



Home: How Habitat Made Us Human (Hardback)

By John S. Allen

INGRAM PUBLISHER SERVICES US, United States, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. As the adage goes, home is where the heart is. This may seem self-explanatory, but none of our close primate cousins have anything like homes. Whether we live in an igloo or in Buckingham Palace, the fact that Homo sapiens create homes is one of the greatest puzzles of our evolution. In *Home*, neuroanthropologist John S. Allen marshals evidence from evolutionary anthropology, neuroscience, the study of emotion, and modern sociology to argue that the home is one of the most important cognitive, technological, and cultural products of our species evolution. It is because we have homes, relatively secure against whatever horrors lurk outside, that human civilizations have been able to achieve the periods of explosive cultural and creative progress that are our species hallmark. Narratives of human evolution are dominated by the emergence of language, the importance of hunting and cooking, the control of fire, the centrality of cooperation, and the increasingly long time periods children need to develop. In *Home*, Allen argues that the home served as a nexus for these activities and developments, providing a stable and safe base from which forays into...



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