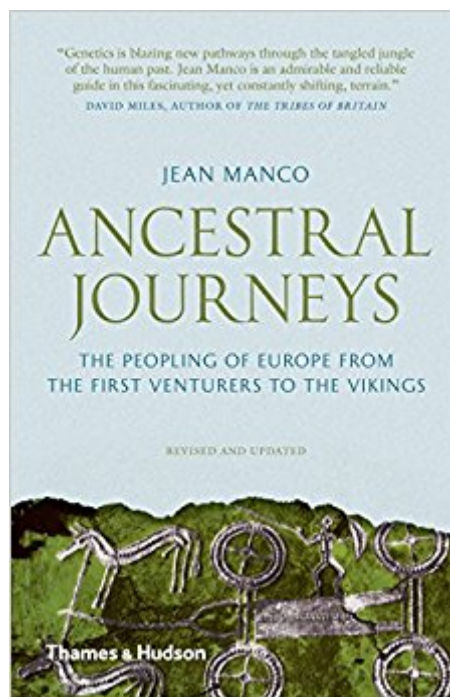




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“An ambitious and lucid full narrative account of the peopling of Europe . . . this will undoubtedly provide a base line for future debates on the origins of the Europeans.”
— J. P. Mallory, author of *In Search of the Indo-Europeans* and *The Origins of the Irish* Who are the Europeans? Where did they come from? New research in the fields of archaeology and linguistics, a revolution in the study of genetics, and cutting-edge analysis of ancient DNA are dramatically changing our picture of prehistory, leading us to question what we thought we knew about these ancient peoples. This paradigm-shifting book paints a spirited portrait of a restless people that challenges our established ways of looking at Europe’s past. The story is more complex than at first believed, with new evidence suggesting that the European gene pool was stirred vigorously multiple times. Genetic clues are also enhancing our understanding of European mobility in epochs with written records, including the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons, the spread of the Slavs, and the adventures of the Vikings. Now brought completely up to date with all the latest findings from the fast-moving fields of genetics, DNA, and dating, Jean Manco’s highly readable account weaves multiple strands of evidence into a startling new history of the continent, of interest to anyone who wants to truly understand Europeans’ place in the ancient world. 124 illustrations, including 59 maps

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An interesting account of the peopling of Europe that attempts to integrate archaeology, history, and linguistics with the latest genetic evidence. . . . Recommended. [Choice](#)The armchair route

to uncovering the mysteries of who we really are. *• Woman Around Town* Richly illustrated . . . this highly readable volume outlines a new paradigm in European archaeology and pre-history and tackles the central question of the meaning of European identity, genetic and cultural. *• ProtoView*

Jean Manco is a building historian who trained within an archaeological unit and applies an interdisciplinary approach to her work. She is also the author of *Blood of the Celts*.

This book really pulls together the movements of the various peoples throughout the history of Europe, going all the way back to the Neolithic, up to historical times. First time I have read something so comprehensive, that cites evidence from archaeology, DNA, language developments, political and cultural groups and the names of tribes from historical sources. Also makes the time lines very clear. Awfully well done.

A detailed application of the DNA revelations of the last twenty years to both the archaeological and linguistic migration record. Manco brings to past "knowledge" hundreds of research details to both strengthen and elaborate on the neolithic (and older) migrations that peopled eastern Eurasia. This is a book paralleling Nicholas Ostler's language history, *"Empires of the Word"*. As one working example, Manco traces the invention of the spoked-wheel in Sintashta on the edge of the west Siberian steppe around 2100 BC, to the invention and use of chariots by early (and purely) Indo-European speakers. One "band" of these is detailed by both linguistic and DNA record after they pass through Khorasan into the Persian highlands, emerge to conquer the Assyrians, and remain today after more than two MORE millenia as the always-surviving Kurds. At least a rudimentary knowledge of mtDNA and Y-chromosome evidence, and how it is traced, would be helpful to the reader, as the analysis of various haplogroups and their effects is re-visited on every page.

I found this work (together with Branco's *"Blood of the Celts"*) an excellent way for a relative newcomer to get to know European pre-history. The connections between DNA and archaeological finds was particularly enlightening.

Very interesting.

Excellent book, clearly written and combines archaeology and DNA studies in a sophisticated way.

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