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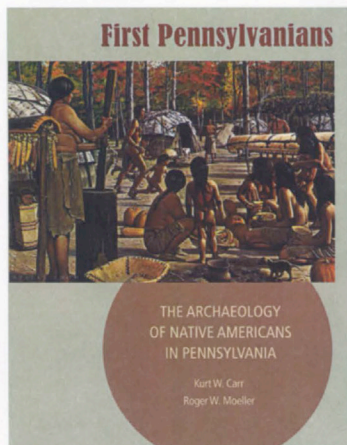
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In *First Pennsylvanians*, Kurt Carr and Roger Moeller provide a broad, accessible, and wide-ranging overview of the archaeological record of Native Americans in Pennsylvania from early prehistory through the Paleoindian, Archaic, Transitional, Woodland, and Contact periods, stretching from 16,500 years ago to 1750 C.E. The authors present and analyze specific traits of each archaeological time period covered and use the archaeological record to provide a glimpse of Native Americans' daily life in Pennsylvania. *First Pennsylvanians* also includes personal stories and anecdotes from archaeologists about their experiences in the field as well as a wealth of illustrations and diagrams. The chapters examine the environment, social groups, tools, subsistence, and settlement patterns of Native Americans in Pennsylvania and describe how these factors profoundly affected the populations and cultures of these early inhabitants of the region.

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"Carr and Moeller have written a primer for the next generation of archaeologists in Pennsylvania, an excellent summary of Pennsylvania's deep past for high school and college students and for all readers."

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"Finally, an accessible and profusely illustrated account of Pennsylvania's past that will be useful in high school and introductory college courses as well as to the many modern Pennsylvanians who are curious about the people who were here before us. Carr and Moeller share their extensive knowledge while punctuating the archaeological story with first-person vignettes and the voices of other archaeologists describing their passion for the field. I look forward to using this book as a resource in working with the public and in my undergraduate teaching."

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## **PREFACE**

This is the story of Native Americans in Pennsylvania—the first Pennsylvanians. The story begins in prehistoric times, extends to the present, and focuses on what is known through the science of archaeology. It is organized by time periods and the three major drainage basins—the Ohio/Monongahela, the Susquehanna, and the Delaware—in the Commonwealth. Follow in the footsteps of this book and discover the archaeology of the first Pennsylvanians—and Pennsylvania's far-reaching past. The earliest Pennsylvanians arrived here during a time span referred to as prehistory, a period categorized as the time before written records. In Pennsylvania, archaeological sites and artifacts date to at least 16,250 years ago. Within this span of time are periods that archaeologists use to help distinguish changes in human technology, population, subsistence, culture, and behavior. They are the Paleoindian, Archaic, Transitional, Woodland, and Contact periods. These periods represent changes over time from when Ice Age people foraged on the edge of the glaciers through to the early days of European contact and settlement.



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