Archaeology Reading List

A Note about this list:
This list is a work in progress. If there are books which you have run across that I have not included here on either human evolution or archaeology which are written for children please pass them along to me (adie@scahome.org). The list is divided into two sections. The first is a random assortment of books which are about Human evolution or Archaeology and written for children. I have not read many of these books but they all looked interesting. In the second section are books that are specifically about the culture and archaeology of California Indian groups. For Scouts, Teachers and others looking for information about the Native Californians who lived in a particular area this is the best place to start. Because I have read all of the books in this section I provide a brief description of each book.

Books About Archaeology For Children (In no Particular Order):
3. *Ancient Civilizations.* By Grolier Educational
4. *Mummies, Bones & Body Parts.* By Charlotte Wilcox
5. *Right Here On This Spot.* By Sharon Addy
6. *In Search Of Troy : One Man's Quest For Homer's Fabled City.* By Giovanni Caselli.
7. *Native American Monuments.* By Brian Innes
10. *Archaeologists Dig For Clues.* By Kate Duke
11. *Tombs Of The Ancient Americas.* By Jeanne Bendick
13. *The Archaeology Of North America*. By Dean Snow


15. *The Illustrated Atlas Of Archaeology*. By Sue Rollin


17. *Hunters Of The Whale; An Adventure Of Northwest Coast Archaeology*. By Ruth Kirk


19. *The Usborne Young Scientist Archaeology (Young Scientist)*. By Barbara Cork, Struan Reid

20. *Eyewitness: Archeology*. by Jane McIntosh


23. *Stone Age People (Make it Work! History)*. By Keith Branigan, Andrew Haslam, N. Moloney

24. *Archaeology (Kingfisher Knowledge)*. By Tony Robinson (Foreword), Trevor Barnes

25. *The Earliest Americans*. By Helen Roney Sattler

26. *I Can be an Archaeologist*. By Robert B. Pickering

27. *Motel of the Mysteries*. By David Macauley: A funny tale about future archaeologists who discover a late-20th century motel. Follow along as they try to discover what the artifacts were used for.


29. *Eyewitness to Discovery*. By Brian M. Fagan

30. Lots of Links to Archaeology for Kids At:
Information about Native Californians and California Archaeology

(for Adults and Kids Alike)

1. Life on the River. By William Hildebrandt and Michael Darcangelo
   o A great read. Written for the general public to describe the methods that archaeologists use to learn about the past. Tells the story of a village near Redding, right on the Sacramento River.

   o Written for the general public this is a nice looking book and a good read with good info in it.

   o An update to the previous volume by Heizer and Elsasser. An excellent summary of Native American groups and how they interacted with the natural environment of California.

4. Tending the Wild: Native American Knowledge and the Management of California’s Natural Resources. By Kat Anderson
   o Reviews evidence that Native Californians practiced many forms of plant cultivation which, while not technically agriculture, were pretty darn close.

   o Best source for ethnography. Every native California group is covered in this volume.

   o Recent synthesis of California Archaeology written for the general public. Pretty good summary of California’s past.

7. California Archaeology. By Michael Moratto.
   o Written for archaeologists in 1984. A great summary of the archaeological record but a bit out of date and a better reference than read.

   o One of the original ethnographic sources. Powers, a newspaper reporter, traveled around California and wrote about the Indian groups that he saw.

   o Again, not a compelling read but full of articles that contain good information

    o A must read for anyone from California. Ishi was the “last” Yahi Indian who was adopted by Alfred Kroeber at UC Berkeley. Ishi would give
demonstrations of native arts such as stone tool making and became a celebrity in the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 20th century.