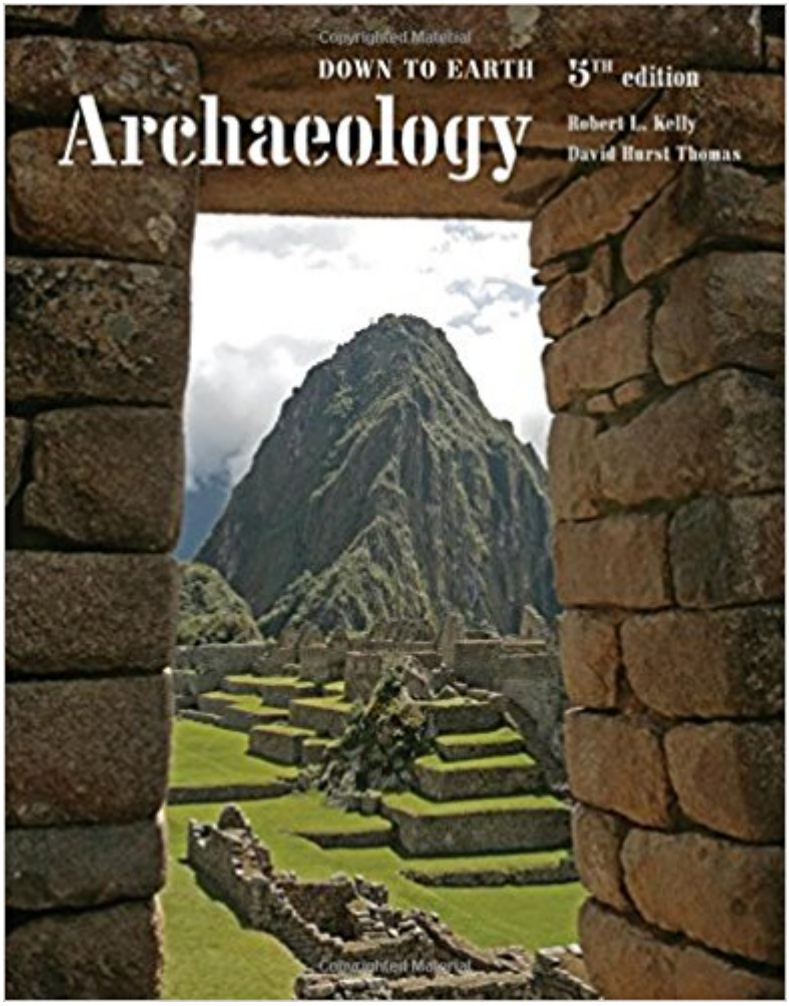
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Synopsis

This new brief edition pairs two of archaeology’s most recognized names -- David Hurst Thomas of the American Museum of Natural History and Robert L. Kelly of the University of Wyoming. Their well-chosen examples show how archaeologists have worked through actual problems in the field and in the lab. After using this book, readers will be better able to ask questions, solve problems, and discern "truth" from "fiction." They will learn about the nature of archaeological data and how archaeologists do such things as archaeological survey and excavation. They also will develop their sense of scientific logic and gain a better understanding of career opportunities available to archaeologists. This edition’s enhanced full-color design improves the visual presentation and enables users to more clearly see the key points of an image. A rich array of supplemental resources includes a new companion website, as well as the option to use the Doing Fieldwork: Archaeological Demonstrations CD-ROM, Version 2.0, also developed by the authors. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections http://gocengage.com/infotrac.

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Robert L. Kelly began collecting arrowheads in farmers’ fields when he was 10 years old. He has participated in archaeological research since 1973, when he was a sophomore in high school. He has worked on excavations in North and South America and conducted ethnographic research in Madagascar. He currently is conducting research into the archaeology of Wyoming’s Bighorn and Absaroka Mountains, and Glacier National Park. A former president of the Society for American

Archaeology and current editor of American Antiquity, Kelly has published over 100 articles and books, including The Foraging Spectrum: Diversity in Hunting and Gathering Societies (1995) and The Lifeways of Hunter-Gatherers (2013). Dr. Kelly has been a professor at the University of Wyoming since 1997.David Hurst Thomas has served as curator of anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City since 1972. A specialist in Native American archaeology, Thomas discovered both Gatecliff Shelter (Nevada) and the lost 16th- and 17th-century Franciscan mission Santa Catalina de Guale on St. Catherine's Island, Georgia. He has led the long-term excavation of Mission San Marcos near Santa Fe (New Mexico) and recently returned to St. Catherine's Island for long-term archaeological exploration. A founding trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian since 1989, Thomas has published extensively. His works include 100 papers and 30 books -- most recently, the bestselling Skull Wars: Kennewick Man, Archaeology, and The Battle for Native American Identity. Archaeologist Thomas likes "old stuff," including his 1961 Corvette, his 130-year-old house, and the Oakland Raiders.

This is a well-written introductory book on Archaeology that I've been using in my intro to Archaeology community college classes for the past 4 years.

The book had a lot of great information about the specifics of archaeology, archaeological practices and archaeological theories but was extremely dense and honestly pretty boring. It was a chore to read through some of the chapters and I'm completely captivated by the field of archaeology and archaeology in general. The authors of this book are clearly very passionate about their work, however putting some of the information in layman's terms for a student would help tremendously. Many class mates of mine have been disillusioned by archaeology just because of this book.If you're a student that's taking courses in archaeology (like I am) or are simply interested in learning about it, this might not be the best book that introduces you to the field. Yes, it has all the information needed to get to know the gist of archaeology, it just does it an a very disengaging manner.

I have not read the entire book, but the parts I read were interesting. A bit dry in some areas, but overall very good. Would recommend.

The book was in great condition and although my class called for the 5th edition I'm following along okay. The page #'s are just a little different. I understand this is an educational book but its a bit of a

tough read. I mean, I have been reading at college level since junior high, a lot of unnecessary 'big words' that do nothing to enhance the point. Kind of boring I would say as in 'Just the facts mam, only the facts'. Great pics and illustrations.

I took an Archaeology class as a blow-off class basically, but I really enjoyed reading this book and found that Archaeology is in fact interesting and all around us!

Great quality, shipped quickly, and did the job for the class I needed it for! :)

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