to either read it to them or with them. The book led to great discussions about multiple subjects, such as how miserable life must have been before the discovery of fire, how such discoveries were likely made, etc. Great addition to our science library.

I used this book as an introduction to early people for homeschool (kids age 7-11) and it was a wonderful springboard for many discussions. It would be excellent for a child to read on their own, or to use in a shared setting. The illustrations were engaging, I liked the clear and concise presentation for each time period and the flow from section to section felt like the right amount of info to not be

overwhelming, but still get you through a large part of history quickly. Highly recommend!

Good

Very good book for Elementary. Identifies the different early humans and identifies their tools, shelters, food, and lifestyles. Good illustrations.

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