# Review

# Among the New Books

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## World archaeology

JULIO MERCADER (ed.). *Under the canopy: the archaeology of tropical rain forests.* x+322 pages, 81 figures, 24 tables. 2003. New Brunswick (NJ): Rutgers University Press; 0-8135-3142-X hardback \$60.

Prof. Mercader introduces three groups of chapters intended to show that rain forests were colonised early. In both his introduction and a paper (with R. Martí) on Atlantic Central Africa, he complains that archaeological preconceptions about unlikelihood of early occupation hinder adequate appraisal of the available evidence, an argument repeated by J. Casey for West Africa; and, for the Ituri Forest, he seeks to show that there were Pleistocene precedents for Pygmy subsistence techniques. There follow reviews of evidence from Malaya and Java and an argument for potential in northern Queensland. The last group is an American foursome: A. Ranere & R. Cooke on Clovis hunters in Central America; W. Barse on environment and occupations along the middle Orinoco; S. Mora & C. Gnecco on their recent evidence for Pleistocene or early Holocene sites in southern Colombia; and B. Meggers & E. Miller on environments and archaeology in Amazonia.

JEAN CLOTTES. *World rock art* (tr. Guy Bennett). iv+140 pages, 142 colour illustrations. 2002. Los Angeles (CA): Getty Conservation Institute; 0-89236-682-6 paperback £22.95.

World is an accessibly written and quite gorgeously illustrated introduction to the diversity of rock art. Two chapters sketch general issues out before attention turns, in order, to history, iconography, interpretation and preservation. An ample bibliography is provided, with distinct sections on five zones of the world.

KENNETH WIGGINS. Siegemines and underground warfare. 56 pages, 40 figures. 2003. Princes Risborough: Shire; 0-7478-0547-4 paperback £5.99.

Tunnelling to attack is traced by Mr WIGGINS from the Assyrians to the Viet Cong and the Newbury bypass. Most attention does fall on Britain & Ireland.

Prehistory of Europe & the Middle East BERNARD VANDERMEERSCH (ed.). Échanges et diffusion dans la Préhistoire méditerranéenne. 190 pages, 49 figures, 17 tables. 2003. Paris: Comité des travaux historiques et scientifiques; 2-7355-0456-5 paperback 

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JEAN GUILAINE (ed.). *Matériaux, productions, circulations du Néolithique à l'Age du Bronze: séminaire du Collège de France*. 245 pages, 83 figures, 2 tables. 2002. Paris: France; 2-87772-232-5 paperback €30.

☑ Dr Vandermeersch's collection of 16 studies of 'Exchange and diffusion in Mediterranean prehistory' cover: Neanderthaler and 'Cro-Magnon' colonisations and earlier movements of animals in the Central and western Mediterranean basins; Oubeidiyeh as a 'biogeographic and cultural crossroads'; absolute dating for Neanderthals and early sapiens sapiens in the Levant (N. Mercier & H. Valladas); early exploitation of shellfish and, with special attention to Khirokitia, Cyprus, westward diffusion of animals; the Aurignacian in

northern Romania; procurement in the Argolid from Aurignacian to Neolithic; and aspects of 'neolithization' in the Levant (F.R. Valla), Greece (C. Perlès) and southern France. Among other contributions, O. Bar-Yosef provides general remarks on the book's theme. His paper and the one (to which he also contributes) on the Argolid are in English, the rest in French.

Similar techniques are used in Matériaux for describing artefacts and analysing their distribution and chronologies. The substantial contributions to this book (dedicated to the memory of P.R. Giot) cover: obsidian in the Neolithic of the Near East (M.C. Cauvin); a review of evidence from around the northern hemisphere for pressure-flaking in making stone tools; ornamental shell-working in the Danubian Neolithic; a clever consideration of early Neolithic development in production and distribution of stone axes across Europe, and a study of the spread of stone axes from Brittany; Neolithic exploitation and distribution of greenstone in southwestern Europe, with special attention to Can Tintorer, Catalonia; manufacture of large blades in Grand-Pressigny flint; manufacture and distribution of bell beakers (L. Salanova); lapis lazuli; Bronze Age glass and faience beads from France; amber; and a shorter piece on gold.

GILLIAN VARNDELL & PETER TOPPING (ed.). Enclosures in Neolithic Europe: essays on causewayed and non-caueswayed [sic] sites. vii+127 pages, 74 figures, 8 tables. 2002. Oxford: Oxbow; 1-84217-068-6 paperback £24 & US\$45.

ALEX GIBSON (ed.). Behind wooden walls: Neolithic palisaded enclosures in Europe (British Archaeological Reports International Ser. 1013). v+117 pages, 45 figures, 10 tables. 2002. Oxford: Archaeopress; 1-84171-293-0 paperback £27.

Much of the evidence discussed in the pair on Neolithic enclosures springs from the last generation of aerial photography and landscape redevelopment.

VARNDELL & TOPPING comprises 14 learned and careful studies, the proceedings of a conference convened by English Heritage and the Prehistoric Society in 1999. They are: on southern Scandinavia (N. Andersen), three on France, a discursive essay on the Tavoliere, and a note on a site near Verona (L. Barfield), papers on Ireland (G. Cooney) and Billown, Isle of Man, one on aerial photography in Germany and Hungary, reports on surveys of three sites in Cumberland and one in Leicestershire, and a sobering assessment of assemblages of flaked stone from southern England (A. Saville). Dr GIBSON introduces five attempts, from the conference of the European Association of Archaeologists (2000, up-dated since), to understand somewhat later palisaded enclosures. He reviews the evidence for 19 in Britain & Ulster, while E. Grogan & H. Roche discuss the limited evidence of Ireland up to the Iron Age. After considering causewayed enclosures in Denmark and surrounding regions, M. Svensson turns to the Baltic's 'second generation of enclosed sites' with substantial appraisals of ten in particular. His interpretation is rather broad; and there are difficulties in relating the discussion to that of his colleague, Andersen, in the other book. M. Meyer considers and systematically compares 55 sites in Germany, including reference to neighbouring countries. D. Gheorghiu contributes 'On palisades, houses, vases and miniatures: the formative processes and metaphors of Chalcolithic tells' in Romania and Bulgaria. Dr GIBSON claims that, indeed, 'we can ask "what did" the enclosures 'mean ...?' but admits that 'Perhaps it is too early to ask "what were these sites for?" (p. 3). Would contributors to the other book find that odd?

Henrieta Todorova & Ivan Vajsov. *Der kupferzeitliche Schmuck Bulgariens* (Prähistorische Bronzefunde 20:6). x+188 pages, 6 figures, 64 plates. 2001. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner; 3-515-07616-6 hardback €69. Lubos Jirán. *Die Messer in Böhmen* (Prähistorische Bronzefunde 7:5). v+135 pages, 3 figures, 41 plates, 11 tables. 2002. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner; 3-515-07855-X hardback €50.

Produced to the customary specifications of 'PBF', there are two more volumes to report on early European metal goods. Todorova & Vajsov appraise distribution, dating, materials and typology of 620 Copper Age personal adornments from Varna, Karanovo and elsewhere in Bulgaria, with a systematic catalogue. *Die Messer* presents analyses of typology, distribution and fabric of 331 Bronze Age bronze knives from Bohemia with a note too on iron specimens from the end of the period.

See too Makkay in 'Also received', below.

# Egypt

COLIN A. HOPE & GILLIAN E. BOWEN (ed.). Dakleh Oasis Project: preliminary reports on the 1994-1995 to 1998-1999 field seasons. viii+349 pages, 106 figures, 148 b&w photographs, 20 tables. 2002. Oxford: Oxbow; 1-84217-070-8 hardback £60 & US\$90.

A.J. Mills introduces 32 detailed reports on aspects of research at Ismant el-Kharab, in the Western Desert. 28 cover archaeology of the late Pharaonic, Ptolemaic and Roman periods, including: housing and, possibly, other structures; the Main Temple and two associated shrines, three churches, and a paper on computer-aided reconstruction of the principal pagan temple; and other contributions on physical anthropology and animal bones, analyses of materials (including organic remains and metals), and epigraphy and texts; and a report on conservation of the temple of

Deir el-Hagar. There are also reports on early Holocene and Pharaonic period finds and occupations and one on magnetometric survey. ALESSANDRA NIBBI. *Ancient Egyptian anchors and the sea* (Discussions in Egyptology Special no. 4). v+120 pages, 59 figures, 2 tables. 2002.

Oxford: DE; 0-9510704-8-7 paperback £15.

Ms NIBBI thoroughly appraises the evidence, direct and indirect, from Egypt, the southern Levant and Greece, for anchors used in Egypt, during Pharaonic and Classical times, along the Mediterranean coast and the Nile. The 'pierced stones' found on the coast at Marsa Matruh, in 1991, were not necessarily Egyptian, she explains.

CHRISTIANE ZIVIE-COCHE. Sphinx: history of a monument (tr. David Lorton). xvi+122 pages, 18 figures. 2002. Ithaca (NY): Cornell University Press; 0-8014-3962-0 hardback \$25 & £16.95.

Prof. ZIVIE-COCHE traces the biography of the Great Sphinx at Giza, from time of its construction to the Classical period and the archaeological research of the last century. The treatment of successive uses, contexts and assessments is comprehensive, sane, critical and widely ranging.

#### Classical and Late Antiquity

M.C. BISHOP (ed.). Roman Inveresk past, present and future: papers from a seminar held at the National Museum of Scotland on Wednesday 8th December 1999. vi+104 pages, 61 b&w figures, 2 colour figures, 1 table. 2002. Duns: Armatura; 0-95398-486-9 paperback.

STURT W. MANNING, ANDREW MANNING, ROBERTA TOMBER, DAVID A. SEWELL, SARAH J. MONKS, MATTHEW J. PONTING & ELINOR C. RIBEIRO WITH HELLA ECKARDT, SHERRY C. FOX, IAN C. FREESTONE, MICHAEL J. HUGHES, JANE JALUTKEWICZ, HECTOR NEFF, MARCUS RAUTMAN & JENNY WILSON. The late Roman church at Maroni Petera: survey and salvage excavations

1990-1997, and other traces of Roman remains in the lower Maroni Valley, Cyprus. vi+84 pages, 103 b&w & colour figures, 4 tables. 2002. Nicosia: A.G. Leventis Foundation; 9963-560-42-3 paperback £25 & US\$40.

With the help of an introduction from D.J. Breeze, Inveresk is reviewed in eight succinct and well illustrated technical papers (ed. BISHOP) covering aerial photography and various digs of sites and features Roman, Medieval and prehistoric. There are also contributions on finds made earlier and the management of the site today. In addition is a gazetteer of 32 other sites in the vicinity, several of them amply annotated. The lower Maroni valley is given like treatment by Dr Manning, with reports on survey, digs, stratigraphy and finds. The focus is the church, the site, he argues, of cultural transformation in a 'busy' landscape at the end of the Roman period.

MICHAEL J. JONES. *Roman Lincoln: conquest, colony and capital.* 160 pages, 86 figures, 29 colour illustrations. 2002. Stroud & Charleston (SC): Tempus; 0-7524-1455-0 paperback £16.99 & \$27.99.

Anna Marguerite McCann. *The Roman port and fishery of Cosa: a short guide.* i+78 pages, 121 colour & b&w illustrations. 2002. Rome: American Academy in Rome; paperback US\$16.95.

STEPHEN BIESTY with ANDREW SOLWAY. *Rome.* 29 pages, colour illustrations. 2003. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 0-19-910765-3 hardback £12.99.

Who better could introduce the general reader to the archaeology, prehistoric background and Roman history of Lincoln than its leading excavator, M.J. JONES? After three chapters to set the scene, including an account of the conquest, he presents ten on aspects of occupation, development and functions in and around the town, and he finishes with notes for the visitor and an ample

bibliography. Design and production are excellent. Cosa, north of Rome, benefits from very attractive treatment of comparable quality by its leading digger, Dr McCann, although here the concentration is specifically on the port. It comes with a translation of the text into Italian. These publications are very good examples of professional outreach.

For the young, *Rome* comprises nine big, bright, witty and highly detailed artistic reconstructions of some of the ancient city's principal public buildings and spaces and an aristocratic house, plus a bird's-eye view of the whole centre. With a minimal text, the captions work very well for the pictures, which are full of information on intense and sometimes discordant daily and municipal life.

HARVEY YUNIS (ed.). Written texts and the rise of literate culture in ancient Greece. x+262 pages. 2003. Cambridge University Press; 0-521-80930-4 hardback£40 & US\$55.

KAREN COKAYNE. Experiencing old age in ancient Rome. ix+238 pages, 14 b&w photographs. 2003. London: Routledge; 0-415-29914-4 hardback.

STEPHEN J. SHOEMAKER. Ancient traditions of the Virgin Mary's dormition and assumption. xvi+460 pages, 9 figures. 2002. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 0-19-925075-8 hardback £80.

Three scholarly books show historians' selection of archaeological evidence. Religious and legal painted and inscribed texts are mentioned in two of the ten chapters in *Written texts*. Although relying largely on literature, Dr Cokayne makes effective use of sculpture too. Dr Shoemaker's account includes the evidence from excavations of churches in Palestine, including two investigated in the last decade. See too Heuck Allen in 'History of

See too HEUCK ALLEN in 'History of archaeology', SCHÄFER in 'Paperback', TACITUS in 'Also received', and pp. 446–54, below.

### England

Jane Sidell, Jonathan Cotton, Louise Rayner & Lucy Wheeler. *The prehistory and topography of Southwark and Lambeth* (Museum of London Archaeology Service Archaeology Studies Ser. 14). xii+109 pages, 50 b&w & colour figures, 25 tables. 2002. [London] Museum of London Archaeology Service; 1-901992-31-4 paperback £12.95 & US\$19.95.

Sidell et al. sum up 56 finds and rescue digs from 1975 to 1991, mostly in the late '80s. They discuss them under thematic headings: 'Mobile communities (c 9500 cal BC c 2000 cal BC' – n.b. the chronology; 'A ritual riverscape (c 2500 - c 1000 cal BC) - ring ditch, burnt mound, a possible jetty, and 'placed deposits" etc.; and 'Settled communities (c 2000 cal BC – cal AD 50)'. After reviewing evidence for environmental change, they call for reappraisal of local environmental variation, pointing to an 'apparent mismatch between ... ecological signal and ... archaeological evidence' (p. 55). Summaries are provided in French and German. See too 'Roman London', pp. 449–54, below.

RYAN LAVELLE. *Aethelred II, King of the English, 978–1016.* 160 pages, 89 figures, 22 colour illustrations. 2002. Stroud & Charleston (SC): Tempus; 0-7524-1993-5 paperback £16.99 & \$24.99.

Dr Lavelle argues that it was not the king but his kingdom that was 'unready', in transition from patrimonialism to a state. The book employs the full array of sources, from archives to the landscape.

MARTIN ROBERTS. *Durham: 1000 years of history* (2nd ed.). 192 pages, 80 figures, 23 colour photographs. 2003. Stroud & Charleston (SC): Tempus; 0-7524-2537-4 paperback £15.99 & \$26.99.

Mr ROBERTS traces Durham's topography and buildings through seven chapters of development. He adds brief notes for the visitor.

IAN M. BETTS. *Medieval 'Westminster' floor tiles* (Museum of London Archaeology Service Archaeology Studies Ser. 11). xii+78 pages, 49 figures, 9 tables. 2002. [London] Museum of London Archaeology Service; 1-901992-24-1 paperback £11.95.

Mr Betts has worked out the background to and florescence (c. 1250–70) of 'Westminster' tiles in London and elsewhere in southeastern England. He reviews production, distribution, sizes, dating, decoration, and designs of paving and mosaic work. A catalogue of sites and designs is appended. Short summaries are provided in French and German.

JEREMY SEAL. *The wreck at Sharpnose Point: a Victorian mystery*. xii+316 pages, 28 illustrations. 2002. London: Picador; 0-330-37465-6 paperback £7.99.

Replete with a treasure map, *The wreck* is a nicely written detective story about the ship's figurehead at Morwenstow church. Combining local history and geography with fictive reconstructions, it can be recommended for the summer vacation.

#### South Asia

RICHARD B. BARNETT (ed.). *Rethinking Early Modern India*. 326 pages, 28 figures, 8 tables. 2002. New Delhi: Manohar; 81-7304-308-6 hardback Rs 650.

RUSS & BLYTH CARPENTER. *The blessings of Bhutan*. v+186 pages, figures, 47 colour photographs. 2002. Honolulu (HI): University of Hawai'i Press; 0-8248-2679-5 paperback \$24.95.

ANTIQUITY readers will be particularly drawn, in *Rethinking*, to the passage on the temples at Sibnibas and the chapter on 'Religion and the old social order in ... architecture'. *The blessings* is a general reader's ethnographic introduction, including thought-provoking accounts of

architectural ornamentation and 'Caring for the Earth'. See too MOHAMMED, CHEEMA and CARTER in 'Also received', below.

# Diagnosing healing

ROBERT ARNOTT, STANLEY FINGER & C.U.M. SMITH (ed.). *Trepanation: history – discovery – theory*. xii+408 pages, 137 figures, 14 tables. 2003. Lisse: Swets & Zeitlinger; 90-265-1923-0 hardback €99 & US\$99.

Patricia Anne Baker & Gillian Carr (ed.). *Practitioners, practices and patients: new approaches to medical archaeology and anthropology.* xi+259 pages, 31 figures, 11 tables. 2002. Oxford: Oxbow; 1-84217-079-1 paperback £32 & US\$52.

The 25 chapters on *Trepanation* form five sets. Opening papers on E.G. Squier's discovery of a treated skull in Peru and on the responses of Broca and Victor Horsley are accompanied by a chapter on pathology and 'dry bone appearance'. There follow: ten case studies from Epipalaeolithic Ukraine to Medieval (and possibly prehistoric) Ireland, ranging from an enquiry into funerary contexts in Britain (C. Roberts & J. McKinley) to 'A bregmatic ossicle ... from ... Prague Castle' (M.J. Becker); two studies from Inner Asia (with reference too to battle injury and treatment post mortem), two from the Americas, and one review of evidence from Egypt; three contributions on 'Western medicine'; and four on 'Global perspectives and' (D. Brothwell) 'future research'.

Drs Baker & Carr present a miscellary of 15. There are contributions on method, on European and Chinese cultural history, on divination, on shamanism ethnographic, archaeological, and neo-(pseudo)traditional, on tuberculosis (C. Roberts), and (M.J. Becker) on Etruscan decorative dental appliances. P. Crummy gives 'A preliminary account of the doctor's grave at Stanway, Colchester'.

### Sense of history

HOWARD WILLIAMS (ed.). Archaeologies of remembrance: death and memory in past societies. xiv+310 pages, 54 figures, 5 tables. 2003. New York (NY): Kluwer Academic / Plenum; 0-306-47451-4 hardback.

K.S. Brown & Yannis Hamilakis (ed.). *The usable past: Greek metahistories*. xiv+239 pages, 33 figures, 2 tables. 2003. Lanham (MD): Lexington; 0-7391-0384-9 paperback \$20.95.

Dr WILLIAMS introduces twelve thoughtful case studies. They include: two of monuments of the earlier Neolithic of Britain; one on memory and identity in Early Bronze Age Scotland; one on 'bog bodies' in northwestern Europe; V. Hope on tombstones of Legio II Augusta; one on Roman objects in early Anglo-Saxon graves; two on early Medieval epigraphy in Wales; a paper on Anglo-Scandinavian gravestones from York; one on graves at three monasteries in England and Wales; and a contribution on the history of collecting from mortuary assemblages in France (B. Effros). Nine introduced by K. Brown & Y. Hamilakis take on the complicated matter of how history is moulded in the present for the especially complicated case of Greece. Readers of ANTIQUITY will be drawn, first, to the paper on Albanian (Arvanitic) speakers in Boeotia (J. Bintliff) and the one on 'vernacular and national architecture' (E. Bastéa), which concludes that 'we cannot recall' without 'a coherent narrative' (p. 166).

# History of archaeology

Susan Heuck Allen. Excavating our past: perspectives on the history of the Archaeological Institute of America. xxv+235 pages, 21 figures. 2002. Boston (MA): Archaeological Institute of America; 0-960942-8-X paperback \$35 & £29.95.

MARY ALLSEBROOK (ed. Annie Allsebrook). *Born to rebel: the life of Harriet Boyd Hawes* (2nd ed.). v+244 pages, figures. 2002. Oxford: Oxbow; 1-84217-041-4 paperback £12.95 & US\$14.95.

With the help of P.A. Sheftel's chronological chart, Dr HEUCK ALLEN introduces eleven papers on figures and phases in the history of the AIA. One of the principles to emerge is the challenges that forced the Institute to alter course from time to time, including costs and competition for digs in the Aegean region (cf. Sheftel on Delphi, 1879-91) and the Middle East (N.A. Silberman), the impulse, a century ago, to create American archaeology in America (J.E. Snead, and J. Russell on Canada; lists are provided of local societies in the USA), and the rise of anthropological archaeology and professionalisation. H.B. Hawes (1871–1945) pioneered digging at Kavousi and Gournia, on Crete, and lectured to the AIA (she is mentioned with honours in Excavating our past and the new edition of Born remarks on growing recognition). She raised an ambulance unit in World War I, toured Russia in 1931, supported industrial strikers in Massachusetts two years later, and found herself in Prague as Hitler was moving in. She theorised on European federation and Christian unity. Born to rebel is a good read.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON. *Claude Lévi-Strauss: the formative years*. x+208 pages, 4 figures, 1 table. 2003. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; 0-521-81641-6 hardback £40, 0-521-01667-3 paperback £14.95.

Structuralism still influences archaeologists in western Europe. Prof. JOHNSON's summary of Lévi-Strauss's principles (pp. 186–7) is thought provoking: complexity as 'elements subject to specific rules of combination'; 'discrete complex systems' in 'relations of transformation'; 'the notion of choice (conscious or unconscious) from a repertory of ... paths of development';

'the passage from the discontinuous to the continuous'; and 'The resolution of conflictual or hierarchical relationships into ... complementarity or reciprocity'.

Sydel Silverman. The beast on the table: conferencing with anthropologists. xix+283 pages, 16 b&w photographs. 2002. Walnut Creek (CA): Altamira; 0-7591-0239-2 hardback \$75 & 0-7591-0240-6 paperback \$29.95.

The beast celebrates the conferences convened by the Wenner-Gren Foundation under the authoress's direction, including 'Critical approaches in archaeology' (1989), 'Tools, language and intelligence' (1990), 'African biogeography ... and early hominid evolution' (1995), and '... early empires' (1997). Kristian Kristiansen is caught with piano and beer but no real archaeological beastliness is disclosed.

# Paperback editions

Reference to reviews in Antiquity of previous editions is provided in parentheses.

TIMOTHY DARVILL, PAUL STAMPER & JANE TIMBY. England: an Oxford archaeological guide to sites from earliest times to AD 1600. xxvii+493 pages, 200 figures. 2002. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 0-19-284101-7 paperback £14.99. [Vol. 76 p. 575]

Andrew Reynolds. Later Anglo-Saxon England: life and landscape. 192 pages, 84 figures, 25 colour plates. 2002. Stroud & Charleston (SC): Tempus; 0-7524-2513-7 paperback £15.99 & \$26.99. [Vol. 74 p. 225] Gwendolyn Leick. Mesopotamia: the invention of the city. xxii+360 pages, 44 figures. 2002. London: Penguin; 0-140-265-740 £8.99 & CAN\$24 & US\$16. [Vol. 75 p. 613]

Peter Schäfer. The history of the Jews in the Greco-Roman world (3rd ed.; tr. David Chowcat). xxi+243 pages, 1 figure, 1 table. 2003. London: Routledge; 0-415-30587-X paperback.

ROBERT TEMPLE. *Netherworld*. xxv+582 pages, 117 b&w & colour illustrations. 2003. London: Arrow; 0-09-941466-X paperback £7.99 & CAN\$12.99. [Vol. 76 p. 251]

#### Also received

J. MAKKAY. Textile impressions and related finds of the Early Neolithic Körös culture in Hungary. 80 pages, 5 figures, 1 table, 29 plates. 2001. Budapest: J. Makkay; 963-440-647-5 paperback.

TACITUS. *Histories* (Book I; ed. Cynthia Damon). xiii+324 pages, 4 figures. 2003. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; 0-521-57072-7 hardback £47.50 & US\$70 & 0-521-57822-1 paperback £16.95 & US\$24. MANSURA HAIDAR. *Central Asia in the Sixteenth Century*. iv+404 pages, 4 maps. 2002. New Delhi: Manohar; 81-7304-462-7 hardback Rs 875.

JIGAR MOHAMMED. Revenue free land grants in Mughal India: Awadh region in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (1658–1765). 147 pages, 1 map, 7 tables. 2002. New Delhi: Manohar; 81-7304-420-1 hardback Rs 350.

G.S. CHEEMA. *The forgotten Mughals: a history of the later emperors of the house of Babar (1707–1857)*. 552 pages, 3 figures. 2002. New Delhi: Manohar; 81-7304-416-3 hardback Rs 895.

LIONEL CARTER. Chronicles of British business in Asia, 1850-1960: a bibliography of printed company histories with short accounts of the concerns. 227 pages, 2 tables. 2002. New Delhi: Manohar; 81-7304-470-8 hardback Rs 500.

Journal of Archival Organization 1:1. xii+111 pages, figures. 2002. [Binghamton (NY)] Haworth Information Press; ISSN 1533-2748 paperback \$45 (\$185 institutions & libraries).

JUDITH OVERMIER (ed.). Out-of-print and special collection materials: acquisition and purchasing options (The Acquisitions Librarian 27). xiv+128 pages, 1 figure, 22 tables. 2002. New York (NY): Haworth Information Press; 0-7890-1674-5 hardback \$49.95 & 0-7890-1683-4 paperback \$24.95.

ALLEN WEINSTEIN & DAVID RUBEL. The story of America: freedom and crisis from settlement to superpower. 688 pages, colour & b&w illustrations. 2002. London: Dorling Kindersley; 0-7894-8903-1 hardback £25.