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Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza draws upon his lifelong work in archaeology, anthropology, genetics, molecular biology, and linguistics, to address the basic questions of human origins and diversity. Coauthored by his son, Francesco, the book answers age-old questions such as: Was there a mitochondrial Eve? Did the first humans originate in Africa or in several spots on the planet at about the same time? How did humans get onto North America, the tip of South America, and Australia?

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Ike says

If I had to pick one book by this guy, this is the one. He has written much more, but this sums it up the best.

R.J.Cicisly Jr. says

Lots of in depth explanation for beginners. Published 11 years ago, kinda wish I had read this after reading Stephen J. Gould's and before Dawkins' books.. This is like a link in between

Evelyn says

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Kathleen says

If you want to understand how you came to be where you are and why your body behaves the way it does, this is an absolute must-read. This scholarly book is written by a pair of scientists who are leaders in the field; groundbreaking leaders at that. And they make this topic very readable. Fascinating!

Kvn says

Coinciding with what I perceived to be a surge in disturbing (and I'd argue racist) rhetoric concerning IQ heritability and race, I felt compelled to look into as much research on the matter as my feeble, nonscientific brain could handle. Toward that end, this book is less helpful than, say, Cosma Shalizi's blog postings on the issue, but *The Great Human Diasporas* works well as a starting point for laypersons like myself to begin thinking about the construct of race from a renowned geneticist's point of view.

Shalan al shammary says

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we are all immigrants

Dave says

Very interesting and informative. Very good at popularizing the biology and mathematics underlying theories of migration of ancient peoples.

Dan says

This is a shorter version of their previous book "The History and Geography of Human Genes". Here is my review of that.

Absolutely stunning. The result of over 30 years' work by hundreds of scientists. A must for any historian, anthropologist, linguist or paleontologist. Should be of great interest to any scientist.

The authors have applied sophisticated statistical analysis to the evidence from samples of blood taken from thousands of people around the world. It is amazing how much information is teased out. Huge amounts of computing time were required.

They look at dozens of alleles (minor mutations) which can be traced in populations over space and time. The primary mathematical method is identification of principal components by multivariate analysis. Most interesting is the resulting geographical mappings of gene flow. There are very many of great interest. For example, they show the three major migrations into North America from Beringia. They confirm that the dispersion of farming out of Anatolia 8,000 years ago was from migrations of farmers rather than merely the spread of a farming culture.

The authors freely draw from the fields of anthropology, paleontology and linguistics (and occasionally written history) to supplement and complement the genetic data.

(The work shows clearly that race is not of genetic significance, never mind what you may possibly read elsewhere due to misunderstanding.)

Danielle says

Wow! I liked this book. It traces human movement through modern genetics, and gives a great deal of the history of peoples along side. I found this fascinating. The one problem I had was it went into great depth on the genetic side of things, which I admit to skimming over parts of.

berthenia says

I found this book unreadable and did not finish it. The topic is fascinating, but the prose is stilted.

Andreia says

We started as one people; will we became one again? Cavalli-Sforza seems to think there is no objective reason not to. Empirical observations of the diversity of mentalities seem to point to a different conclusion. Time will tell.

Lindsey says

I need to read this again...

Snail in Danger (Sid) Nicolaidis says

It may just be that I've taken various science classes within the last couple years, or that this book is over ten years old, but I didn't really feel like this book was covering any new ground.
