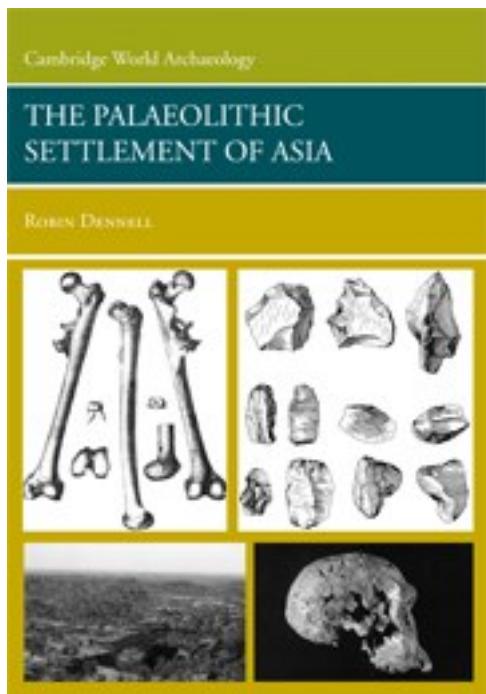


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earliest inhabitants, and places Asia centrally in the discussions of human evolution in the past two million years.

- Fills a global gap in the understanding of human origins, providing the first detailed overview of the evidence of the earliest inhabitants of Asia
- Provides a research agenda for the current and the next generation, identifying the key themes and research priorities
- The first synthesis of the fossil record for human evolution in Asia over the last two million years within its climatic/environmental context

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